

Design #1 – “Cultural References” (was Design #3 in first survey)



This mural celebrates the delicate symbiosis of nature through a vibrant composition of flora and fauna native to the Los Alamos region. At its heart, a roadrunner looks out curiously beside blooming prickly pear cactus, which they eat the seeds of. Bees dance around apricot blossoms and columbine flowers, a mountain bluebird perches among vivid penstemon, and a graceful swallowtail hovers near spider milkweed, highlighting the deep relationship between these creatures in the air and the plants on the land.

These flying creatures, forever tied to their environment, mirror our own ancient connection to this place—one that spans thousands of years. The background is a loose, expressive abstraction of the breathtaking Los Alamos landscape. Sketched cacti silhouettes create depth alongside petroglyphs, thousands of which can be found throughout White Rock Canyon.

Sweeping across the mural, a flock of birds in flight symbolizes the strength of community -many voices, many paths, soaring together toward a shared future.

Design #2 - “Birds and Big Skies of Los Alamos” (revised design based on community input)



This mural honors the vibrant ecology of the Los Alamos region, highlighting the deep interdependence of native wildlife and plant life on the plateau. A blooming prickly pear cactus anchors the scene, joined by

red yucca and Piñon pine, while a curious raven and a watchful deer move quietly through the landscape. Bees dance around apricot blossoms and delicate columbine flowers, pollinating as they go. A mountain bluebird, western tanager, and spotted towhee perch among vivid penstemon, and a graceful swallowtail flutters near spider milkweed, drawn by its nectar. A majestic brown bear and a striking acorn woodpecker round out the scene, surrounded by the dramatic mesas and mountains that define the Los Alamos horizon as seen from Anderson Overlook.

Sweeping across the sky, a flock of birds in flight evokes the power of community -many voices, many species, soaring together toward a shared future.