



What is a Sensory Garden?

The purpose of a sensory garden is to stimulate the senses by designing an environment that promotes interactions with the garden and nature. The stimulation occurs by engaging each visitor's senses of sight, smell, touch, taste, and sound. The use of these types of gardens are popular with children and adults, particularly those with special sensory needs (Planet Nature, 2014).

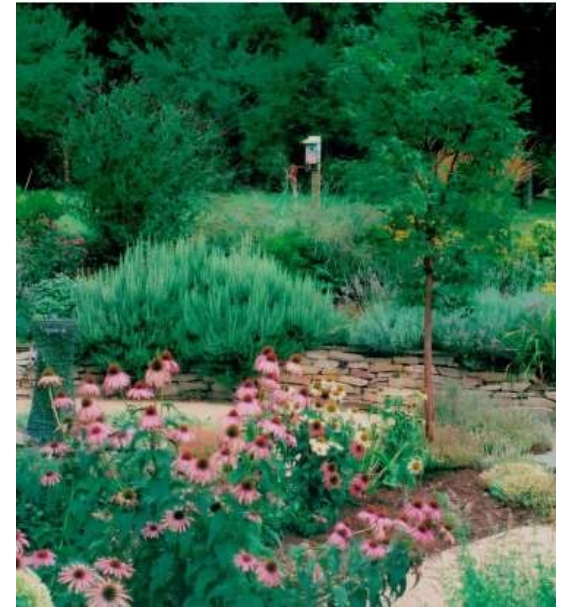
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Brenda L. Papke and the Children's Art Network

The Children's Art Network (CAN) was created in 1993 by Brenda Papke. CAN offers Traveling Studio Programs® to elementary schools in the Shenandoah Valley. For more information visit www.childrensartnetwork.com.

"Brenda was a very creative and smart woman who believed whole-heartedly in art and how hands-on experiences benefited children" – Dorothy Baxley, executive director of CAN.

The garden was created to honor Brenda Papke's contributions to the city and the education of its children. The garden is designed for people with visual impairments, physical disabilities, and the general public. In 2007, the sensory garden was awarded first place in the Public Garden category in the Keep Virginia Green Landscape Excellence Award Program.



Brenda L. Papke Memorial Sensory Garden

*A collaboration of the:
Children's Art Network,
Staunton Public Library,
Talking Book Center,
Staunton Parks and Recreation,
Public Works,
& Murphy Deming College of
Health Sciences*

Smell

Oregano



Lavender



Sweetbay Magnolia Tree



Thyme



Rosemary



Mint (chocolate, pineapple, spearmint)
As you walk through the garden, make
sure to step on mint and release its scent!

Gentle touch and smell are encouraged!

Sight

Honeycomb & Black Knight Butterfly Bush



Annabelle Hydrangea



Coneflower (Magnus, Fragrant Angel, Big
Sky Sunrise, Big Sky Sunset)



Sound

Grass rustling
Wind chimes ringing
Fountain trickling

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Taste

Mint (chocolate, pineapple, spearmint)



Thyme
Oregano
Rosemary

Touch

Lambs Ear – touch the fuzzy leaves



Annabelle Hydrangea – touch the fuzzy
leaves

Paperbark Maple & Seven Son Flower
Tree– peel the bark



Fountain – splash in the water