



TOP Emotional Support Tree Bistro Tables around the Chelsea Square Fountain
 BOTTOM Collaborative tabletop painting

project Emotional Support Trees at Chelsea Square Fountain
 year 2022
 client City of Chelsea MA
 location Central Fountain, Chelsea Square
 partners Amanda Arsenault, research; artists: Max Pro, Aliyah Saldana-Oswald, Jasmine Velasquez
 poets: Monterey Rojas, Rosalinda Rojas
 type Street furniture + murals
 size (9) 32" diameter tables
 roots Nuestra Mesa, 2020

Emotional Support Trees is a celebration of our current moment coming out of the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic. The project renovates the Nuestra Mesa outdoor bistro tables we created while socially distancing in 2020 into an exploration of deep collaboration two years into the collective experience of a pandemic.

Together, we created the concept of "Emotional Support Trees" as an offering to what the Chelsea community needs most: care and support. Together, we painted nine table-top murals to showcase the collectivity of both experience and creation.



when my pages are filled
when your leaves start to fall
apart yet together
we learn to let go

-- Monterey Rojas

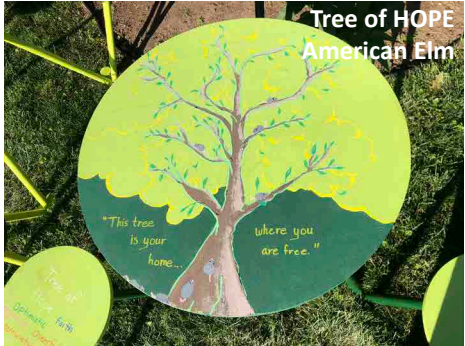
The Willow weeps onto my shoulder
don't know how long I can hold her

-- Rosalinda Rojas

Live painting, poetry, and community participation



Tree of LOVE
Cherry Sakura



Tree of HOPE
American Elm



Tree of REMEDY
Quinine Tree



Tree of COMMUNITY
Baobab



Tree of COMFORT
Weeping Willow

