

THE JOHN FAIREY GARDEN

***Enduring Moment* description**

Enduring Moment is a smalti tile mosaic measuring 7' x 24'. It was commissioned by John Fairey in 2020 and completed in September, 2021. Many trades people and artisans were involved in its creation, including Mosaika Art and Design Studios, Summit Stucco and Stone, Metalab, Insight Structures, and Renfrow + Co. John Fairey, Adam Black, and Sephi Hagen provided flora and fauna recommendations for the mural.

Here's an excerpt from Adam's description of the mural's contents -

"There are many meaningful finer details many might not easily pick up on...the fallen leaves at the bottom would be recognizable to oak gurus as the Loquat-Leaved Oak, (*Quercus rysophylla*), one of John's favorites. Knowing John's emphasis on a natural and cultural connectivity with the Mexico he loved instead of a line of separation increasingly dividing us, Dixie asked me for a suggestion of a representative critter to put in with a natural range on both sides of the political boundary. We homed in on the Striped Whiptail Lizard (*Aspidoscelis inornatus*) as that symbol...Other plants like the pink pea-flowered *Tephrosia potosina* in the lower left is based off of John's plantings from his Mexican collections... Also included are some of John's favorite collections that were formerly in the garden but lost over time which he was eager to plant again...including the boldly spotted, reddish orange Iris relative *Tigridia pavonia* and Mexican Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrata* var. *tenuisissima*), which I am still hoping to help the garden obtain from mutual colleagues with whom he shared...