Tempe Public Art

Mary Lucking
Peace Labyrinth, 2009

Hand-made tiles, brick

Location:
Hudson Park
1430 S Cedar Street

Artist Website:
www.LizardAcres.com

Description: *Peace Labyrinth* features handmade tile on a pre-existing community-built labyrinth in Hudson Park. The tile was made by Lucking's studio-mate, Dwayne Arnspiger. The Peace Pole (central column) features blue tile with floral patterns and a quote by the Dalai Lama: "Genuine peace must come through inner peace." The top of the column is capped with a sculpture of a lotus bud. The eight ends of the labyrinth walls are capped with blue tile that form letters in the spaces in between the tiles. The phrases they create are meant to spark thoughts about peace along the walk and suggest topics for meditation. Inscribed in the pavement at the entrance to the labyrinth is a quote by A.J. Muste, a labor and peace activist: "There is no way to peace; peace is the way." Lucking says of the project, "The labyrinth built by the residents of Hudson Manor is such a beautiful space and an example of how ingenuity and hard work can create something wonderful. I wanted to make an artwork that would honor and highlight it."

Artist biography: Lucking creates artworks for people to share. Her work ranges from large-scale, permanent artworks to temporary interactive installations. Her projects include art incorporated into urban and rural walking and biking trails, public transit stations, college campuses and neighborhood parks. Two of her artworks have received Americans for the Arts Public Art Year in Review awards. Lucking holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Architecture from Wellesley College and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Art and Technology from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Lucking currently lives and works in Phoenix.

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