

My Totem Project

A mural project for the Third Street Food Truck Lot presented by the Community Art Center and sponsored by Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

Process overview for CRA Board Meeting, 7/19/17



Step 1 - Research

Community Art Center youth ages 9-12 learn about the meaning of totems.

Totem: A natural object or animal believed by a particular society to have spiritual significance and adopted by it as an emblem.



Step 2 – Arts Learning

Youth improve their artistry
and are guided by:

Teaching Artist Lionel Blaise

and

Visiting Artist
Stephen Hamilton



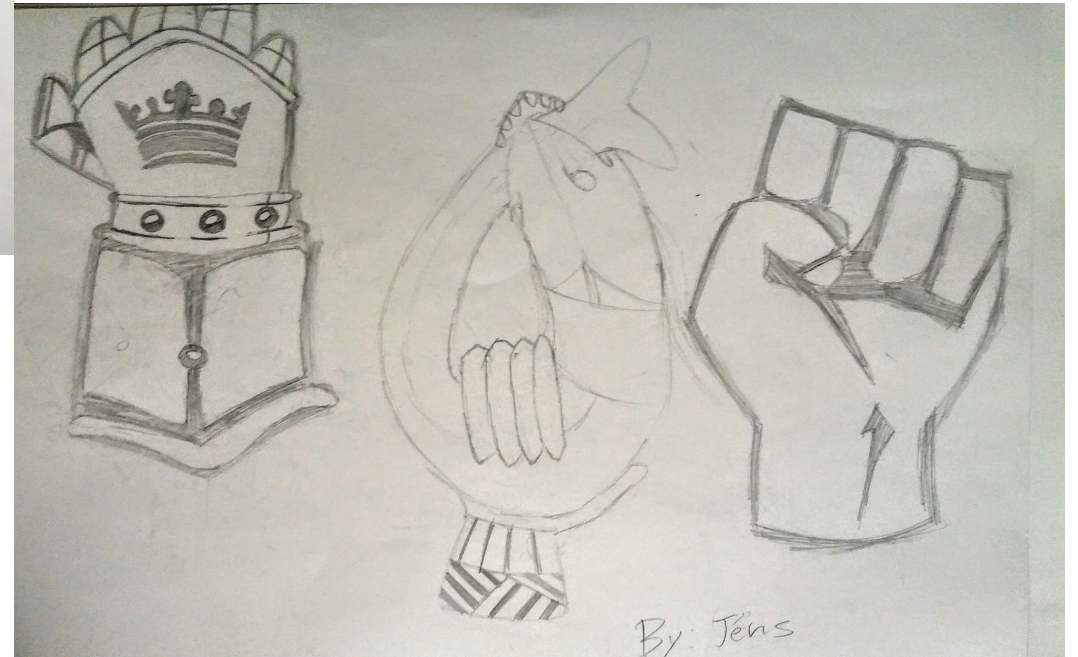
Step 3 - Sketch

Students create an "Idea Molecule" that represents key parts of their lives and personalities using images.



Step 4 - Refine

Students revisit totems from other cultures and use those as inspiration to refine their own drawings and choose final images to be included in their Totem panel.



Step 5 – Organize & Paint!

Students choose their final images which they then paint onto panels to create the final piece!



The Product:

A 50-60 foot mural installation consisting of a series of panels hung vertically with 1' between each one that will occupy approximately 60 feet of the chain link fence on the Third Street food truck lot.

Each panel features “totems” or symbols of significance to express the identity and values of Art Center youth .

