

FLY DESERT HAVEN GARDEN



In the Nevada heartland, sixty miles north of the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation, sits Fly Ranch, a vibrant community of artists, dreamers, researchers, makers and humanists. It is here, nestled between Fox Mountain, Granite Peak and the Black Rock Desert, in this arid, inhospitable landscape, that solutions to humanity's most difficult challenges will be tested. The LAGI 2020 Fly Ranch design competition tasks artists and designers to address five pressing, global issues: shelter, food, water, power, and regeneration. Our multidisciplinary team chose to address all but power when giving form to our proposal, using both the latest tools at our disposal and traditional building techniques suited to the punishing terrain of Fly Ranch.

Part land art, part geological formation, Fly Haven emerges gracefully in the landscape between Ranch and Geyser, its vertical stack reaching high to signal shelter in the harsh plains. As you approach the structure, hints to Fly Haven's main function become apparent. Through a large oculus you spot the canopy of a solitary tree. From a small bridge, you notice a stream hugging the folds and curves that welcome you inside. Amongst the rocks and shrubs and dirt of this barren desert, within a shell made from the ground itself, life grows freely and plentifully, sheltered from the fickle elements, using no energy or water beyond what is readily available. A desert garden, nourishing body and spirit. Welcome to Fly Haven.

THE SANCTUM

AT FLY HAVEN

is the hearth of the community — a sheltered, multidisciplinary space, secular in nature yet spiritually invigorating. Its purpose is to bring people together and to act as a catalyst for human interaction, exchange and creative manifestation.

As you descend through the lifted veil of the entrance, you enter a tall, circular space, light pouring in through the smokestack. The terraced forms emerge from the structure's skin, giving you a place to rest your weary legs, or to enjoy the company of your peers. Here, within the Sanctum, the human spirit thrives, and the collective energy of all life unites to create a better, environmentally conscious, and inclusive world.

