

The
St. Louis
Planter



An Urban Roots
Project

by Gateway Greening



The Story of the St. Louis Planter



Inspired by St. Louis' early French heritage, the fleur-de-lis forms the primary decorative feature for creating an urban scale landscape planter unique for St. Louis.

The idea of creating this special landscape planter was conceived in 2004 by Bill Ruppert, a board member of Gateway Greening, an Urban Roots participating organization. Ted H. Spaid, ASLA of SWT Design, a landscape architecture firm led the design team. Cassilly and Cassilly Studios completed ultimate fabrication of the initial group of planters in 2006.

Ted H. Spaid, ASLA of SWT Design, is known for his work throughout the country as a leading landscape architect and designer. As a native St. Louisian and resident of St. Louis City, he wanted the St. Louis Planter design to reflect the heritage of this culturally rich region. The design and fabrication are truly a work of art for everyone to enjoy.

In 2006, fourteen St. Louis Planters were installed at Kiener Plaza and Morton D. May Amphitheater as an Urban Roots project by Gateway Greening made possible by funding from the Gateway Foundation.



In November of 2006, the Downtown St. Louis Partnership presented the Better Downtown Award to Urban Roots for the St. Louis Planter project. The award recognizes enhancement projects that improve the physical environment of downtown St. Louis that are visible at the pedestrian level.



The St. Louis Planter has received recognition in various media including Janis & Dave Murray's-FOX2/KTVI Home Garden segment, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Suburban Journals, Gateway Gardener Magazine and other community publications.



The St. Louis Planter Project is in need of sponsors to support placement of additional St. Louis Planters in downtown St. Louis and throughout the gateway region.

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Parkway Planter
3' high x 6' wide



Plaza Planter
3' high x 4' wide

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