

# MAKKEWEKS

MEASURE DD PUBLIC ART AT LAKE MERRITT BY WOWHAUS  
MAY, 2016

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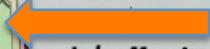
To help contextualize Makkeweks, the sculpture will be complemented by a series of photo-etched granite "portals" integrated into the hardscape, depicting marine life supported in Lake Merritt.



Sculpture & Plaque



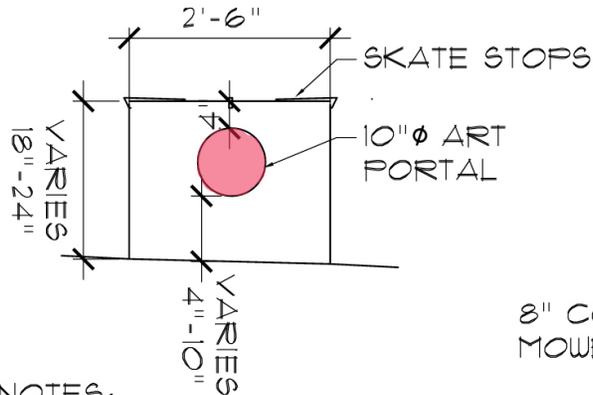
Granite Portals





SAMPLE OF ETCHED GRANITE – WOWHAUS EMERYVILLE GREENWAY PUBLIC ART

## ETCHED GRANITE PORTAL LOCATIONS

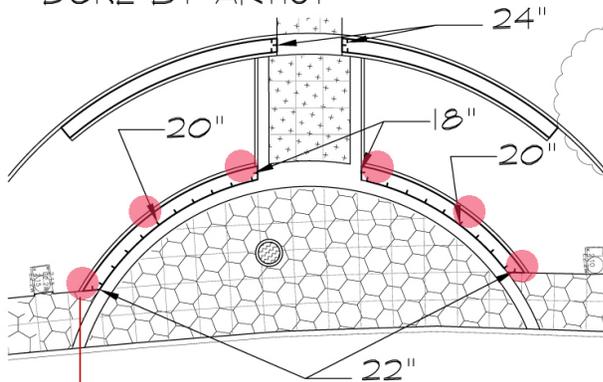


**NOTES:**

1. SKATE STOPS SHOULD BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON PLANS SHEET DR-7. SEE SPECS
2. VANDL-GUARD IS TO BE APPLIED AS PER SPECS
3. FINISH: MEDIUM TO HEAVY SANDBLAST
4. COLOR: 1266 COOL GRAY BY LM SCOFIELD CO.

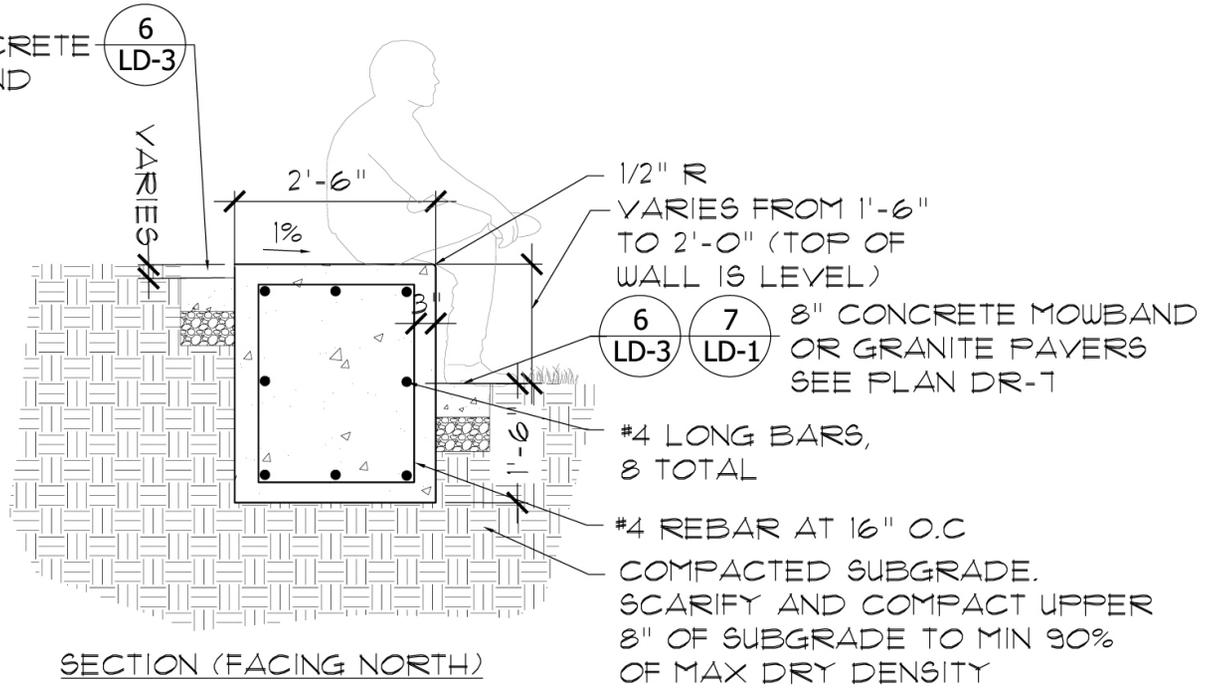
**NOTES:**

1. TEMPLATE FOR PLAQUE TO BE PROVIDED BY ARTIST
2. PLAQUE MOUNTING TO BE DONE BY ARTIST



**INTRODUCTORY PORTAL WITH TEXT**

8" CONCRETE MOWBAND  
6  
LD-3

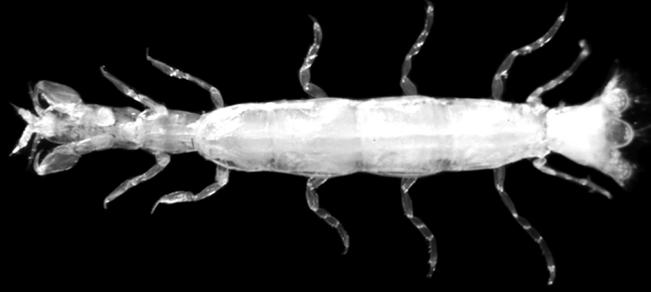


SECTION (FACING NORTH)

