

# THE UNKNOT



Unknot catalyzes a new sympoietic garden within Les Jardins de Métis landscape: the new tentacular structure establishes a relation of interdependence with the territory that hosts it, the new guests (plants) it introduces, and the visitors (animals and humans) it attracts. Rejecting the idealized pristine garden, Unknot becomes heterogeneous, spontaneous and interrelated. Embracing coexistence, it proposes an ecosystem of entangled elements that roots on the ground.

Two interconnected structures—a sequence of concentric arches conformed of repurposed reinforcing steel rod—host the new species. Emerging from the soil, they become the roots that support the new ecosystem. From their multiple legs, diverse species of climbing plants grow intertwined to generate a vegetation dome that provides shade and enhances a multisensorial experience. Aerial root plants anchor, like parasites, on the structural holding rings, providing sporadic patches of color. The buried planters contain the newly introduced species to prevent their propagation, and guarantee a respectful dialogue with the existing landscape.

These entangled elements weave a multisensorial, colorful, and fluid experience that illuminate new ways of living and coexisting together.

“The tentacular ones make attachment and detachments; they make cuts and knots; they make a difference; they weave paths and consequences but not determinisms; they are both open and knotted in some ways and not others.”

—Donna Haraway, *Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene*, 2016



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## List of Plants

### Climbers

- Climber Rose**  
*rosa sp*
- Star Jasmine**  
*trachelospermum jasminoides*
- Ivy**  
*hedera helix "minor"*
- Boston Ivy**  
*parthenocissus tricuspidata*
- Climber Ficus**  
*ficus pumila*
- Potato Vine**  
*solanum jasminoides*
- Honeysuckle**  
*lonicera periclymenum*
- Passion Flower**  
*passiflora caerulea*
- Climbing Hydrangea**  
*hydrangea petiolaris*

- Japanese Wisteria**  
*wisteria floribunda*
- Hardy Kiwi Berry**  
*actinidia arguta*
- Glory-Bower**  
*clerodendrum thomsoniae*
- Chocolate Vine**  
*aquebia quinata*

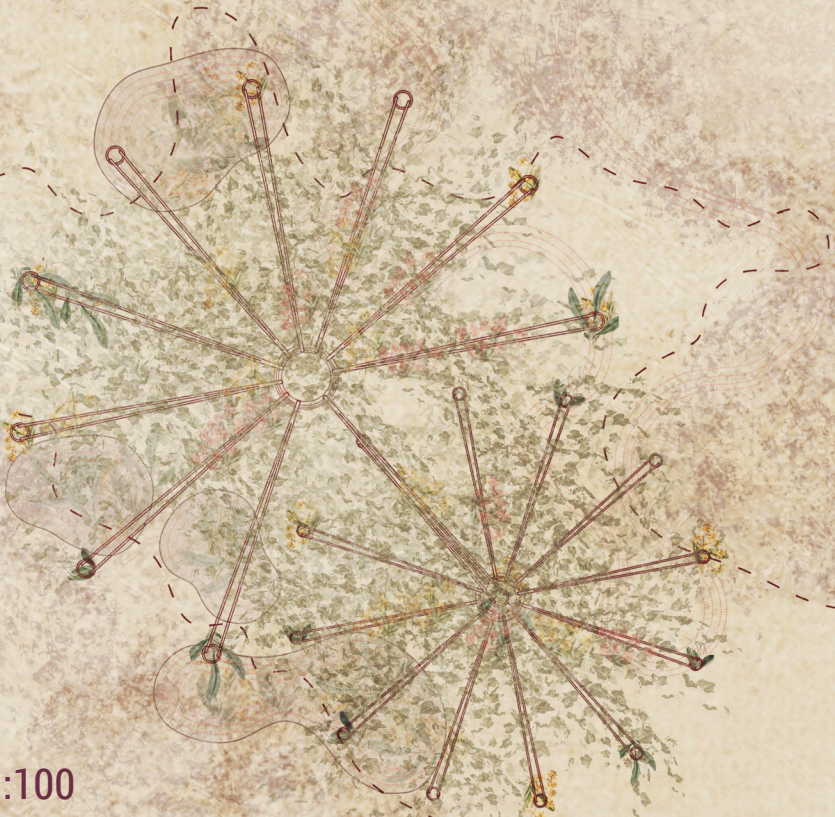
### Air Roots

- Sky Plant**  
*tillandsia ionantha*
- Spanish Mosses**  
*tillandsia usneoides*
- tillandsia cotton candy*
- tillandsia bulbosa*
- Mad Pupper**  
*tillandsia aeranthos bergeri*

Axonometric View  
scale 1:75



Plan  
scale 1:100



### Legend

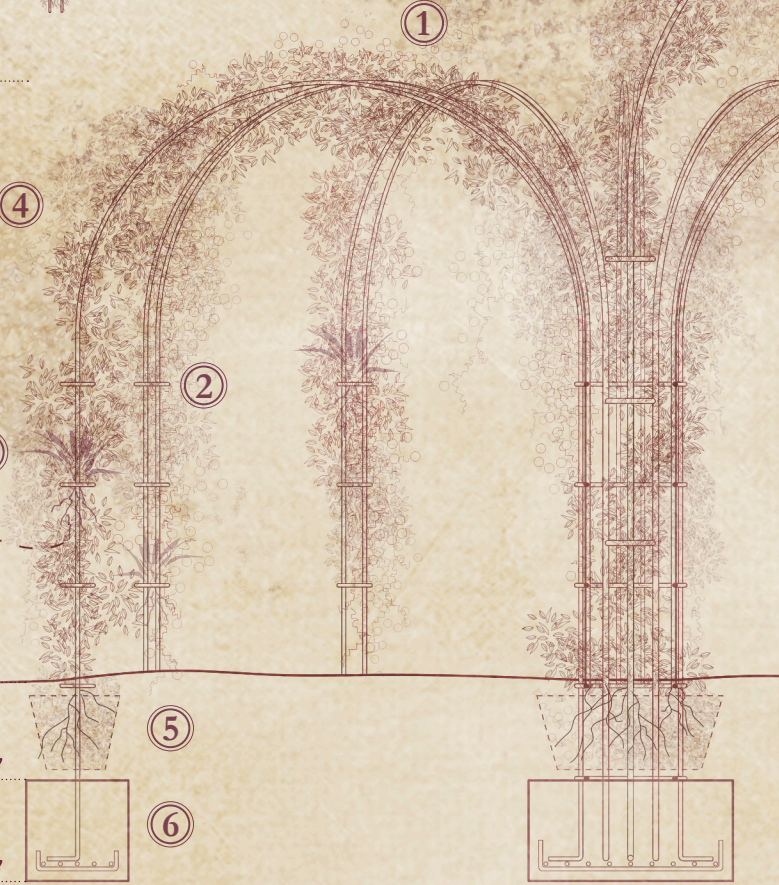
- ① Tentacular Structure (bended reinforcing rod 1")
- ② Holding Rings (bended reinforcing rod 3/4")
- ③ Aerial Root Plants
- ④ Climbing Vegetation
- ⑤ Burried Planters (to contain the planted vegetation, if needed)
- ⑥ Concrete Foundation

3.00 m

0.00 m

-0.30 m

-0.70 m



Somewhere in the west-east axis, surrounded by dense vegetation, Unknot materializes as a surprise to the visitor . . .

4.30 m

3.00 m

0.00 m

-0.30 m

-0.70 m



Section  
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