2022 Banner Program

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“It is frequently the tragedy of the great artist, as it is of the great scientist, that they frighten the ordinary man.” ~ Loren Eisley

Walk around and enjoy the creations from the Spring Banner Workshops in April.

Opening celebration & walkabout tour
Wed Jul 20 from 6-7pm

These banners will be up until the next set of Banners are created at the Banner Workshop to be held October 15-16 2022.
1. Science - Diane Woods
I remember drawing paramecium and amoeba in school science class, so that’s where I started, with microscopic single celled life. I am amazed with the Creator’s master plan, the interconnectedness... chlorophyll, honeycomb, snowflakes and a sliced cucumber are all 6-sided... the beauty in slime, algae and germs...the spiral swirl of the tiniest shell to the galaxies in the sky... how our brains are ridged like a peach pit...it’s all kind of mind-blowing!

2. You (are made of) Matter - Andrea VB
My daughter is in STEM and the lack of diversity is shocking. I wanted to create a representation of science that allows for everyone to see themselves in it - encourage people to take up space and have volume.

3. Landscape - Andrew Beddoes
You will see some white, ghost plants, and a few exploding ordinances in the sky. The creatures underground and the plants above are mutely waiting for the return of a healthy planet. Science has brought a terrible beauty with its industrial landscape.

4. Trees * - Joel Klassen & Esther Tennenhous
RIGHT: The fruit of this Tree of Knowledge are all the elements on earth. Eve is about to give Adam URANIUM. The panel is our take on a 10th century Spanish manuscript illumination. Our Eve, drawn by Joel, had a huge smile exactly like Adam’s. I changed it to the Castilian monk’s original little “o”. Oops! Joel’s gleeful version would have suggested Eve had a lot more agency—and fun!
LEFT: A Purkinje cell from the human brain (after a drawing by Santiago Ramon y Cajal in Scientific American). Cajal is considered a founder of modern neuroscience. He wrote that neurons are “the mysterious butterflies of the soul...whose beating wings may one day reveal to us the secrets of the mind.” And: “Is there in our parks any tree more elegant and leafy than the Purkinje corpuscle of the cerebellum?”
To help the left and right banners relate visually, PLEASE imagine some red, ochre, and yellow butterflies flitting from the Tree of Knowledge into Cajal’s thicket.

5. All Creatures Great and Small - Rudi Leibik
Transformation and evolution are at the heart of Life. Bees transform pollen from flowers into food that nourishes more bees, and those new bees pollinate more flowers. Beauty way forward. Human perception, and respectful awareness, of the wild, and nature, and ourselves, calls us towards wisdom. What do we notice, love, fear, teach, learn, and honour about the world around us?

6. Freedom of Joy - Sandra Wai Sim Cheng
Two years of pandemic has been very restricted. Now mask has been lifted and also the vaccine passport. I’m so happy that I can come and do this banner assignment. Able to have freedom to express my feeling is a blessing. I chose the butterflies to show the freedom and flowers, the joy I feel.

* NOTE: some artist descriptions have been edited to fit this pamphlet. For full artist statements and banner map: www.britanniacentre.org/services/arts_and_culture/britannia-banners