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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 8 HCHOA Board Meeting
- 17 Men's Club Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day

2005 Events

January 2005

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 Hacker Yacker Ads/
Submissions Deadline
- 12 HCHOA Board Meeting
- 20 Men's Club Meeting
- 25 Women's Club Meeting

February

- 9 HCHOA Board Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Men's Club Meeting
- 24 Women's Club Meeting

March

- 7 Hacker Yacker Ads/
Submissions Deadline
- 9 HCHOA Board Meeting
- 17 Men's Club Meeting
- 22 Women's Club Meeting

All HCHOA Board, Women's Club and Men's Club meetings are held at Hackberry Creek Country Club.

HCHOA meetings – 7 p.m.

Women's Club meetings – 7 p.m.

Men's Club meetings – 7 p.m.



Mosaic Provides Finishing Touch to New Golf Park



Top photo: Artist Julie Richey positions tile for the mosaic. Bottom: Jennifer Rovi, Beth Van Duyne and Bill Daly help place the intricate pattern.

Julie Richey, a mosaic artist and Hackberry Creek resident, designed a slate and glass mosaic mandala pattern for the gazebo floor of the new golf park. After approval from the Parks Committee, she brought her design to Waterjet Works!, which uses waterjet technology to fabricate custom floors, mosaics and table tops. Julie selected Indian and Brazilian slates for their rich colors. After the design was scanned at Waterjet Works!, it was programmed into the computer that controls the cutting jets.

A stream of water concentrated to 60,000 p.s.i. was mixed with garnet sand, which acted as an abrasive to cut through the stone. Each piece of slate was placed on the cutting surface as the computer drove the waterjet stream. The result was a precise, clean edge which fit into an intricate pattern with virtually no grout lines. Look closely at the design and you'll see that the green slate areas resemble a putting green. The inlaid travertine circles have been sandblasted to have a dimpled surface like a golf ball.

The weather was unusually hot during installation week, but the neighborhood volunteers and workers weren't deterred. They spent three days placing the mosaic and preparing the Venetian glass inlays by back buttering them with white mortar. After the design was installed, volunteers spent another day carefully setting in the multi colored glass squares in each spoke. After a few days curing time the whole project was grouted. The result is a unique and beautiful focal point for the whole neighborhood to enjoy.

Special thanks go to Philip Einsohn, owner of Waterjet Works!, and his dedicated staff for

the mosaic's production; to Bisazza USA, the Italian glass tile importer who donated the glass; to Dan Flaherty of Gemmy Enterprises for storing the donation; and to all the volunteers who braved the heat to get the job done: Cindy, Roy, Shelby and Sean Santoscoy, Andrea and Skip Irby, Jennifer Rovi, Gene Cook, Bill and Carolyn Daly, Beth Van Duyne, Chris Richey, Mark and Rebecca Wheeler and Dannie Flaherty.

If you'd like information about the project or would like to tour the Waterjet Works! facility, please call Julie Richey at 214.543.1558. Visitors are always welcome!