



Doug McGraw (Doug McGraw Hardscapes) designed the stone fountain that is seen in the background at the Stone Garden on Market Street. The stone fountain will be used in season 7 of One Tree Hill.

## **'One Tree Hill' preps for filming of 7th season**

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Cast and crew of “One Tree Hill” begin their first day of filming June 18, but without two of the drama series’ biggest stars.

Chad Michael Murray, who played basketballer-turned novel writer Lucas Scott, turned down season seven. So did Hilarie Burton, who plays Lucas’ moody music producer wife, Peyton Sawyer.

With “Leyton” (as fans called the Lucas and Peyton love duo) gone, the show has a few holes to fill.

“Entertainment Weekly” reported that Brian Austin Green, a former “Sarah Connor Chronicles” star, was in talks to step in as a Jerry Maguire-esque sports agent named Clayton. That deal fell through late last week and “Lipstick Jungle” hottie Robert Buckley signed on for the Clayton role.

Two other new roles are on the way: Quinn, the heartbroken older sister of teacher/musician Haley (Bethany Joy Galeotti), and Alexis, a party girl and model for Clothes Over Bros. Fresh actors aren’t going to be the only new scenery on the Hill, though.

Wrightsville Beach Town Manager Robert Simpson said he received a call earlier this year from “One Tree Hill” saying the show was considering filming at a house there. This week, however, location manager Brooke Barnhill said scripts called for a lot of night shooting in a residential area, which is restricted in Wrightsville Beach.

“So that kind of put a cap on that,” Simpson said.

Set designers may also be planning some new permanent sets.

Nina Brown at the Stone Garden, a local landscaping business, said “One Tree Hill” is renting a stone fountain made this past winter by local mason Doug McGraw.

It features 200 individual pieces of stone that have been drilled together to create a helix shape.

Crew came by last week to pick it up and deliver it to EUE/Screen Gems Studios where the show’s production offices are located.

“They’ll be using it as decoration for inside a house,” Brown said.

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