

B-8: Simpson Art in the Garden Award

Submitted by: Harbor Island Garden Club

Brief summary and objectives:

Diane McIntyre Skiba was an integral part of the Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina community. She and her husband were the original owners of the Sweetwater Surf Shop and operated the store for over 20 years. After battling cancer for many years, Diane passed away in 2018.

Two Harbor Island Garden Club members, Eva Elmore and Libby Stevens, were close friends with Diane and wanted to do something in her memory.

The Harbor Way Garden in Wrightsville Beach is a public garden that is maintained by the Harbor Island Garden Club. One section of this garden was dedicated to her and includes a gurgler stone water feature, which is a beautiful piece of art. The stone is turquoise being Diane's favorite color. A dedication plaque was installed next to the stone. The Harbor Way Gardens Visitor's Guide identifies the location of the Diane McIntyre Skiba Memorial Garden.



Involvement of club members and other organizations:

The beautiful 400-pound turquoise stone was hand selected by Eva Elmore. The stone was picked up and the gurgler water feature was installed by Curt Langdon from Outer Space Garden Design. The dedication plaque was ordered by the Town of Wrightsville Beach for a consistent design throughout the garden.

Project expenses and means of funding:

The project was funded by personal donations from Harbor Island Garden Club members.

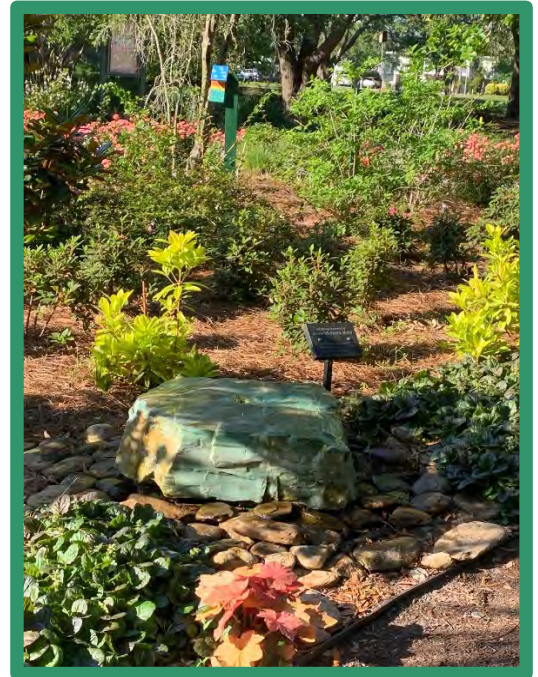
Continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance:

The Harbor Way Gardens is maintained by a large committee of the Harbor Island Garden Club. This artwork is maintained by the committee as part of its responsibilities.

Attach or insert photos, digital photos:

See the following pages for additional photos and the Harbor Way Gardens Visitor's Guide.

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Photographs of Diane McIntyre Skiba Gurgler Stone Water Feature



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