

## Lecture: Reinventing Your Landscape

“Garden Renovation: Transform Your Yard into the Garden of Your Dreams”: Landscapes, just like houses, sometimes need makeovers but homeowners are often stymied about how and where to begin. They need to know how to evaluate what they have, decide what they want, and put together a plan of action. The book provides a step-by-step process for reinventing the landscape to help make the changes seem less overwhelming.

### For homeowners

Where do you start?

What questions do you need to ask?

What don't you know that you need to know?

What are your needs?

What are your priorities?

What is your budget?

## **PART 1: Why Renovate?**

<A>Comfort

<A>Feeling Welcome

<A>Time to Make Changes

<A>Creating More Usable Space

<A> Need for Screening

<A>Financial Benefit

### **Defining Your Goals**

<A>Starting Point

<A>First Year

<A>.Dream Landscape

### **Budget**

## **PART 2: Evaluation of the Existing Landscape**

### **Environment**

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Drainage

<A>Soil

<A>Light

<A>Wind

<A>Microclimates

<A>Animals (from deer to dogs)

## Infrastructure

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Water

<B>Stormwater runoff/drainage

<B>Irrigation

<A>Retaining Walls

<A>Electrical wiring and outlets

<A>Lighting

<A>Public Utilities

## Maintenance

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>How Much Time?

<A>Appearance

<A>Weeds

<A>Plant Selection

<A>Evolution

<A>Hardscape

## Relationship of House and Landscape

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Rectilinear Theme

<A>Diagonal Theme

<A>Curvilinear Theme

<A>Arc and Tangent Theme

## Space and Hardscape

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Elements of Outdoor Rooms

<B>Ceilings

<B>Walls

<B> Floor

<A>Evaluating Existing Hardscape

<A>Evaluating Existing Outdoor Spaces (patios and decks)

<A>Considering New Features

## Enhancing What You Have

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Artistry

<B>Color

<B>Ornament

<A>Focal Points

<A>Blank Walls

<A>Enhancing Existing Features

<A>Winter

## Plants

<A>What to Keep/What to Change

<A>Trees

<A>Shrubs

<A>Perennials

<A>Ornamental Grasses

<A>Vines

<A>Bulbs

<A>Lawn

## PART 3: Doing It Yourself

### Time vs. Money

<A>Bubble diagram

<A>Removing plants

<A>Replacing hardscape elements

<A>Soil improvement

<A>Adding new plants

<A>Buying plants

<A>Sources of new plants

<B>Garden centers

<B>Plant exchanges and sales

<A>Maintenance

### Creating Impact Inexpensively

<A>Inspiration

<A>Scavenging

<A>Repurposing

<A>Illusion

## PART 4: Working with a Landscape Designer or Landscape

## Architect

What Is the Difference between a Landscape Architect (LA) and  
a Landscape Designer (LD)?

Paying for Expertise

## PART 5: Case Studies

The basics are not sexy: infrastructure, irrigation, drainage, painting the house, electric/gas/water  
lines for future appliances or lighting, amending the soil, construction,

The vision (when it's all done) is sexy