



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A new 900 SF brick patio for a single-family residence located in the heart of Historic New Harmony.

Project goals included increasing the outdoor living and entertainment space, using materials that fit within the historical context of the town such as, antique brick and limestone accents, preserving the existing site/specimen trees, and creating a privacy screen with plant material to provide separation from the town movie theatre next-door. Inspiration for the plant palette was also drawn from the local context of lush New Harmony parks, inns, historic residences and streetscapes, and the palette includes Liriope, Hydrangeas, Hostas and English Ivy.

During design development, further ideas came about that shaped the final layout for the patio and planting areas. One of these ideas was to play off of the unique architecture of the house (which was a garden store in its former life, among other things). An example of this can be found in the arc of the sunken seating area, borrowing from the arches of the 2nd floor windows. The seating area is centered on the panel of windows running along the back porch, as is the rectangular pocket planter just in front of the windows. When planted with Liriope and Coral Bells, this planter will both compliment and soften the architecture of the house.

Another idea was to create a focal point that could be viewed from anywhere in the garden, while also creating pathways and additional seating areas that could serve as quiet and reflective spaces. The proposed solution utilizes the far corners of the garden, one to host a sculpture and the other a tucked-away bench. Stepping stone paths lead the user to the the respective niches.

Currently, the first phase of hardscape installation has been completed.