

Crested Butte Wheels of Intention Phase 2: Community Vision (www.cbwheelsofintention.org)



Phase 1: Eight wheels of intention on Elk Ave. Community unveiling June 21, 2022

Take the Tour: Welcome to Crested Butte

Above are the Crested Butte Wheels of Intention, an interactive art project located downtown on Elk Ave. These “welcome wheels” represent a four-year community effort from 200+ individuals, artists, businesses and non-profit partners. Together, these wheels tell our community story about; our history (why Monday was laundry day), our peoples, the landscape, watershed, and the place we call home. The message of our stories is that the Crested Butte you see today didn’t just happen. The quaint charm of town and its clean water, air and landscape is the result of a persistent, dedicated and caring community. This beloved and sacred place we call paradise is not a given resource but a far reaching, community-driven vision of stewardship. Please learn more and take the Tour!

The Vision

“Mountains have an extraordinary power to evoke a sense of the sacred. In the overwhelming wonder and awe that these dramatic features of the landscape awaken, people experience something of deeper significance that imbues their lives with meaning and vitality.” Edwin Bernbaum. Sacred Mountains of the World. 2022.

In 2023, the CB Wheels of Intention Working Group is embarking on its Phase 2 permanent public art creation: The Mother Wheel. This next project is scheduled to take five-years and will be a huge community effort! We invite you to dream, imagine and help make our vision a reality for all to behold.

In the Himalayas, our mountain brothers and sisters create monuments with prayer flags and wheels. We, in Crested Butte are proposing to respectfully adopt these artistic and spiritual tools to honor the Elk Mountains, our shared mountain environment and cultures, and to inspire a greater appreciation for our complex, interconnected and fragile life at the top of our watershed. We envision a custom copper prayer wheel housed within a protective shelter, where people can sit quietly, spin intentions and appreciate the beauty of our mountain paradise. Specific design details of this project will unfold as people engage, participate, donate, and help shape a community monument.

Finding a Home

We are thinking big, beautiful and bold! We want to create a permanent interactive public art piece and we will need a home to house such a community monument. We dream and imagine of an intimate garden space, pocket-park, tucked away, within downtown walking

distance to all abilities. Two hand crafted benches and a vast, unobstructed view of Paradise Divide, Red Lady, Teocalli, Mt Crested Butte, Whetstone and/or some place where one can sit quietly, reflect and connect. Possible locations include and are not limited to: Town of CB park (i.e., 3Three-ladies), Town of CB designated public art site (i.e., bench at end of Elk Ave), peanut lake/lower loop, or on private property near town. In today's busy world, a moment of silence in nature is a gift of love we can all share.

Community Engagement: Imagine, Dream and Share!

Below is a concept. We are imagining a large 3'x5' copper wheel that reflects our mountain scape. The location will determine the shelter, benches, landscaping, etc. The design is wide open and will depend on others to dream, to donate money, time and skills. This project will be a community labor of love, appreciation and respect. We have five years to create, install and unveil. We have a basic timeline and budget and soon we shall have a tax-deductible account with a local non-profit partner. Individuals, artists, craftspeople, contractors, businesses, non-profit partners are all invited to participate. A simple thumbs up, becoming a downtown tour guide, a strategic working group member, or a donation for the manufacturing of the wheel in Nepal are several examples of how to participate. Our list grows daily. This image below is only a concept to dream, imagine and wonder.



"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." Aldo Leopold. [Sand County Almanac.](#)

Please reach out if you are interested in getting involved, donating and/or have ideas to share. We'd love to hear from you!

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