

# Pathways

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## ***The Memorial Garden at Liza's Place***

**Discover a unique design of pathways and nature that parallel life's journey.**

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**CLIENT TESTIMONIAL**  
Jim & Peggy Cook, St. Clairsville, OH

*An autumn view of the Wheeling Suspension Bridge  
Taken from the recently reopened Capitol Music  
Hall in Wheeling, WV  
Photo by Dar Kolanski*



# The Memorial Garden at Liza's Place

## Wheeling, West Virginia

The Memorial Garden at Liza's Place is designed to be a direct extension of the comforting atmosphere that comes from within Valley Hospice.

This garden is a place of healing, contemplation, and celebration of life.

The theory behind the design of the Memorial Garden at Liza's Place is driven by life's journey. A shallow stream runs along a meandering brick walk that guides pedestrians throughout the intimate space. The stream's source is a bubbling spring, symbolizing the beginning of life. It emits from the center of a millstone located at the crux of the garden sheltered by a sprawling Honey Locust tree. The tree overshadows the space and stands as a parental figure...before the journey of life begins. Beyond the tree, the path of life widens and a large stone obstacle splits the pathway representing the adversities in life and the paths we take. The winding path straightens out and bridges the stream opening to "Life's Release Circle." This open lawn space showcases two specimen trees that frame the open view to an area of wildflowers. Throughout the garden there are four outdoor rooms that are

tucked away behind raised mounds, tall grasses and boulders. Each area has its own theme, including contemplation, meditation, escape, and consoling for serenity and personal healing.

### Special Features

The combination of colors, textures, and size of plants creates a representation that parallels life's journey. The plant palate consists of mostly drought tolerant plantings to lessen the maintenance impact. Mounds were created to give dimension to a flat site. The tall evergreen plantings and grasses on mounds increase privacy to outdoor rooms.

The variety of hostas, rogersia, & purple heuchera help soften the rough, rocky edges of the meandering stream.

Two tamarisk trees flank the release circle providing a warm frame to the woodland edge beyond. A variety of wildflowers blanket the area between the tamarisk trees to promote a yearly butterfly release ceremony at Liza's

Place. In the spring, drifts of hundreds of daffodils will grace the garden.

Liza's Place is located in Deerfield Village, Wheeling, West Virginia and is owned by Valley Hospice.



## The Path Ahead by Gabe Hays

The path ahead has been blessed with a son for Sarah and me!

Jaiden began living with us in August and we are now ready to finalize his adoption. At three years old, he comes to us at full speed! I am now learning new levels of patience, love, and time management.

As our home life changes, our studio is calibrating for a post recession world. We are anxiously excited, as is the rest of the nation that our collective paths will improve in the coming year.

I look forward to letting you all know how it works out for us in person or in print! My hope and prayer for the New Year is for my son, my wife and my co-workers to continue to have faith and a positive work ethic.

*Wm. Gabriel Hays*

# The Green Corner *by Phil Cole*

## Top Five City Parks and Gardens of Portland and Seattle

In a recent trip to the Northwest, I had the pleasure of visiting two of the most progressive cities in the United States. Even during these times of economic discomfort, these cities keep their wheels turning by listening to their residents and providing them with safe walk-able, well planned urban infill projects and maintained parks. I've comprised a list of must see City Parks and Gardens in both Portland, OR and Seattle, WA.

### 1. Portland Japanese Garden:

Said to be "one of the most authentic Japanese Gardens outside



of Japan." The 5.5 acre park seems small in scale, but offers an amazing collection of diverse Japanese landscapes from open Siberian Iris bogs, tranquil ponds, stark karesansui gardens (raked white stone) to my favorite, the Hillside Garden, where visitors cross a series of streams and traverse through dense bamboo and vine maple forests. I was blown away with the level of detail and dedication put forth by the park's grounds-keepers. With this instinctive homage to Japanese culture and solitude, one could mistake nearby Mt. Hood for Mt. Fuji.

### 2. International Rose Test Garden (Portland):

A stone's throw from the Japanese Garden is this Portland jewel. In fact, this garden has made such

an impact on the city of Portland that it's known as the "City of Roses." Portland's marine west



coast climate region, known for its dry, warm summers and rainy, temperate winters is ideal for growing a variety of roses. The terraced 4.5 acre site of magnificent color and beauty offer some of the most impressive collection of specimen roses one may ever see.

### 3. Olympic Sculpture Park (Seattle):

One of the newest additions to the Seattle infrastructure is



Olympic Sculpture Park. The once abandoned 9 acre industrial site is now a home to a variety of large art pieces arranged poetically across a modern landscape of rectilinear walls, walks, and bold plant massings. The Seattle Art Museum (SAM) in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land raised nearly 17 million dollars to

purchase the site in 1999. After years of planning and construction, the park opened in 2007 and is free to the public, thanks to several private endowments.

### 4. Freeway Park (Seattle):

As soon as the last foot of concrete was poured for the massive city-splitting Interstate 5 corridor in the



1960's, the progressive city of Seattle wanted to bridge the freeway gap. Enter the late Landscape Architect, Lawrence Halprin, (1916-2009) who was known for his modernist approach to landscape design and innovative uses of concrete, pedestrian plazas and terracing water features, which are all quite prevalent in the 6 acre Freeway Park. Although the park had become known as a haven of crime activity in the early 2000's, a neighborhood group formed and developed a "New Vision" plan which was aimed at improving lighting, patrol and expanding view corridors. The implementations of these objectives have improved the crime rate of the area by 90%.

### 5. Riverfront Park (Portland):

This 29 acre park of biking and walking paths, fountains, mature tree groves, plazas and historic and cultural monuments gracefully parallels the Willamette River as one continuous greenway for nearly 2 miles. Most of the city's east-west roads that terminate into the park offer a unique node into the park.

## Client Testimonial:

*"Our experience with Hays Landscape Architecture Studio has been nothing but professional. We have had the privilege of working with Gabe, Phil and Allison. We are so excited about our outdoor living areas. The design was beyond our dreams. They have handled everything from the initial design to the bid process in a very professional and prompt manner. We would highly recommend them for your landscape design needs."*

**Jim & Peggy Cook , St. Clairsville, OH**

# Studio Fun!



"Engaged Atop Mt. St. Helens!"  
Phil Cole and Kellie Clark



"Birthday Girl"  
Allison Spiker



"Summer Beach Vacation"  
Dar Kolanski



"Fall Flag Football"  
Allison Spiker, Lisa Jeffries,  
Phil Cole, Dar Kolanski, Eric Barto



"Naughty or Nice?"  
Phil Cole and Santa Claus

## In the Works!

- Delaware Training & Community Center (Poggemeyer Design Group – Lead Engineer)
- Cameron High School (McKinley & Associates – Lead Architect)
- St. Clairsville Central Park, St. Clairsville, OH
- Historic Beverly Streetscape, Beverly, WV
- Marietta River Trail Phase III, Marietta, OH (Jobes Henderson & Assoc, Inc. – Lead Engineer)
- Grand Vue Park Aquatic Center, Moundsville, WV
- Several Wheeling, WV and St. Clairsville, OH area residential landscape designs
- Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV



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## Quotable Quotes

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."  
- Native American Proverb

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now."  
- Chinese Proverb.

"A good question is never answered. It is not a bolt to be tightened into place but a seed to be planted and to bear more seed toward the hope of greening the landscape of idea." - John Ciardi.

"Ever charming, ever new, When will the landscape tire the view?" - John Dyer

"The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration."  
- Claude Monet



St. Clairsville Community Garden