

Seagraves Foundation Donates Art to City of Hailey Kaleidoscope Installed at McKercher Park

An interactive art piece was installed at McKercher park at the end of last week, courtesy of the Seagraves Family Foundation. The Kaleidoscope came from Texas artist Eddie Phillips, whose artistic talents are intended to enhance livable spaces within communities, using recycled or repurposed materials.

Phillips and his wife Mary Elizabeth were struck by the beauty and charm of Hailey during their installation trip. The first snow dusted the peaks above Hailey, and the trees at the installation site had begun their slow transition to autumn. Thrilled with the Hailey Art and Historical Preservation Commission's recommendation to place the art at McKercher Park, Mary Elizabeth said, "The kaleidoscope fits perfectly here, accented by the colors of the Rocky Mountain Hardware building in the background and a complimentary art piece within the

same park." The complimentary art piece, Timeless Portal by Mark Stasz, was installed at McKercher Park in 2010, and reflects the Kaleidoscope in both materials, form and theme. Both use crescent shapes and gentle arcs, one with steel and stone and the other steel and glass, expressing themes of invitation and uplifting vistas.

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle expressed his gratitude to the Seagraves Family Foundation, saying "Seagraves continues to grace the City of Hailey with unexpected and exactly appropriate gifts. The location of the art within our entrance park serves both locals and visitors in a playful, interactive way, inviting people to explore our beautiful town." The Hailey City Council accepted the art at its September 17, 2018 City Council Meeting.



Artist Eddie Phillips mounts the base piece at lower left, installs the rotating color wheel at lower right, adds the viewing eyepiece at upper right, with wife Mary Elizabeth. At top left, Timeless Portal can be seen in the background.

