



Entry #101

Name or Description on Memorial: Pocatello Legacy Memorial

Type/Color of stone (ex. Granite, Bahama Blue): Granite, China Black, Georgia Grey, Basalt Base

Overall height and width: Main Marker 5½ x 8½ / 6 Pedestals 2 x 3 x 10

Please write a brief story behind the design, describing the meaning of symbols, shapes and lettering.

The Triangle legacy Memorial was constructed to stand as a lasting memory of the individuals who settled what is known in Pocatello as the Iron Triangle. The Iron Triangle area was a true melting pot of ethnic background where families managed to live together despite their differences. We chose to use different stones from around the world to represent the differences. We used a China black, Georgia gray, and we also used a basalt base that is from our region. The main structure is black and gray with the basalt as the base, representing the Pocatello community as the place where these individuals made their home. The black circular monument represents the world, with a bronze sculpture of the western hemisphere on the front and the eastern hemisphere on the back. We chose to use polished surfaces on front and back so the individuals who read the memorial will see their reflections and know they have benefitted from the struggles that their ancestors endured.

A grey triangle was cut to exactness to point to Pocatello on the bronze. The grey triangle reads "A Slice of America: A Lasting Legacy." The large triangle is just that, large. The individuals of this area viewed the Iron Triangle area as a big part of their life, and also a big part of America's. Running through the triangle and the through the black monument is a stainless steel rod six feet long and two inches in diameter to tie the two markers together and to add strength to the monument. It also represents the inner strength these individuals had while growing up and rearing their children in this community during the depression.

People came here with the railroad, and the railroad was how most of them made their living. We used a railroad rail as the main support on the triangle. We created a railroad rail out of stainless steel to be the main support of the triangle. We powder coated the stainless steel to make it look like a railroad rail. The rail represents the railroad which served as the communities anchor and monetary support. The names of all the families who lived in the Iron Triangle area are engraved in a steel finish grey sub base.

In addition to the main monument there are also five pedestals that stand about three feet tall and two feet wide telling the stories of the schools, businesses, social life and churches in the area at the time. The pedestals are grey granite with black etched plaques from the original photos taken from the time of the Iron Triangle. There is also a large wire cut locomotive that is three feet long and ten inches tall to show the importance the railroad had in this community and to also tell the railroad's story.

