







ATTITUDINAL HEALING CONNECTION

Durant Mini Park Design Narrative

Lead artists for the Durant Mini-Park Mural are Justin Metoyer-Mullon and Daniel Panko. The design process began by engaging community members at a community led public event held at the Durant Mini Park. Our goal was to engage individuals, and in particular children who may use the park, an opportunity to influence the design elements. We prepped painting and chalking stations where people were encouraged to freely paint and draw images they like. We envision to create a visually engaging, beautiful, culturally relevant and family oriented environment and have selected several elements from the community engagement process to include in the Durant Mini-Park Mural.

Several animals, listed mostly by youth, were incorporated into the mural surrounding a silhouette image of a family viewing the sunset in a world only seen in our imaginations. One of the parent's hands rest on several books that will reflect the names and writings of Authors and researchers such as Zora Neal Hurston and other personal heroes mentioned by adults at the community engagement. Quetzacoatl, the Feathered Serpent is depicted and enters the composition from the background haze wrapping under the land and re-emerging in the foreground on the southern side of the wall. Quetzacoatl is a symbolic representation of wisdom, knowledge, transformation and the wind in several indigenous cultures of the Americas. Other animals included from community engagement are the Jaguar, the lion, turtles and dolphins. We selected a brightly colored species of turtle to further enhance the color palette and match other brightly colored elements of the mural in the serpents body and flowers including symbols for peace, life, love, heritage, the infinite and others with brightly colored petals. We've layered imagery that is reflective of our community, culturally, symbolically, philosophically by creating an image that is beautiful for children to look at and holds elements with their own myths and stories to be told.

Meaning of the elements are as follows:

Celestial Lion: Love, Courage, Consistency, Leadership, Astrological Leo, reminder of the need for humility

Jaguar: Spirituallity, awareness, keen senses, magical power, focused mentality

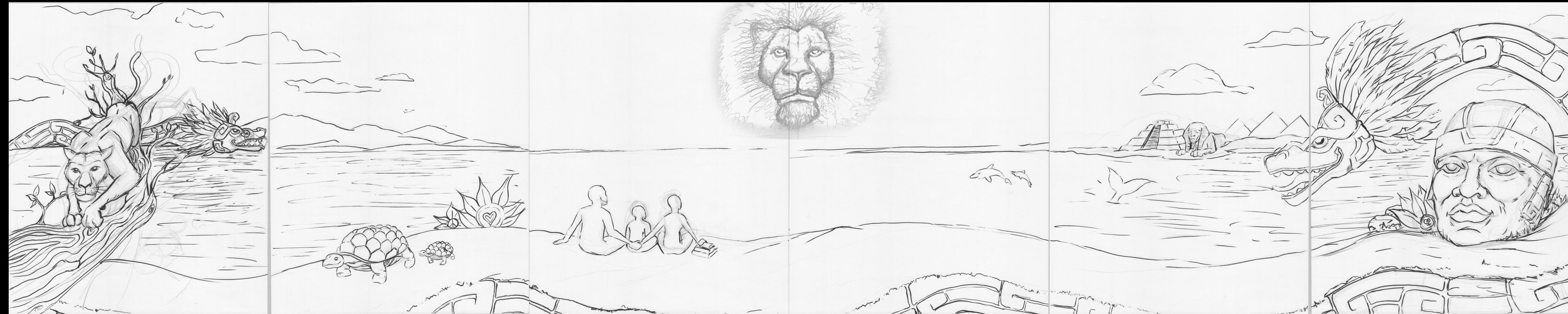
Quetzacoatl, The Feathered Serpent: transformation, wisdom, knowledge, the wind

Painted Turtle: Resilience, survival beauty in an unlikely form

Family: Unity, togetherness, love, generational connectivity, education, transfer of knowledge and admiration of nature's beauty

