



Example of a Living Wall demonstration

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Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden Groundbreaking Ceremony

November 6, 2010



The Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden will be the newest addition to Stephens Lake Park, located adjacent to the the Riechmann Pavilion. Funds for the Garden were raised privately; those efforts were led by former City Manager Ray Beck and Columbia Daily Tribune publisher Hank Waters. More than \$70,000 has been raised, exceeding the initial goal of \$60,000.

The Discovery Garden will feature three theme gardens and a "council ring" designed in the style of Native American fire rings. The theme gardens will offer separate concepts:

- **Grow to Know the World:** plant collections from around the world that have influenced Missouri gardens.
- **What Did Daniels See?:** highlights of the work of Francis Potter Daniels, a University of Missouri botanist who studied Boone County plants early in the 20th century.
- **Eye for Improvement/Plant Hybridization:** the effects of hybridizing plants, featuring peppermint, strawberries and more.

Stephens Lake Park was chosen as the site for the Discovery Garden, because it fits in well with the Master Plan for the park. As Mayor, Darwin Hindman was a key proponent of the 2000 park sales tax ballot issue that enabled the purchase and development of the park.

Darwin was elected as Mayor of Columbia in 1995 and served until April 2010, after choosing not to seek a sixth term. The Discovery Garden is intended to honor Darwin and his wife Axie who are well-known for their enthusiastic support of parks, trails and the outdoors. The Hindmans continue to advocate for healthy and active lifestyles, staying active themselves on Columbia's trails and in the community.

The Garden is expected to be completed in the spring of 2012. Thank you for joining us today for this ceremony!

Columbia Parks and Recreation:
Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs

Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Garden

Groundbreaking Ceremony
10:30 am, Saturday, November 6, 2010
Stephens Lake Park

Welcome and Introductions - Mike Hood, Parks and Recreation Director

Description of the Proposed Project - Steve Saitta, Superintendent of Parks and Development

Remarks - Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairs Ray Beck and Hank Waters

Remarks - City Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe, Ward 6

Remarks - Darwin and Axie Hindman

Groundbreaking - Ceremonial turning of the "first shovel"

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