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Descriptions of Tiled Benches Donated to Opportunity Village

AlysEdwards Tile & Stone

Description of Bench

The AlysEdwards bench is tiled with recycled stained glass and outfitted with hand-sculpted tiles shaped as lily pads, koi fish, water lilies and the incomparable AlysEdwards as a frog.

The bench's theme is "Dream Big and Live Bold!"

Name of Designer: Sylvie Atanasio

Name of Manufacturer: AlysEdwards

Name of Installer: The AlysEdwards Sample Crew

B.A. Schmidt Arts & Enterprises

Description of Bench

The image of the tree on this garden bench is based on the artist's memory of a wonderful spreading tree in her parents' backyard. The decorative tiles are all porcelain, and the field tile is travertine. The tree and fish tiles on the side were hand-pressed in plaster molds that were made from models carved by the artist. The leaf and acorn tiles were molded from leaves and acorns from her yard and neighborhood. The tiles are all finished in fired -on ceramic stains, some in multi-colors and others in brown.

Name of Designer: Barbara Schmidt

Name of Manufacturer: B.A. Schmidt Arts & Enterprises

Name of Installer: Barbara Schmidt

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Florim

Description of Bench

This bench, designed and tiled by an art major student at Austin Peay State University (APSU) in Clarksville, TN, captures the nature of Tennessee. On the top is the purple iris, which is Tennessee's state flower. The short sides show the state bird (mockingbird) and animal (raccoon). The long sides show the Great Smokey Mountains of east Tennessee and countryside with Florim USA and APSU in the landscape.

Name of Designer: Jessica Griffin

Name of Manufacturer: Florim USA

Name of Installer: Jessica Griffin

Ironrock/Metropolitan Ceramics

Description of Bench

Metropolitan Ceramics' bench features a new addition to Metropolitan's offerings: METROBRICK® Textured Thin Brick. The brick is modular size, 2 1/4" x 7 5/8", is 5/8" thick, and uses corresponding corners and edge caps. Two traditional colors, #350 Main Street and #458 Brownstone, are blended together in a brick pattern to cover the majority of the bench. The third 'sand color' brick (#105 Fieldstone) is used as an accent in a diagonal band around the bench. This color is also inset with 'chip' size pieces on the top of the bench using the same diagonal theme. The overall purpose is to showcase a brick finish installed like tile and combine time-honored brick design with brick used in a unique way.

Name of Designers: Ron Williamson and Mike Shoffner

Name of Manufacturer: Metropolitan Ceramics

Name of Installer: Mike Shoffner

Landmark MetalCoat

Description of Bench

The top of Landmark MetalCoat's bench features their new Damask Mosaic in Copper Antique Patina. The bench's sides feature their new metal, stone, and glass mosaic line, available in five choices by the square foot in a 5/8" grid or 3/4" stixs.

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Name of Designer: Jason Pellegrino

Name of Manufacturer: Landmark MetalCoat

Lilywork Ceramic Ornament

Description of Bench

Lilywork's bench is designed in soft blues and greens in a Victorian pattern. Wrapped around the seat of the bench is the new Iznik listello from the Tapestry Collection. Centered on the seat and two sides in dramatic contrast to the lace-like listello is the shaped field, Praiano. The gently-textured Byzantium field completes the serenity of the piece.

Name of Designer: Paul Halferty

Name of Manufacturer: Lilywork Ceramic Ornament

Name of Installer: Paul Halferty

McIntyre Tile

Description of Bench

With a theme of "Viva Las Vegas", McIntyre's bench is decorated with large circles (Burlap Texture Satin Gold) and small circles (Copper Flash) on a Constantine tile background. The border around the top is 6" and 8" V-Cap Curvy in Constantine. The bench sides are tiled with 4" x 4" Burlap Texture Satin Gold with a Barliner Copper Flash border, and the edges are in 6" Constantine. The grout is Laticrete Midnight Black sanded grout.

Name of Designers: Nicole Black & Cheryl Ricci Kopczynski

Name of Manufacturer: McIntyre Tile

Name of Installer: Brenda Rose

MTM Wizard Enterprise

Description of Bench

The Wizard Enterprise bench features their new Hawthorne Tile line. Hawthorne is a mixture of modern simplicity and rustic warmth and contains 40% recycled content. The top and sides are

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clad in 1" x 6" and 3" x 6" tile in a variegated blue green called "Tide Pool". The bench is trimmed with moldings and bases in a Cast Iron Glaze.

Name of Designer: Michael Meagher

Name of Manufacturer: MTM Wizard Enterprise

Oceanside Glasstile

Description of Bench

Oceanside's bench features a design concept that emphasizes the dimensionality and sculptural qualities of the Elevations collection and the modern aesthetic of the new smooth-edged Muse mosaic collection. The alternating pattern of Harvest Iridescent Extrados (1¼" x 10") and Flat Field (1¼" x 10") creates a 3-dimensional, high-low interest on the bench's vertical surfaces. Offset Muse 7/8" x 7/8" mosaics in a custom color blend were utilized on the horizontal surface and add dynamic visual and color interest, perfectly complimenting the dimensional design on the vertical surfaces.

Name of Designer: Feras Irikat

Name of Manufacturer: Oceanside Glasstile Co.

Name of Installer: Brian Fitzgerald & David Fatula

Terra Verre

Description of Bench

This bench, named "Classic Cascade", is made in a "Tuxedo" blend from Terra Verre's ISIO series. The ISIO mosaics have everlasting and classic appeal, and the stone's rich texture gives undeniable elegance and absolute perfection to the "Tuxedo" blend. The bench frame is tiled in "Coal Limestone."

Name of Manufacturer: Terra Verre

Name of Installer: Terra Verre staff

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Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc.

Description of Bench

The name for this bench is Genji, the Chinese word for gold, which is a prevalent color in the tiles used. The inspiration for the seat design comes from Chinoiserie still life and decoration. Wrapped around all sides is a basket weave pattern reminiscent of an antique wicker ottoman. Overall, the feel of this bench is meant to be rich, substantial, and inviting!

The mosaic sides are made up of custom cut 1" x 2", 1" x 3", and 1" x 5" tiles in Gold Spot Brown, Camel Back Beige and Honey Bee Yellow. The trimmed edges, rounded and straight V-caps, are in Redwood. The decorative panel is hand-painted and sprayed using layered glazes.

Name of Designer: Rachel Olney

Name of Manufacturer: Trikeenan Tileworks, Inc.

Name of Installer: Trikeenan Tileworks' installation team

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