



PLEASURE GROUNDS

EXHIBITION

plant list

- Angelica atropurpurea
- Elymus hystrix
- Juniperus virginiana 'Grey Owl'
- Equisetum scirpoides
- Clematis virginiana
- Foeniculum vulgare 'Purpureum'
- Asparagus officinalis
- Vaccinium angustifolium
- Desmodium canadense
- Sanguinaria canadensis



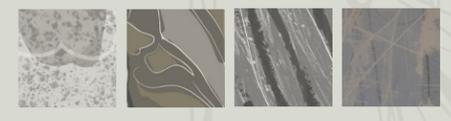
bug sculpture list

- A. Three-banded Ladybeetle (F)
- B. Three-banded Ladybeetle (M)
- C. Giant Eastern Cranefly
- D. Smooth Land Slug
- E. Bush Katydid
- F. Twice-Stubbed Stinkbug



legend

- Paving
- Planting
- Brushform
- Puddle/pool



How do bugs “find the spot?”. Pleasure Grounds is a raucous landscape offering human visitors an intimate encounter with erotic entomological life. Playing with the typology of the sculpture garden and art nouveau’s romantic sensibilities, the design features six sculptural representations of the genitalia of local insects, positioned within a planted array of their host species and favourite food sources. Crushed aggregate paths guide guests through large, undulating wings loosely woven from coppiced twigs and brush. The form of two copulating craneflies emerges from an almond-shaped reflecting pool—or is it a mud puddle? The path forks: a helix of hermaphroditic slugs to the left, a parterre labyrinth in the shape of the orb-weaver spider’s serpentine sex organ to the right. Raw woody materials, dense and textural, allow for the dynamism of temporal cycles and material flows. Planted zones, suspiciously pubescent, hum with the very insects whose reproductive systems are on display. Perverted, strange, and sensual, Pleasure Grounds is a celebration of the inventive fecundity and queerness of the living world.



figure 1.



figure 2.

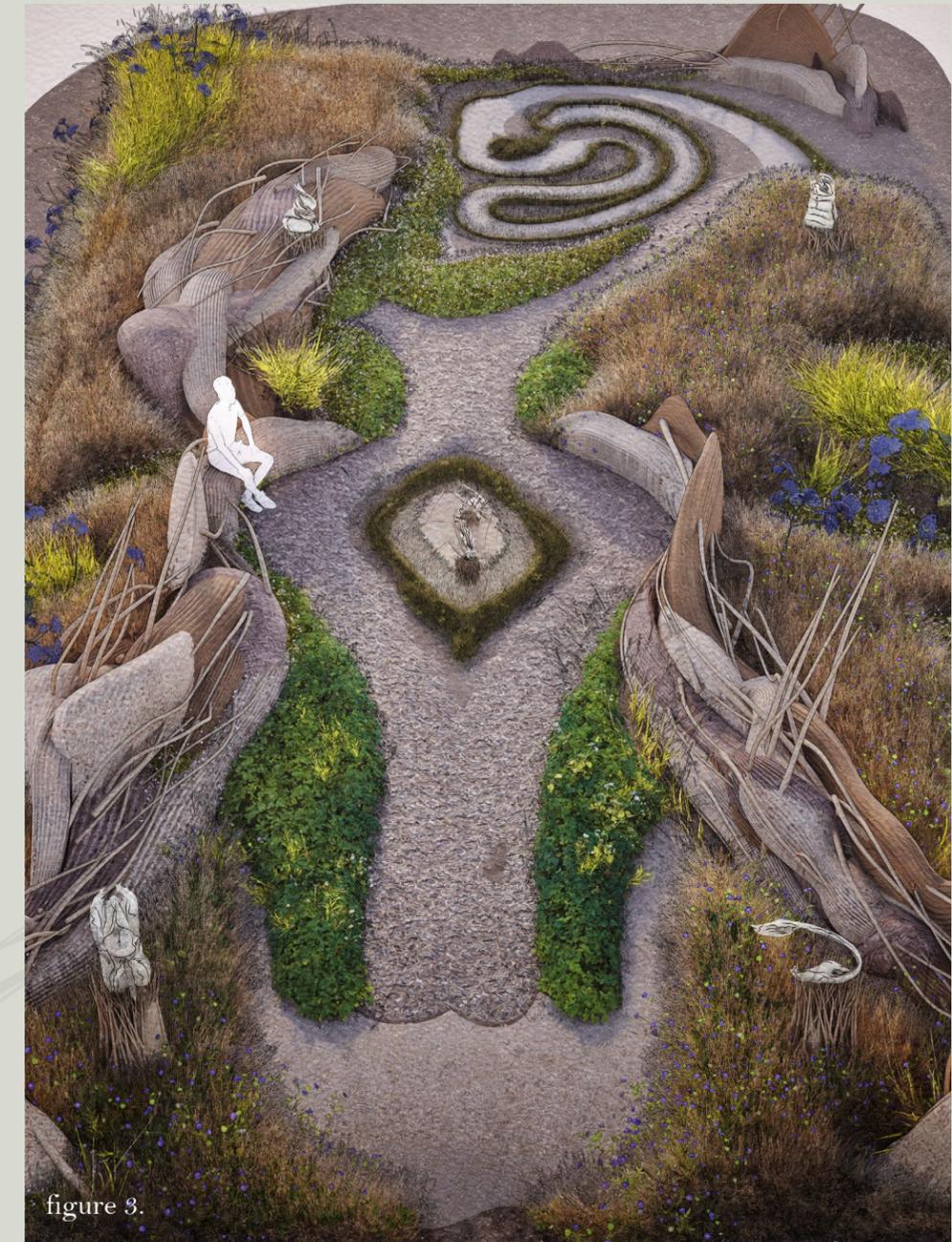


figure 3.

figure 1. View looking North
figure 2. View looking South
figure 3. Overall site view