

- **Project Title:** Genius Loci: The Spirit of Place

Investigator: Beverley Penn

Department: Art & Design

Project Summary:

The stated goal of the proposal, to create a site-specific sculptural installation titled Genius Loci: Villa, was successfully accomplished. The PI created the sculpture from thousands of individual plant specimens that were cast into bronze with the assistance of 3 students using a unique method developed for this project. The bronze elements were permanently assembled into a matrix according to specific design strategies that underlie the architectural plans of the museum building for which the work was created. The artwork is a geographic portrait that hybridizes the essential qualities of both the architecture and the landscape of the Laguna Gloria site. It is currently installed at Austin Museum of Art.

Publications:

Exhibition Catalog

Equivocal Topographies: Solo Exhibitions by Constance Lowe and Beverly Penn, published by Southwest School of Art and Craft, San Antonio, Texas, 2008.

Presentations:

- 1.) Professional Public Presentation, Austin Museum of Art, January 2008
- 2.) Guided Docent Tour, Austin Museum of Art, March 2008
- 3.) Professional Public Presentation, Southwest School of Art and Craft, San Antonio, TX, July 2008
- 4.) Presidential Seminar, Texas State University, San Marcos, Spring 2009

External Grant Applied

- 1.) Co-funding Grant, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, Texas, \$1,500.
2. Commission Grant, The Austonian, Austin, Texas, \$20,000 (pending).

Student Number: 3