

# SUSAN RADEMACHER

## Parks Curator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy



As Parks Curator for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy since 2007, Susan Rademacher preserves, enhances, and promotes the cultural significance of the Pittsburgh parks. Her responsibilities include master planning, capital project design, community engagement, historic research, and articulating the value of parks to support their preservation.

Rademacher's projects include Cliffside Park, Frick Environmental Center, Hill District Greenprint Plan, Mary Schenley Memorial Fountain, McKinley Park Entrance, Mellon Park Walled Garden, Mellon Square Restoration, Park Signage, Regent Square Gateway to Frick Park, Regional Parks Master Plan Update, and Westinghouse Memorial and Lily Pond. Current projects include Heth's Run, McKinley Park Chicken Hill Green Infrastructure, and the Northeast Fountain in Allegheny Commons.

From 1991-2007, Rademacher served as the founding Executive Director and President of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy where she worked to restore and preserve parks and public spaces in Louisville, Kentucky. She produced a nationally renowned master plan for the city's system of 18 Olmsted parks and six parkways. At the same time, she served as Assistant Director of Louisville's Metro Parks Department where she established the Planning and Design Division. From 2006-2007, she was Project Manager for the Mayor's Committee on Public Art for Louisville Metro Government.

Rademacher was Editor in Chief of *Landscape Architecture* magazine from 1984-1987, and was a founding editor of *Garden Design* magazine. Published books include the award-winning *Mellon Square: Discovering a Modern Masterpiece*; *Bold Romantic Gardens*; *Outdoor Living Spaces*; and *Garden Design: History, Principles, Elements, Practice*. She is a graduate of Miami University and was a Loeb Fellow of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Books Rademacher has written or co-authored include: *Outdoor Living Spaces*; *Bold Romantic Gardens*; and *Garden Design: History, Principles, Elements, Practice*. She has written articles for such professional and consumer publications as: *American Horticulturist*, *Competitions*, *Garden Design*, *Landscape Journal*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Places*, *Process Architecture*, *Progressive Architecture*, *Southern Accents*, and *Space Design*.



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An expert in the field of landscape architecture, Rademacher serves as Adjunct Professor in the Landscape Architecture Graduate Program, Chatham University, and on the Advisory Board of the Penn State Stuckeman School of Arts and Architecture.

Rademacher is a highly skilled communicator and public speaker, and was recently selected for the National Speaker List of The Garden Club of America. Rademacher's speaking engagements include the American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, City Parks Alliance, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Field Museum of Natural History, fourteen universities, The Garden Club of America, J.B. Speed Art Museum, National Association of Olmsted Parks, National Parks and Recreation Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Project for Public Spaces, Smithsonian Institution, and the Urban Land Institute.

Awards include the Frederick Law Olmsted Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy and the Golden Trowel Award from the Garden Writers of America. For her accomplishments of national significance, Rademacher has been named Honorary Member of both the Garden Club of America and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

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