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# Collier County Freedom Memorial



# FREEDOM MEMORIAL

- The campaign began in 2004 when the Board of County Commissioners endorsed the idea of building the Freedom Memorial and appealed to artists to submit proposals for a memorial design that reflects American freedom and values.



# FREEDOM MEMORIAL MISSION STATEMENT

- To pay tribute to members of our armed forces who have sacrificed their lives in the defense of our Nation and to preserve peace and our freedoms.
- To honor the law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and civilians who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- To acknowledge the survivors of all terrorist attacks and to show consideration for the family members of those murdered.
- To symbolically display the strength of the American spirit in times of tragedy.



# SELECTION PROCESS

**Promoted the memorial design competition through the following organizations:**

- Naples Art Association
- Art League of Bonita Springs
- Art League of Marco Island
- Naples Artcrafters
- Philharmonic
- Florida Arts
- United Arts Council
- Art in the Park Festival – Fleischman Park
- Haldeman Creek Art Festival
- Ave Maria University
- District School Board of Collier County
- Edison College
- Florida Gulf Coast University

Paid advertisements in the Gazette, Immokalee Bulletin, Naples Daily News, North Naples Journal and Naples Sun Times.



# SELECTION PROCESS

- The county used the World Trade Center Memorial competition as a framework to develop the Freedom Memorial competition guidelines along with the criteria used to evaluate and judge each design entry.



# SELECTION PROCESS

- 32 design proposals were submitted by the Jan. 31, 2005 deadline.
- Entries were received from local artists and from artists across the United States.
- All of the designs were on public display at the Collier County Government Center for several weeks.

A stylized image of the Statue of Liberty in a teal color, set against a background of the American flag. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in its right hand. The flag is partially visible behind her, with the stars and stripes clearly shown.

# SELECTION PROCESS

## Independent jury members:

- Reg Buxton, North Naples Journal publisher
- Jennifer Edwards, Supervisor of Elections
- Claude Haynes, Deputy Tax Collector
- Mike Reagen, president of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce
- Jerry Sanford, North Naples Fire District
- Wayne Smith, former president and CEO of BFGoodrich Chemical Ltd.
- Peter Thomas, “Voice” of PBS



# SELECTION PROCESS

- Members of the independent jury panel reviewed the eligible anonymous submissions and selected three finalists.
- The jury's recommendations were forwarded to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, who then made the final selection.



# SELECTION PROCESS

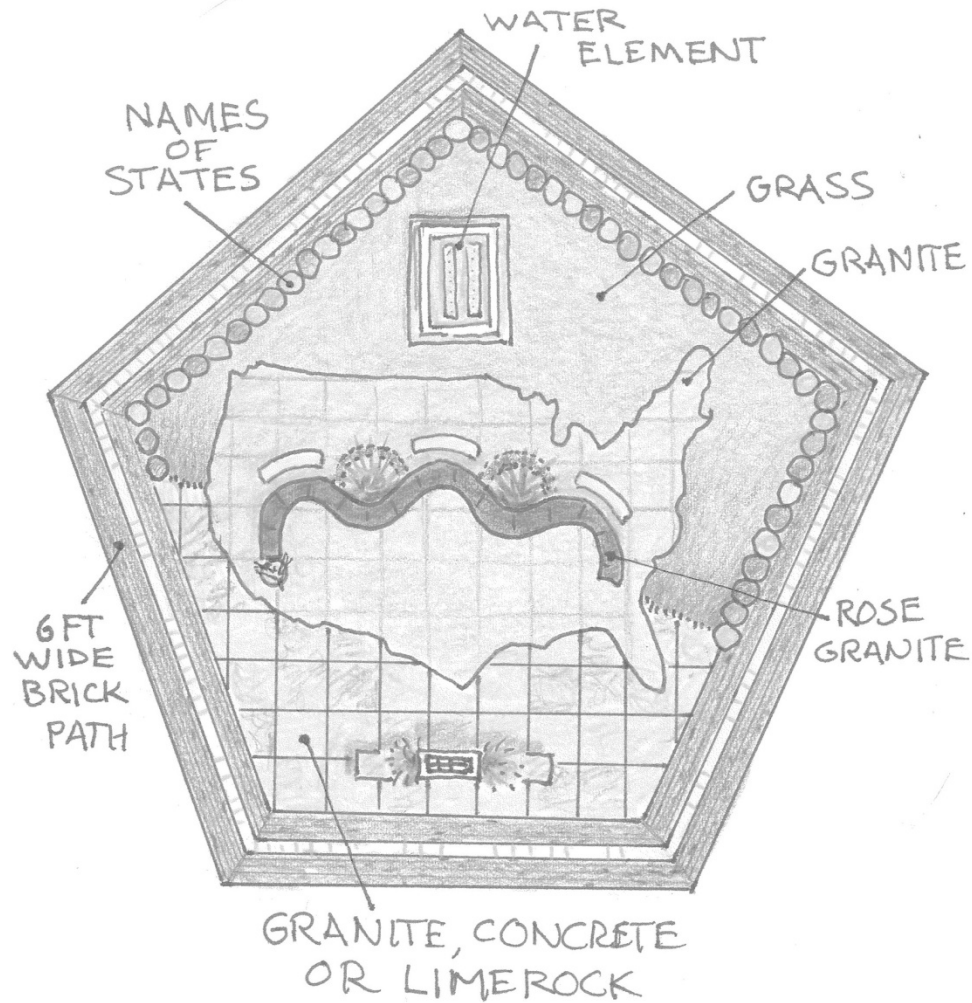
Winning Artist Gerald Ladue  
April 26, 2005



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A stylized image of the Statue of Liberty in a teal color, holding a torch, with an American flag in the background. The image is partially obscured by a white gradient on the right side.

# SITE SELECTION

The Freedom Memorial Task Force reviewed several potential sites for the memorial and is recommending the Gordon River Water Quality Park.

The park location does meet the criteria established for the memorial location:

- Visible from major roadway
- Adequate parking onsite or near by
- Peaceful and respectful surroundings
- Attractive to pedestrians and families

# Freedom Memorial Site



**Master Plan**  
Freedom Park  
Naples, FL  
Collier County

Note: All median openings and access points are conceptual in nature and subject to change per Collier County





























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