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# 2'-6" WIDE SEATWALL AT LAKE

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"



*An abundance of species live in Lake Merritt.*

*These granite "portals" reveal just a few of the fantastical creatures found beneath the lake's surface. Scientists discover about 18,000 new species globally each year. What amazing new creatures could be discovered in the lake in the years to come?*

*Art by Wowbaus • Photos: Damon Tighe*

*2017*



Size: 10" diameter  
Photo-etched granite panel  
Etched stainless steel ring set flush with concrete



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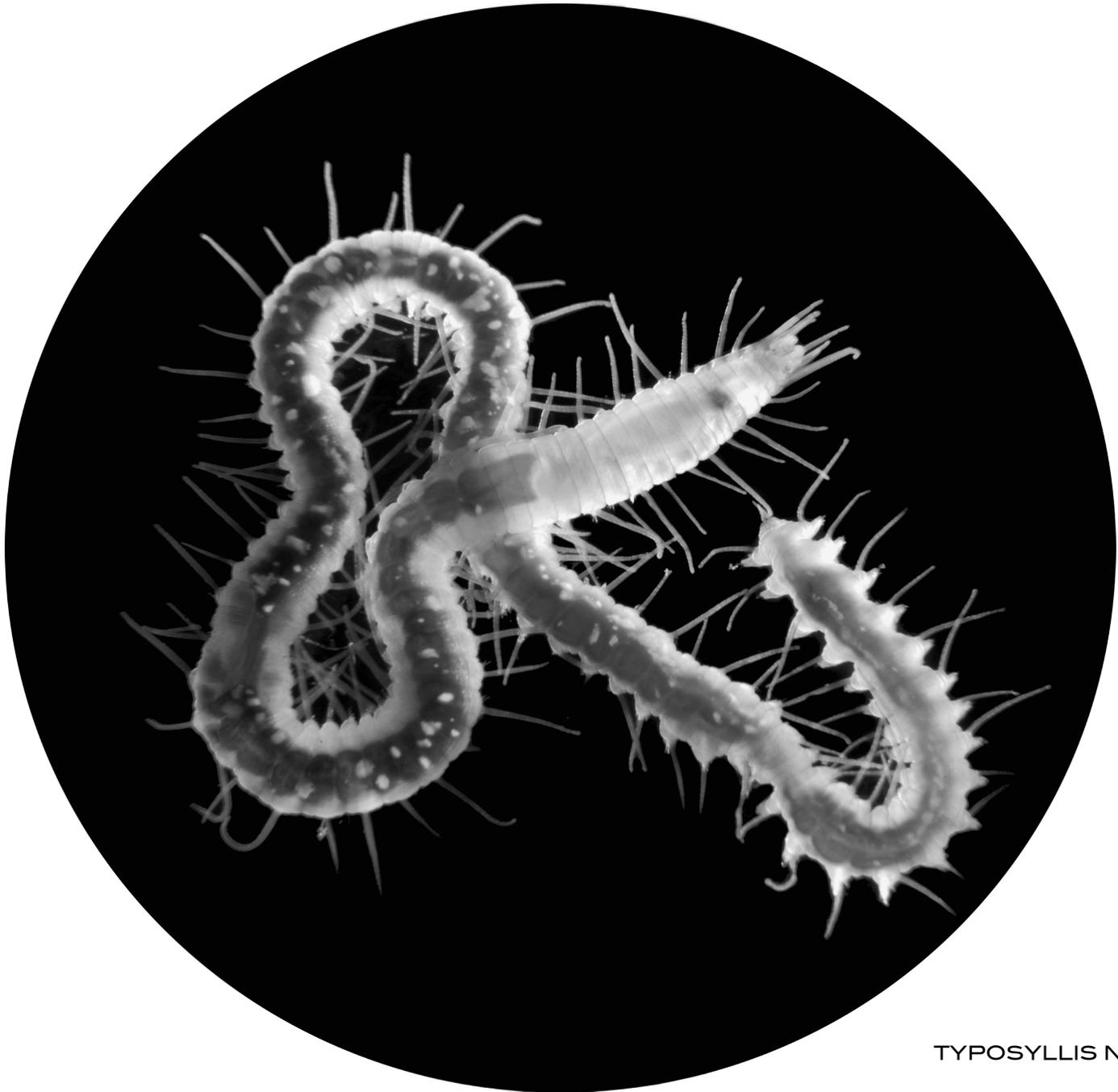
POLYCERA HEDGPETHI (NATIVE)



PYROMAIA TUBERCULATA (NATIVE)



TUBE WORM



TYPOSYLLIS NIPPONICA





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*'Makkeweks': Ohlone/Rumsen for 'sea monster'*

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OTHER WOWHAUS BRONZE SCULPTURE COMMISSIONS













MESCULITA SENHOUSIA



PARANTHURA ELEGANS



HEMIGRAPsus OREGONENSIS (NATIVE)