

KHANDROLING MEMORIAL GARDEN - April 2025

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The idea behind Khandroling Memorial Garden was one of Jacqueline Gen's last wishes before she died. She then passed this wish onto me.

My idea is to create a sheltered seating area with easy access to the road free of poison ivy. I have chosen the spot on the edge of the field below the Pond cabin.

To simplify the project so that excavation is not necessary I have in mind to use a technique I have successfully used at our home. It implies preparing the ground somewhat, creating a kind of edging, laying down weed protector landscaping cloth, filling the area with gravel and placing pavers or stepping stones on top.

I suggest creating a small terrace next to a cherry tree, and a walking path all the way up to the driveway next to the pond cabin. Eventually this pathway will have a railing, and the terrace will have simple furniture and be shaded from the sun.

A half-circle wall surrounds the terrace and upon this simple wall the names of the people we want to commemorate will be positioned. I assume it can be in the form of small engraved metal signs.

Once this infrastructure is in place the planting can begin. What and where to plant is kind of endless. For my part I am donating two native chestnut trees, one male - one female.

Approximate Costs estimates without railing, half circle wall and plants;

Landscape-cloth: about \$50.

Edging: (Aluminum 8 feet long @ 20. each)

Edging for terrace: suggested 14x14 feet = 196 feet

Edging for Walkway: minimum 60 feet = 120 Feet

Total edging: 16 Pieces @ \$20 = \$400

Gravel 4 yards TRB delivered \$500

Sailcloth for shade – donation

Stepping stones or pavers

Stepping stones @ \$20 a piece medium size \$1000 ???

Pavers (maybe we can use some left overs from the Vajra Hall)

Otherwise they can be bought at many different prices ???

A small memorial wall can be done in many possible forms ???

Labor, some by Dave Gekoe or donated by Community members \$500 ???

Minimum costs \$2500

Next phase - Follow up costs to:

- Install Railing along walkway
- Improve soil with compost of other needed items
- Plants, trees and bushes.
- A hose or a watering system connected to the pond for watering the plants











