

Client: Community Living Network,
Newton

Designers: Sarah Kish
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Design
Completed: Summer 2005

Installation: Fall 2005

Community Living Network (CLN) requested a design for the grounds of a building renovated to provide affordable apartments for active seniors in a residential neighborhood near Newton Center. The garden honors the memory of Fran Hints, an enthusiastic CLN supporter and neighbor. CLN wanted to highlight Fran Hints's love of gardening, while creating a pleasant and enjoyable space for the residents.

The designers' goal was to transform a plain front yard into a quiet space for individuals and an open area for friends and neighbors to meet. The grounds were designed to be attractive and to help connect the residents with the neighborhood. The designers chose low-maintenance native plant materials, many of which came from Fran Hints's garden.

Virginia Robinson, Chair of the Fran Hints Memorial Garden Committee, concluded, "The entire experience has been a joyful one...the generous giving of time and energy, by a number of people, to make the garden a reality."

