

Chesapeake Tale

BWI Airport Garden

In this prominent garden at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, the landscape architects chose to tell a story about the region through an interpretation of the Chesapeake Bay. For travelers who pass on their way to and from the parking garage, the garden creates a strong sense of place by recalling the flora of the bay with large sweeps of grasses, and the fauna with an abstract sculpture of 150 geese that suggest a strong association with the Chesapeake region. Functionally, the garden needed to facilitate easy movement between terminal and garage while offering visitors a clear sense of orientation. "I think this is delightful," said juror Meade Palmer. "This is very delicate and sensitive. And in a few years' time, as things mature, it's going to be even more exciting." Burns praised the use of a sinuous path and plantings that appropriately follow the curves of the pathway. "They make patterns - very nice, elegant, loose patterns. Overlaid against that and weaving back and forth across both of those sets of patterns is this flight of birds. It is very nicely done."



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