

# Careful Planning Needed in Design Of Flower Garden

Corvallis - Beauty in home landscape design is achieved with careful planning and thoughtful selection and placement of plants, according to George Freden, Oregon State college landscape architecture professor.

By applying a few basic principles of landscape design, anyone can have an attractively landscaped yard, Freden said. He has been conducting a series of home landscape clinics this winter and spring in various Oregon cities.

How trees are arranged on the property is a part of the

design, he noted. A row of small flowering trees along a driveway, a three - tree grouping in a semi-circle in the backyard, or a selected tree with interesting growth habits are all examples of making trees part of the design.

Plants are more easily recognized in design. A planting of the same small shrubs across the front of the house, terminating in larger shrubs and a small tree is a simple illustration of design using plants.

The way the gardens are

laid out through design helps establish a feeling about the yard, according to Freden. A border with undulating curves gives a restful appearance, while sharp angular lines create a busy, restless design.

Fence materials should be selected with the design in mind, he added. Coarse, rough boards are better used in larger areas where they form a background for plants. Lighter, smaller boards and materials such as lath, slats, plastic and wire are best used for screening nearer the viewer.

A square patio behind the house is uninteresting and usually hard to work into a good landscape. With only a slight change in the design, the patio can become the main attraction in the yard. An example would be a slight angle with a walk attached for circulation into the yard.

**Color Creates Warmth**

Color can be used in design to create warmth - reds and yellows - or coolness - greens and blues. Warm colors appear closer to the viewer and cool colors appear farther away. Blooming plants, there-

fore, are part of the design through arrangement in the yard and the color of the bloom.

Design is accomplished too by the coarseness or fineness of the texture of the plant leaves. The finer the leaf - such as Juniper or heather - the farther away the plant appears.

Leaves of laurel, rhododendron or camellia appear much closer because the leaves are readily identifiable by shape and size. When these plants are used near a doorway, they often appear too heavy or

dense, the landscape expert pointed out.

**Determined Through Design**

Above all, the scale of the garden is determined through design. The patio should be large enough for groups, but small enough for a few people to be comfortable while sitting or eating.

Plant sizes should be chosen to coincide with the size of the garden in which they are to be placed. Several small trees are usually much better than one large tree.

"As long as gardens are to be used by people, the gar-

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