



Clay Center Sculpture Plaza

Kanawha County, West Virginia

Client: The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia

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Project Cost:

\$40,000 Construction
 \$40,000 Design

Year Completed:

September 2009 Construction
 March 2009 Design

Located in the plaza circle at the main entrance to the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences is this magnificent sculpture. It stands at 64 feet tall, nearly as tall as the Clay Center, with a diameter of approximately 40 feet. The McGee Foundation donated the piece in the name of John and Ruth McGee in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.T. McGee, and Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Bouknight, and Lyell B. Clay. World-renowned metalworking artist Albert Paley of Rochester, New York, designed the sculpture. Paley has been active as an artist for more than 30 years. Commissioned by both public institutions and private corporations, he has completed more than 50 site-specific works during his career.

Installation took place from September 8 - 30, 2009, with the dedication on October 6, 2009. E.L. Robinson Engineering's (ELR) landscape architects and engineers prepared the plaza layout, grading and materials specifications. ELR's surveyors provided construction layout services for the plaza space surrounding the sculpture, which includes concrete steps, concrete sidewalks with pedestrian pavers, and landscaping.