

THE VILLAGES AT MERRICK PARK SPECIALTY FABRICATED LANTERNS

The Villages at Merrick Park is an ultra high end mall in Coral Gables, Florida. The owner wanted a unique ambiance in the courtyards so that people would gather in the evenings. The decided on a series of modern sculpture lanterns strung throughout the courtyards. The designer was given free rein and came up with fantastic geometric shapes, 26 in all. Jones used a myriad of techniques to produce the challenging lanterns: 5-axis waterjet cutting, aluminum metal spinning, TIG welding and precision grinding. The installation was even more challenging as this is Florida and everything had to be installed to withstand hurricane winds. Deep shaft footings were drilled with great care so as not to damage for the expensive and long established landscaping. Stainless steel cables carry the lanterns from pole to pole and they are mounted to allow movement but not to give. Jones met this fabrication and installation challenge by drawing on it's vast experience in many disciplines. The customer is General Growth Properties, the designer was Sussman/Prejza & Co., Inc. Count on Jones to help you bring your vision to reality.