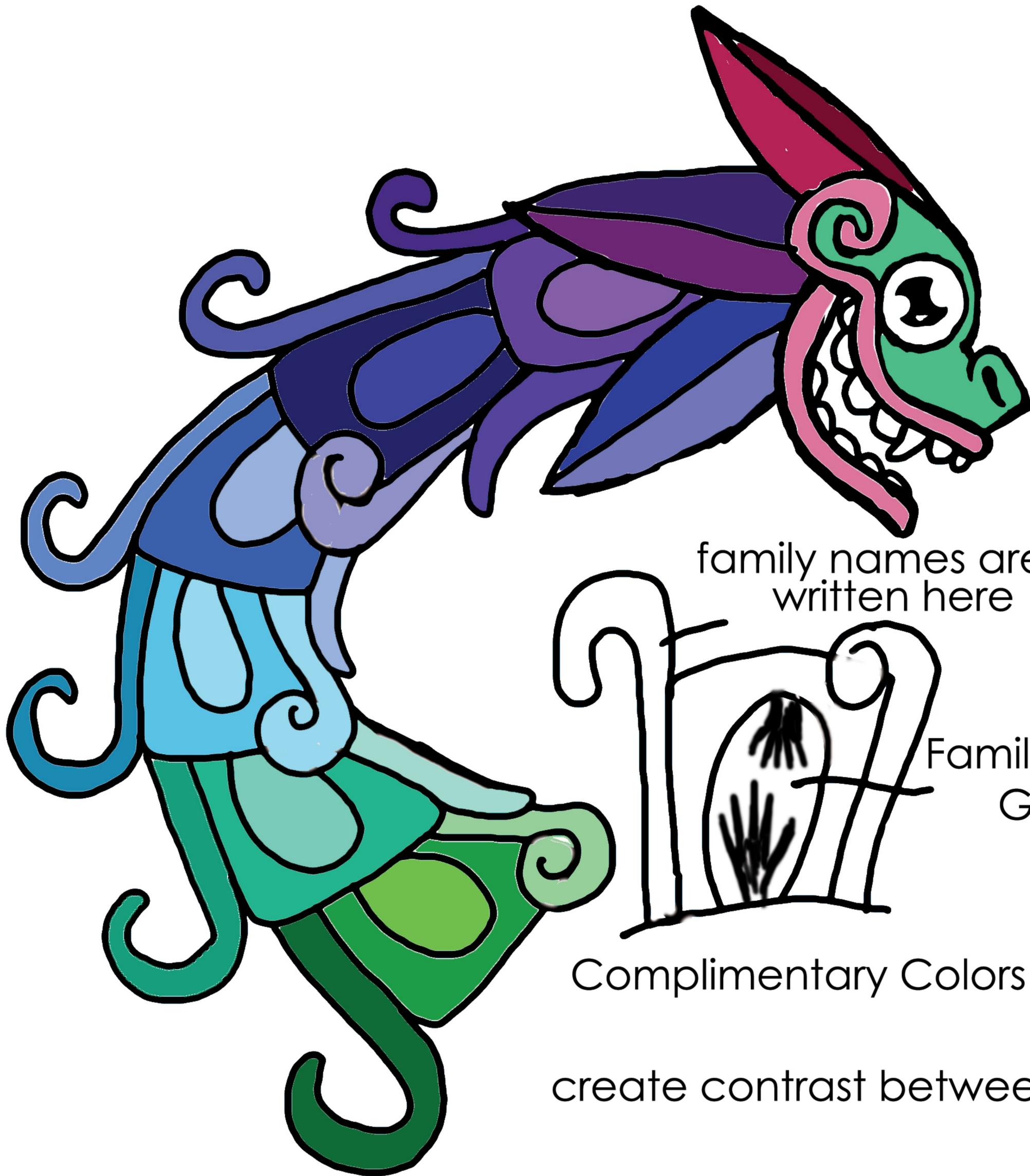
Olmec Sculpture: Legacies of ancient culture, prominent and enduring presence of the ancient America's an element of mystery and bridge between hemispheres. A great deal of research posits the the Olmec civilization was a product of both Africa and the America's. However several details such as the name they gave themselves remains a mystery.

The Great Pyramids, The Sphinx hand Mayan pyramid: Representations of great architectural feats of the world of our distant past. The Sphinx embodies a representation of our higher consciousness overcoming the base instincts of our lower self that drive us into greed and conflict, some describe it as an image of our future and our past.









family names are
written here

Family Handprints
Go Here

Complimentary Colors Used to
create contrast between snakes
scales and their handprint





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