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Style and Design of Landscape Art

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Not only is the building of a rockery one of the most interesting phases of gardening, but it is likewise an effective way of adding a modern note to the home grounds. No matter how your grounds are arranged, you will find some natural opportunity for a rock garden. An uneven piece of ground, a hillside, a ravine, or the banks bordering a walk or drive — any of these natural situations can be transformed into a distinctive rock garden. Even as a flat area may be graded to various levels and thus serve as the foundation of a rockery.

The planning and construction of a rock garden will stir your imagination and enthusiasm. Soon you will discover the fascinating possibilities of creating diminutive mountains, guiding an infant stream so that miniature cataracts tumble over rocks, and a tiny rill winds its way among the ferns in the valleys.

A rock garden should appear as naturalistic as possible, so keep this in mind when selecting the rocks. The best kind to use are those between the round or boulder type and the flat or flagstone type. Avoid the use of too many small stones for they will give a spotty artificial effect.

Prepare the soil before you start to work. Use equal parts of vege-

table fibre, garden loam, and coarse, sharp sand. Barnyard manure is too rich for rock gardens.

As you place the rocks in position remember that they will derive nourishment from the soil, not the rocks. Consequently, you must have more plant surface than rock surface. Lay the lower rocks first and place each upper rock so that it recedes from the one beneath. Tamp the soil tightly into the crevices to eliminate air pockets. Tilt the broadest surface of each rock so that the rain water can run into the soil pockets—this is important or the plants will suffer from lack of moisture.

In placing plants, consider their height, color, and adaptability. Drooping plants should be near the top; tufted varieties with short flower stalks, in the crevices; and creeping plants will cushion the flat area. Dwarf evergreens and shrubs are at home in the rockery, while taller varieties serve as a background.

Formal Plantings

There is a certain tidiness prevalent in all formal plantings that gives them an air of luxury and beauty. However, in all formal plantings great care must be exercised to originate something more or less natural

and distinctive. Failure to do this gives a "copy" job and it is immediately recognized as such; the same as a common print can be recognized as a copy from the original painting.

Where a formal garden is developed in keeping with the general surroundings and is linked together in the general scheme of architecture and landscape development, there is always an effect produced that is pleasing and unique. This constitutes real art.

There should be incorporated in the general scheme, enough permanent fixtures that will designate the outline. Garden seats, arches, sections of fences and hedges are very useful for this purpose.

The writer thinks the pool is the most attractive and interesting character in the garden, as the goldfish, pond lilies and other water plants are extremely attractive at all times. The liveliness of the fish, give an object of interest which is more or less fascinating and considerable time is always spent in this section of the garden.

Next in order, will be the bird house. Wrens and Martins usually predominate as interesting objects, however the Robins fall in line with their ever present hopping and chirping about the pool and garden.

A gazing globe, bird bath or sundial make interesting garden ornaments which usually fit in or adjacent to the formal garden.

It is very difficult to select material for a formal garden, if one hopes or wishes to keep it on a strictly formal basis. Edgings of ordinary privet hedge, the Amoor North variety, may be kept sheared to a height and width of six or eight inches, which would give it a distinct and formal line, for edging around the Perennial or Rose beds.

With a liberal use of Evergreens, one is assured of good winter effects. They also are the most attractive feature of the garden in early Spring, blending most beautifully with the Narcissus, Tulips and early bulbs. In late Fall when the garden has the appearance of being somewhat tired or worn, they again step into prominence with their touch of life and vigor, which after all is the essence of good landscape surroundings.

In selecting plant material for the formal garden, height and foliage effects should always be first in consideration. Plants selected so as to give a continual session of bloom, create a garden of interest at all times. The height of plants may vary according to width of beds, and size of garden, from one to three feet, and in extreme cases where a background or fence are present, plants up to a five foot height may be used. The lawn area should predominate.

The Old Fashioned Flower Garden

There may be some who never enjoyed an old fashioned flower garden and some who do not know what flowers such a magic spot would include. I will record right now as I remember Grandmother's flowers.

They occupied the fence corners and odd spots in the vegetable garden and sometimes got mixed up with the vegetables. The garden would not have been complete without the smoke-house adjoining, on whose roof the family cat often took refuge from the family dog. The family flowers

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