

Planting for the Future Takeaways

- ❖ **Diversity is paramount. The greatest cause of horticulture should be to increase biodiversity in modern landscapes through innovative planting.**

Chapter 1 Horticulture and Planting Today

We must celebrate the culture in horticulture with stylish plants and ecologically considered spaces.

The notion of place has taken root in cultural and civic conversations about landscapes.

We should imagine a new kind of user experience in the built landscape, particularly in urban areas.

Translating wild spaces requires more than borrowing aesthetic. It necessitates a consideration of context and provenance. We have to understand plants and not merely treat them as inanimate objects.

We need to be mindful that most people have small gardens—we walk a road to the future in <0.20 acre steps.

Chapter 2 Planting Tomorrow for an Urban World

Reclaiming wildness brings nature closer to our lives in contrast with much of the built landscape.

Climate change weighs heavy on the future of horticulture and landscape management.

We need to rethink new plants and the kind of diversity required to plant the world a more beautiful, functional place.

Planting with purpose leads to more authentic, bio-diverse and sensuous horticultural experiences.

Wild plant communities provide infinite inspiration for designers looking to create functional ecologies in layers or matrices.

Designed plant communities borrow from the principles of ecology married with horticultural practice and the realities of the built



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environment. The goal is to make durable assumptions that yield a functional landscape at an acceptable aesthetic standard over time.

We must celebrate functionality with the same passion as we have ornament.

Grasses and sedges often function in competitive ground layers. Traditional horticulture has often replaced a functional ground plane with hardwood mulch.

The designed layer affords the most ornamental opportunity to plant with purpose, considering everything from aesthetics to plant longevity.

Gravel gardens showcase plant diversity primarily in the designed layer of the landscape as the functional layer is replaced by pea gravel (stress).



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