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Sculpture: Lotus flower

Concept: >My idea for the Simply Elemental: An Outdoor Art Adventure was to build a lotus flower sculpture for the center of the pond in the Hahn Horticulture Garden. I chose to create white lotus flower because it is a unifying symbol of hope across time, cultures and religions. The flower is 5' in diameter and constructed with sheer white fabric and wire. It is mounted on a float and anchored in the water. By making it larger than life, move with the wind, reflect in the pond and gently illuminated at night, I hope to create a sense of wonder for the viewer and the opportunity to consider the purity of mind and spirit that the lotus flower represents.

About the artist:

'I believe that design is a creative process that comes from engaging with the world around us. I draw inspiration from patterns in nature, people and places.'

Leigh has a foundation in fine arts and a PhD in Architecture + Design from Virginia Tech. She is the Campus Planner and Designer in the Office of University Planning and adjunct faculty for the interior design department at Virginia Tech.