

Design Principles For Success

That Can Be Applied to The Home Landscape

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Scale

- Of plant
- Musa basjoo
- Alcantara imperialis 'Rubra'
- Yucca arborea
- Colocasia 'Thai Giant'
- Jimi Blake (that desirous smile)
- Of container
- Olive jar, Chanticleer
- Wooden Barrel, Nick McCulloch
- Fired container, Phormium tenax 'Rubra'
- "over the top" terrace pots, Chanticleer
- Of feature
- Isola Bella, Borromean islands, Italy
- Of experience
- Lurie Garden, Chicago, IL.

Destination

- Give your guest a reason to travel through your garden
- Ladew Topiary Gardens, MD.
- Tennis Court Garden, Chanticleer
- Asian Woods, Chanticleer
- Ruin Garden and lawns, Chanticleer
- Even a small garden can muster a journey
- Private Garden, DE.
- Then punctuate the journey with details
- Private Garden, MD.
- A destination can be visual as well as actual
- Courtyards, Chanticleer

Detail

- Sustain a high level of interest by providing a high level of detail
- Ruin Garden, Chanticleer
- Entrance Courtyard, Chanticleer
- Fit and finish of materials
- Sun Porch and Terrace, Chanticleer
- The choice of plants
- Rudbeckia maxima
- Paeonia obovate
- Carex socialis and Crocus sativus, High Line, NY.
- Relationships of the plants to their surroundings
- Majesty Palm, private garden Vancouver, BC.
- Highly detailed pots, private garden, Vancouver, BC.
- Gravel circle, Chanticleer
- Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA.

- Sun Porch and Terraces, Chanticleer
- Caladium 'Thai Beauty'
- Melianthus major
- Aloe polyphylla

Innovation

- Using the ordinary in an extraordinary manner
- Carex buchannii and Euphorbia 'Blackbird'
- Beta and Dahlia, Clematis and Schizophragma
- Plants
- Schefflera delavayi
- Cordyline indivisa
- Bromeliad, Neoragelia cv.
- Dwarf Grain Sorghum
- Elements
- House (and garden) boats, Lake Union, WA.
- Private garden, Swarthmore, PA.
- Updated bench
- Presentation
- Chihuly glass, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Lotusland, Montecito, CA.
- Display containers, Chanticleer
- Two out of three ain't bad...

Repetition

- Of color and/or texture
- Wood lilies, Private garden, WA.
- Lotusland, Montecito, CA.
- Of plant
- Cordyline and Alcantara
- Ensete ventricosum 'Maurelii'
- Of theme
- Red garden, Ohenitani, NZ.
- Wither Hills, NZ.
- Ruin Garden, Chanticleer
- Meadow, Marthas' Vineyard, MA.
- Gravel Garden, Chanticleer
- Of non-living materials
- Wall Pots
- Reinforced aesthetic
- Coal ladders, salvaged objects
- Containers great and small
- Furniture and details

Take bold and confident steps...

Embrace the subtleties...

Never ever become complacent in your designs...