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Adding Artful Beauty
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



Around the Garden

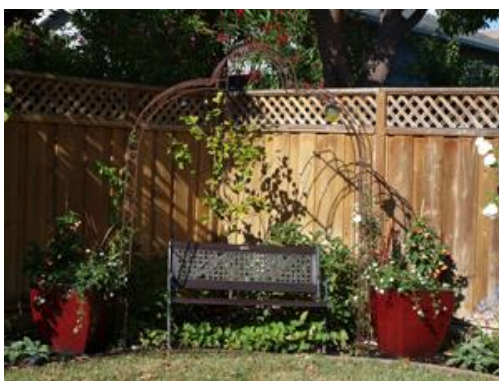
I certainly hope all of you are having a wonderful, relaxing summer. It is nice that it hasn't been too hot, just hot enough for the vegetables (for those growing your own) to ripen. I myself am enjoying Tomatoes, Beans (yellow and green), Cucumbers and all the variety of Herbs I could squeeze into my glazed pots.

This month's topic is designing in stages. It has come to my attention that some people may think, that by hiring a Landscape Designer, it means tearing out all they have and redesigning the whole space, and that it may be over most peoples budget. Let me assure you that is not how I work.

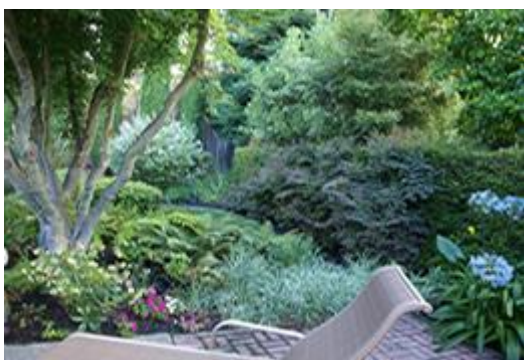
I like to help each homeowner at whatever level they feel comfortable. That may be a corner that has been ignored where I can create a little seating area that you hadn't even thought of. Or maybe it's a side yard, that you look out at every day from the kitchen window where I could create more of a haven to enjoy your morning coffee in. Or a fire pit and seat wall in a space that was underutilized previously.

I can certainly draw up an overall plan to scale for a Landscape Contractor to bid on when it is necessary. But many times it is not. The beauty of having a plan is that you can do the work in stages to best fit the budget. My passion is to help you raise your back and front yard living spaces to the next level, one step at a time!

Please view this month's video for some inspiring before and after photos. And feel free to call me with any areas you may need a "vision" for or pass on my name to a family member or friend that may be stuck in their own visionless gardens.



Using the correct scale and color for maximizing impact. The correct scale and color make a good impression when using pots or other decorative planters. This area in the clients back yard can be seen every day from her kitchen window. The first photo shows small sized pots in a pastel color, set on overturned plastic pots, framing an iron arbor. The idea was good, the look missed the mark, in my opinion. Choosing a color from inside the home, I suggested larger red glazed pots, this color ties into the kitchen and makes a bigger impact and now really frames the arbor and bench. Don't be afraid to go large to make an impact with your pots!



August Garden Tips

- Apply "Cloud Cover" to Japanese Maples for protection if they are burning up due to drying winds.
- Start feeding Azaleas/Rhododendrons and Camellias with a 0-10-10 fertilizer to stimulate bud set and root growth.
- Plant seeds for Sweet Peas now, you'll get a nice bouquet of flowers for the fall.
- Feed Fuchsia's w/a 0-10-10 fertilizer and prune to shape if needed.
- Fertilize all your indoor houseplants this month. If you bring some outside



Video Tip

Landscaping One Step at a Time

This month I pull from my portfolio of clients to show you how you don't have to approach the entire landscape plan at once. In many cases, it works out much better for my clients if they have the overall plan in mind but take it in steps. You may want to focus on a seating area or the view outside your kitchen window. If you love to entertain, you may want to start with a barbeque area or outdoor dining space. Reviewing these real world small transformations will offer you some inspiration to apply to your own

for a little “vacation” make sure they are in a shady spot, no afternoon sun!!

- Deep water and fertilize fruit and shade trees.
- Fertilize your Roses. 1 “recipe” is ½ cup 12-12-12 fertilizer, 1/2 cup bone meal, 1/2 cup sulfur, 2 tbs Epsom salts and a sprinkle of chicken fertilizer.
- Deadhead fading blooms in general, this keeps the plants in bloom longer.
- If you plan on a cool-season Vegetable garden, you can start germinating seeds this month.
- Crape Myrtle trees should be in their full glory now, a great time to select your favorites. They come in varying shades of pinks/purples/white and red’s and bloom through the fall season.

garden. Whether you are approaching your landscape needs as a whole or in steps, I can help you realize your vision.

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