

## Hallowed Placemaking: Part 3

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At QC Family Tree, the practice of Hallowed Placemaking has taken shape in several forms. We have worked to enliven spaces with whimsical visuals, beautiful plants, or thoughtful quotes. Our hope was that the creativity would make folks feel welcome, inspiring them to engage with the

art and with one another. The bus stop in the QC Family Tree yard has been a focal point of Hallowed Placemaking. It has become a pop up art studio, a library, an art gallery, and a place to rest and enjoy a snack or a swing on the big tree.

More recently, we worked with our neighborhood youth group to create art that combines with advocacy. Inspired by the work of the [United States Department of Arts and Culture](#), a grassroots action network inciting creativity and social imagination to shape a culture of empathy, equity, and belonging, we reflected upon Martin Luther King Jr's speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" and created public visual art as a part of the #revolutionofvalues project. Also, during a recent community meal, we utilized the [USDAC toolkit](#) on Honoring the Native Land to guide our welcome and prayer.

The possibilities of Hallowed Placemaking are abundant. Inspired by the work of [Grace Lee Boggs](#) and [adrienne maree brown](#), we hope to explore how we might be able to listen to and learn from the lessons of nature, time, somatics, and emergence in our practice.. Upcoming Hallowed Placemaking projects will include: improvements to the gathering space (lighting/shade); communal ceremonies of acknowledgement and gratitude; and seasonal observances that take shape through visual art and storytelling.

Here is a list of places and people that inspire us as we seek to practice Hallowed Placemaking:

[The Heidelberg Project](#)

[City Museum](#)

Candy [Chang](#)'s Ted Talk

[Joy Unspeakable](#) by Barbara Holmes

[Emergent Strategy](#) by adrienne maree brown

[Watershed Discipleship](#)

[BeLoved Community](#) in Asheville, NC

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