

snow eater

The extreme cold prairie winter is matched in scale only by the striking temperature fluctuations caused by chinook winds, a common phenomena in the Southern Alberta climate. These winds can cause temperature increases exceeding 25 celsius, temporarily transforming the stark snow covered lands into something more reminiscent of a warm spring day.

Snow Eater strives to create a similar experience in providing an oasis of warmth amidst a harsh winter environment. Positioned in the agriculture area of Heritage Park, the curved wooden structure emulates the shape of a chinook arch cloud on the horizon. Sheer drapes are soaked in water, then frozen to mimic snow and hooked onto the shape of the wooden "arch" structure, creating a highly interactive user experience while providing protection from outside winds. In this way, the broad experience of a warming chinook wind is brought down to a human scale for all to enjoy.

