

Marjorie Pitz, FASLA

Martin Pitz and Associates



Marjorie enjoys her one-person firm, Martin & Pitz Assoc., Inc. where she has freedom to work and/or play as the day beckons. Marjorie's favorite days are either getting her hands dirty working with contractors or designing places rich with detail, expressive of nature's fluid curves and stimulating through expressed memories of history or playful touches of whimsy. A special interest is to promote healthier storm water systems by making above ground collection of run-off a beautiful and desirable feature of the landscape.

In 1974, Marjorie was the first female graduate from the University of Minnesota BLA program. Her career began with seven years of public practice, working first with the St. Paul's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and then with their Parks and Recreation Design Department. While at the HRA, Marjorie requested the opportunity to live in Mr. Airy Home's housing project while undertaking a defensible space study of the community.

Marjorie's spirit of adventure and passion for public welfare has not diminished over her career. As a Principal in the firm Martin & Pitz Associates (with Roger Martin) since 1984, her work has focused upon public landscapes. She has worked on Ironworld USA—an ethnic theme park in Chisholm, MN; the Minnetonka Civic Center area – including stormwater pond improvements; the landscape renovation of Upper Iowa University – with a focus on stormwater run-off; and two projects at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum – the Shade Tree Exhibit and the Sensory Garden.

Outside of the office, Marjorie enjoys travel, sports and gardening with her husband Mark and her children, Michael and Sarah. She contributes many hours to elementary school activities and leadership, and enjoys the freedom to combine these family efforts with the flexibility of a one person office. Earlier priorities included leadership of MASLA in many roles, and part-time teaching at the University of Minnesota in graphics and design.

