

## **MEMO-MORPHIS**

Crossing borders goes beyond mere physical movement. Carrying the past, reshaping our present, and envisioning unknowable futures, we transform to new environments while our memories of the past fade with each recollection.

One team member's grandmother, crossing political and international borders carrying the weight of personal history, illustrates this metamorphosis of identity – as with many immigrants, she adapted and settled into her new surroundings.

Aging and dementia complicate this process as memories blur and drift. Struggling to differentiate past from

present, she created moments of clarity by collecting found objects like an old clock or water kettle or by repositioning her bed, in a persistent battle to reclaim her identity.

The planting selection reflects this dynamic, combining culturally imbued species like Chrysanthemum with Asters, a native analog. The Monarch Butterfly embarks on a multi-

generational migration between Mexico and Quebec relying on specific plants and habitats for survival. Groups of Milkweed provide resources for the butterfly to reproduce and resume their journey, highlighting the importance of reintroducing familiar spaces and objects in our rapidly changing world, crucial for our collective existence.















