gar-den-ing (gärd'ning), 1. n. the art of killing weeds and bugs to grow flowers and crops for animals and birds to eat.

# The Perennial Garden

Using Perennials in Design

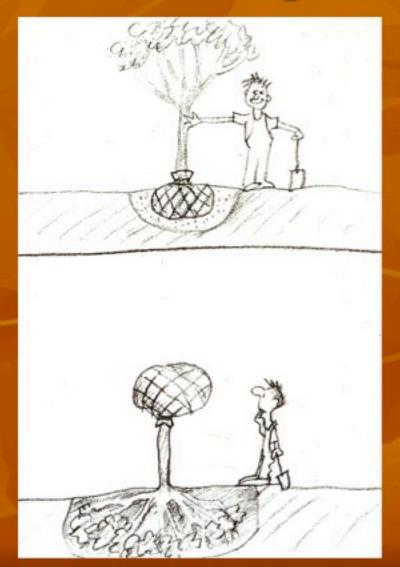
# My Garden



## How do we achieve this?



# **Professional Expertise**



# **Plant Layering**

#### Stratum:

The layering of material on top of similar material: plants

Plant layering is a complicated many faceted process.

- Cultural Requirements
- Foliage
- Bloom
- Autumn Colour
- Rooting Systems
- Winter Interest
- Maintenance



# Cultural requirements

- Exposure-sun/shade patterns
- Soil types and composition
- Soil drainage and moisture retention capabilities
- Air drainage
- Microclimates
- Plant health



# Foliage

- Colour
- Texture
- Size
- Shape
- Structure
- Movement



Foliage



# Foliage





#### Bloom

- Colour
- Size
- Texture
- Durability
- Culture
- Seed pod interest
- Winter interest
- Wildlife attraction





# Bloom



## **Bloom**





The changing foliage in autumn is often an untapped resource.

Tones

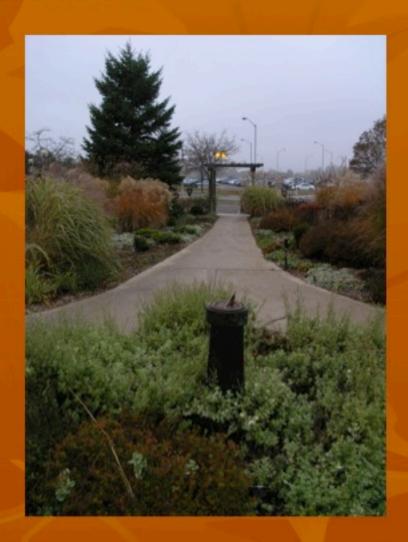
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Careful thought and practice is required to develop this untapped design element.

Duration









# **Rooting Systems**

- For any plant combination to work, when all other cultural and design consideration are met the question remains:
- Tubers
- Rhizomes
- Fibrous roots
- Fleshy roots
- Clump forming
- Broad spreading
- Can they grow together?

# **Rooting Systems**





# **Rooting Systems**



Hemerocallis 'Parade'



Arum italicum 'Pictum'

#### Winter Interest

Canadians tend to garden for only a few months. Even though the season may be short we can still enjoy are gardens from inside.

- Height
- Colour
- Form
- Texture
- Durability
- Movement



## Winter Interest







#### Maintenance

Maintenance is tied to the design objectives of the project, remind your clients there is no such thing as a maintenance free garden

- Degree/Expertise
- Cost
- Style/Objective
- Wildlife

## The Low Maintenance Garden



### The Low Maintenance Garden





# Influencing Garden Design

Borrowing Ideas- Gardens of Influence









# Influencing Garden Design

The borrowed ideas and the gardens they influenced

# The Plan



### The Plan



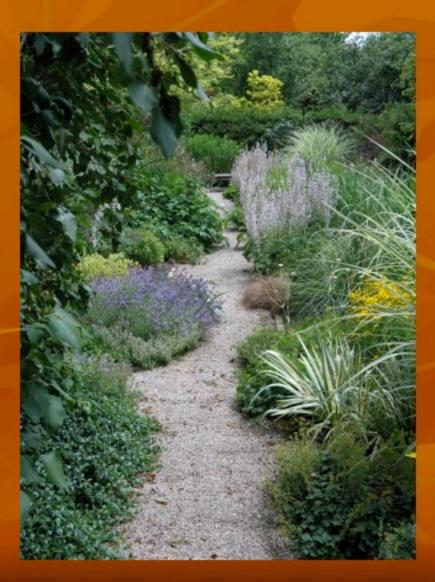
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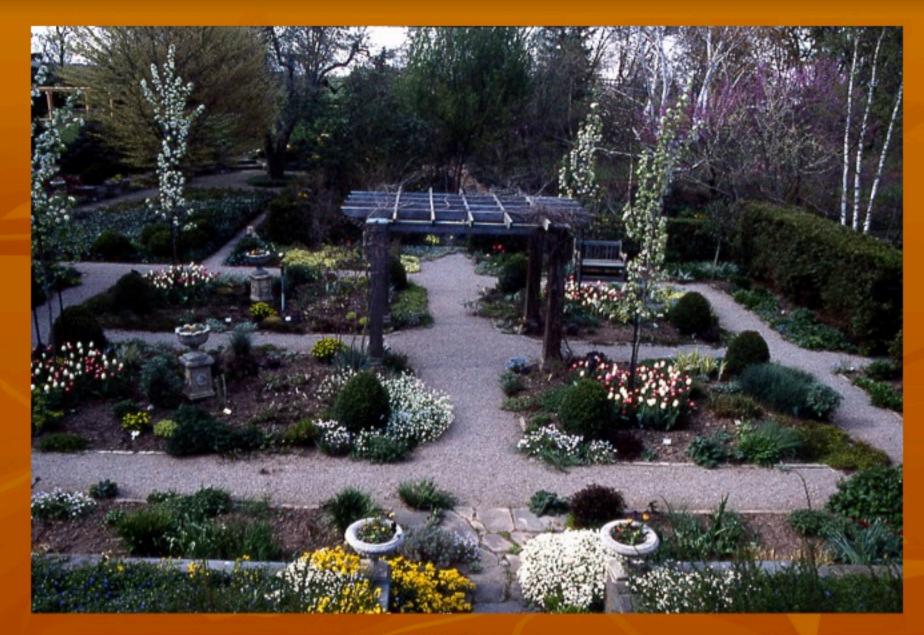


### The Plan



# The Cuddy Gardens





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## The McKeough Gardens



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### The Pascoe Garden



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## The Moore Residence



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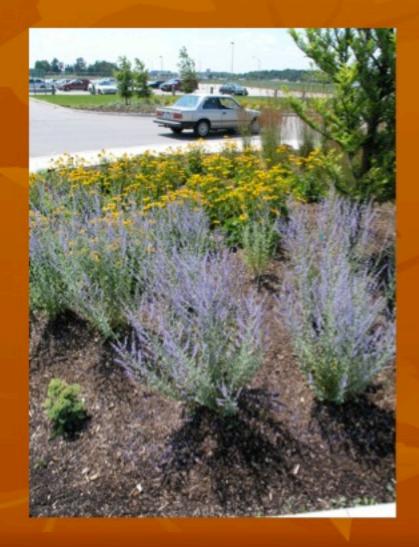
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When developing plant combinations look for drama amongst the ordinary.

- Foliage
- Bold colour combinations
- Use of trees and shrubs, even coppiced forms
- Evergreens, the untapped design resource



































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