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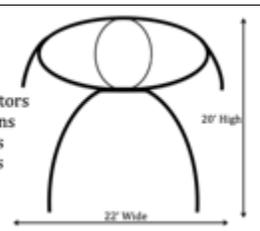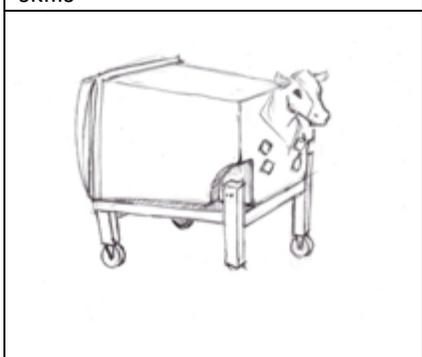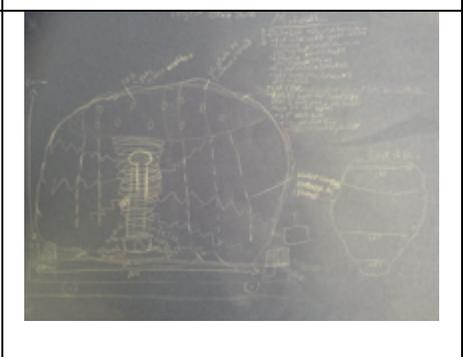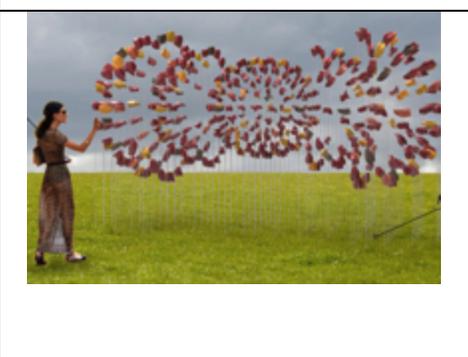
Watch for children – and giant flaming flowers, can-crushing cows, airships and art all over the city

[Calgary, Canada] — Metal flowers will erupt with flame, while a steampunk dirigible floats nearby. Passers-by feed a recycling bovine while other visitors help make a ceramic explosion.

Six new engineered community art projects are being announced today that will be built over the coming months with support from Beakerhead's *Many Hands Make Great Art* program, which is in its second year and funded by The Calgary Foundation. The successful projects all required to involve a community in the creation of the artwork, and must include both adults and youth.

"The best part of these builds is watching the drama unfold as the teams try to create something *entirely* original," says Jay Ingram, Canadian science broadcaster and Beakerhead co-founder.

All projects will premiere at Beakerhead this September 14-18, 2016. Some will even take flight! The awarded projects include:

The Blazing Lilies - a fire and metal art installation that will teach women metalworking skills	***Borealis*** – an airship designed and built by a collective of homeschoolers	***Eyes Ablaze*** – a towering sculpture that will come to life with CO_2 cannons as people interact with it
Can Crushing Cow – a delightful recycling bovine to be built by youth in Roots 2 STEM programs	***The Brainstorm*** – students from Calgary Arts Academy will build a kinetic structure symbolizing brain activity	***Explosion of Creativity*** – a sculpture that depicts the Big Bang, where elements of the explosion are shaped onsite by the public

"In order to be fluent in a language, you have to be immersed in a culture, surrounded by others. The same goes for learning how to apply science, engineering and creativity. That's exactly what will happen in these projects. And, the outcome will delight us all," says Beakerhead chair and co-founder Mary Anne Moser.

These community projects are part of Beakerhead's goal to create a mainstream platform for science and engineering.

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