



Refresh Your Garden Design

Simple Strategies to Wake a Weary Garden

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Have you ever been to a garden and you're not quite sure why, but it reaches out and grabs your soul? Whether it's a brightly colored perennial garden, a green and serene English garden or a minimalist contemporary garden, the effect is the same – you're emotionally transported to a different *place*. As you walk through this garden your pace slows as you catch yourself marveling at the smallest details. What *is it* about this garden and how can you create this feeling in your own?

What you're experiencing is *harmony* at work, and believe it or not you can have this experience in your own garden. But with all of the buzzwords and trends in gardening these days, how do you know where do you begin? Based off of my new book, *Refresh Your Garden Design*, I'll share my secrets to reviving your garden in ways that are inspiring, informative, and easy to put into practice. Today, you'll learn how to take your garden to the next level by using timeless design principles in unconventional ways.

Looking at your garden with 'fresh eyes'

- De-clutter your garden to de-clutter your eyes
- Photos don't lie
- Spot your garden's missing elements using black & white photos

Introducing harmony back into your garden

- Refresh your garden with *color*
 - The power of color
 - Creating unusual color echoes
- Refresh your garden with *foliage*
 - Texture vs. Shape vs. Size vs. Color
 - The power of foliage echoes
- Refresh your garden with *form*
 - Adding visual weight to a garden
 - The power of form echoes

Presentation Plant List

Harmony with Color

- Beautiful berries
 - Crabapple (*Malus* 'Adam')
 - Nandina spp.
 - Parney's Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster parnyii*)
- Color *under* the leaves
 - Coral Bells (*Heuchera* 'Peach Flambe')
 - Autumn Fern (*Dryopteris erythrosora*)
 - Coleus 'Honeycrisp'
 - Silverberry (*Eleagnus pungens* 'Gilt Edge')
- * Stunning stems
 - Coral Bark Maple (*Acer japonica* 'Sango-kaku')
 - Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea* 'Midwinter's Fire')
 - Ceanothus 'Marie Simon'
 - Sedum 'Matrona'
- Vibrant new growth
 - Photinia (*Photinia fraseri* 'Red Robin')
 - Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina* 'Compakta', 'Moyer's Red')
 - *Persicaria* 'Red Dragon'

Harmony with Foliage

- Highly textured leaves
 - Golden-toothed Aloe (*Aloe nobilis*)
 - Wormwood (*Artemisia* 'Powis Castle')
 - Globe Thistle (*Echinops ritro*)
- Structure abounds
 - Hardy Agaves (*A. polyantheflora*, *A. palmeri*, *A. utahensis*)
 - Cape Mendocino Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis foliosa*)
 - Chondropetalum
- Visually *heavy* plants
 - Boxwood (*Buxus* sp.)
 - Waxleaf Privet (*Lagustrum japonicum*)
 - Dwarf Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens* 'Globosa')

- Visually *light* plants
 - Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina* sp.)
 - Japanese Forest Grass (*Hakonechloa macra*)
 - Sweet Flag (*Acorus calamus*)
 - Cranesbill Geranium (*G. cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo')

Harmony with Form

- Exclamation Points
 - Ginkgo Tree (*G. biloba* 'Princeton Sentry')
 - Sky Pencil Holly (*Ilex crenata* 'Sky Pencil')
 - Dwarf Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens* 'Tiny Tower')
- Draping/Weeping
 - Dwarf Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea* 'Hudsonia')
 - Juniper groundcover (*Juniperus horizontalis* 'Bar Harbor')
 - Dwarf Norway spruce (*Picea abies* 'Frohburg')
 - Weeping Mulberry (*Morus alba pendula*)
- Globes
 - Spirea (*Spirea japonica* 'Anthony Waterer')
 - Golf Ball Kohuhu (*Pittosporum tenuifolium* 'Golf Ball')
 - Boxwood (*Buxus microphylla* 'Wintergreen')
 - Alliums (*Allium giganteum*)
- Plants with motion
 - Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta')
 - Wire Netting Bush (*Corokia cotoneaster*)
 - *Euphorbia myrsinites*
 - Spiral Aloe (*Aloe polyphylla*)
 - Puya spp.