

I was sitting in the car one day with my mom, and I said to her, “Mom, what if in an alternate universe flowers gave bouquets of humans to one another.” Many moons later, I found this thought creeping back into my head when at Oxbow brainstorming for my final project. An interesting concept I learned about while researching for my project proposal is a term coined in 1999 called “plant blindness.” It refers to the human tendency to ignore or deem plant life less important than animals within the biosphere. Naturally humans focus on humans, and thus placing humans in a “plant scenario” calls attention to how we view plants.

Much like my research of human nature, working through this sculpture in this short timeframe taught me a lot about my creative process. Although making it up as you go might be stressful at times, it can also be fun and result in better outcomes that would not occur without experimentation. I am grateful to be given the opportunity to try something new with my art that I otherwise have not explored, and I hope this piece leaves a little something in your mind for later.

BOUQUET

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