TARTAN

Tartan is an experience of returning to the essence.

It is rooted in a common heritage.

Its descent into the ground marks the passage to a state of purity. It's only you, with the surrounding nature, the earth, and the sky. It is a shelter, the universal first step for human existence. Its square references life in space and time. It gives structure, balance, and order.

It celebrates local heritage.

It is composed of Quebec's native plants and colors. Its shape references traditional roofs.

Depending on the possibilities, we propose to excavate a maximum of seventy centimeters below level zero. All the removed mass will be grounded on the outer layer. Besides simplifying the site works, this allows us to reach a higher level before the decent - now accentuated. Also with this purpose, the upper level of the vegetation rises as we approach the center.

Tartan is composed of native plants - the walls of this shelter, that, by its thickness, ensures enclosure -, grass, and a single element of polished metal that, by reflecting light, marks the entrance.



List of suggested plants:







Lobelia cardinalis



Asclepias tuberosa





Asclepias svriaca







cordifolium

