

Local Landscape Architects Win Two Awards for Beautifying Bucks County Landmarks

Landscape Design Group, Inc. was awarded by the American Society of Landscape Architects for its design excellence at Union Square in New Hope, PA and Aldie Mansion in Doylestown, PA.

BUCKS COUNTY, PA (March 22, 2010) — The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) PA/DE Chapter recently awarded Landscape Design Group, Inc. (LDG) from Doylestown, PA, with two Merit Awards. The awards are a result of the firm's entries in the ASLA's prestigious 2010 Professional Awards competition. The two projects that received recognition are Union Square in New Hope, PA and Aldie Mansion in Doylestown, PA.

Annually, the ASLA Professional Awards honor the best in landscape architecture and submissions are reviewed by a panel of high-caliber judges in the field of landscape design. LDG Principal Mike Montemuro responded to ASLA's acknowledgement with gratitude: "It is an honor to be recognized by our peers in a profession to which we have committed so much time and effort."

UNION SQUARE IN NEW HOPE, PA, once a utilitarian factory site, is currently a thriving development for tenants and tourists and offers a unique blend of office and commercial space. LDG was responsible for detailed planting and paving concepts for the entire development. Surrounded by drought-resistant plants, the site's garden-like aesthetics were devised with a countryside theme in mind and portray the encompassing rural atmosphere of Bucks County. The award affirms the great work done by the project team in balancing conventional and established office space with the emergent influx of New hope tourism.

ALDIE MANSION IN DOYLESTOWN, PA is a 15th-century-style English manor built in 1927 by William Mercer of the famous Doylestown Mercer family. The mansion, where the idea for the musical *Sound of Music* originated, continues to serve as a vital Doylestown landmark. The mansion was restored in the early 1980s by the Heritage Conservancy and was re-purposed as an event facility. In 2000, LDG was chosen through a design competition to redesign the mansion's courtyard in order to increase marketability of the facility. Landscape Design Group enhanced the historic courtyard, while subsequently constructing a fountain made from the molds of a former fountain originally created by Mercer himself.

Founded in 1983 by brothers Mike and Frank Montemuro, Landscape Design Group, Inc. is located in Doylestown, PA. The firm's work can be seen throughout Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

