

GARDENS Four Seasons

“Inspired landscape Design since 1989!”

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Introducing GARDENDESIGN 2017! I’ve decided to try publishing editions every 2 months instead of my usual monthly. As much as I love putting GARDENDESIGN together - due to time constraints, I had a choice of producing quantity or quality. It was an easy decision to produce only the *best* for you, my readers.

Hope you enjoy it just as much as before but just a little less frequently!



HOUSE NUMBERS

House Numbers - who would have ever thought that would be a Landscape Design consideration? It never occurred to me until I was touring around some of Saskatoon's newer residential developments & noticed the the popularity of strong statement house numberals.

Now these numbers are not just your average 'attached-to-the-house-by-the-front-door-over-the-mailbox'. Nope, they ranged from freestanding, floating or fastened to a divider or boulder & everything in between.



- love the way burgundy hued shrubs are used as a backdrop. It really makes the figures stand out nicely.

Gosh how I wish I had thought of this idea! But even tho' I didn't, I can at least have fun enlightening your world! (Plus New Visitors & Local Cabbies will be forever grateful!)

When looking to announce your address to the world - there's a few key things to keep in mind:

- * make sure the background is conducive to seeing the address clearly
- * text should be large enough to easily read (particularly for those of us nearsighted folks!)



* simple to read digits or lettering are ideal



- *feast your eyes on the drama created here!*

* place them in a logical location where you most expect numbers to be. Avoid putting them on step faces, bottoms of doors, sunk into or painted onto sidewalks or step landings, in plant pots or anyplace that is not near the main entrance or garage. They will be frustrating to visually locate unless they are extremely oversized.





- 'script' house address are very classy looking

- & so are mixes of 'letters' & numbers!



* lit up at night is best - I don't think I need to elaborate there!



- floating 'symbols' like these are not only sharp looking but they are one of the first things that catch your attention.



* use the opportunity to add some personality & street appeal to your front entrance!

Have fun with house numbers - they are a thoughtful touch to a gorgeous landscape & tell the world who you are & what you like!



UPCOMING EVENTS

GARDENSCAPE - March 24-26, 2017

Details in the **March/April GARDENDESIGN**

(but just a small hint - I will have a booth there this year!)



The Backyard
Lifestyle
Show



PLANT OF THE MONTH

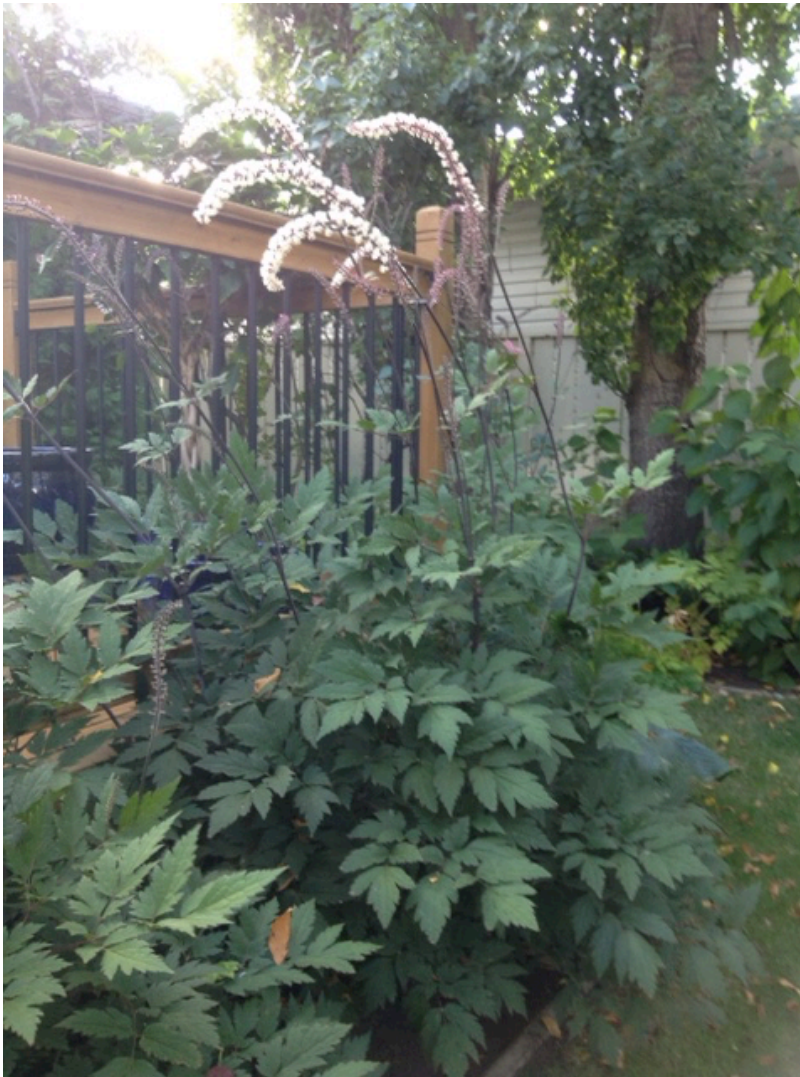
CIMICIFUGA '*Racemosa*'

(aka Bugbane or Black Cohosh - yes - THAT black cohosh :)

I was turned on to this incredible perennial by a friend of mine recently. I'd heard about it before (& what woman over 40 hasn't heard of Black Cohosh? ;) but wasn't sure if it would survive nicely in Saskatoon. Turns out - it is very hardy!



It might be tricky to find this Spring but well worth your hunt. Reaching heights of 4' - 5' with a spread of about 3' - 4', the burgundy tinged stems as well as underside of the foliage only increases it's appeal when it blooms late summer. It'll take morning sun but is TOTALLY shade tolerant & if that weren't enough - produces incredibly FRAGRANT blossoms. This might just be THE *perfect* plant!



- *Thanks for sharing your pics
Janey!*



DESIGN BRILLIANCE

So, so simple yet so cool! Perfect for a beach house or cottage!



Feel free to visit my **PINTEREST** & **HOUZZ** sites for more uber-cool interpretations of house addresses!



Go to my website - www.gardensfourseasons.com & click on the



icon **OR** the



houzz icon

OR Simply click either of the following links :

<https://www.pinterest.com/gardens4seasons/boards/>

<https://www.houzz.com/pro/nееееее2/gardens-four-seasons>



OK - I've started 2017 off with a bit of a fluffy, light topic SO -

GARDENDESIGN in MAR/APR. will allow me to elaborate on a very *important* topic -

DRAINAGE ISSUES
- watch for it soon!

BACK ISSUES on **STEPS?** If you'd like to read it just drop me note & it will be in your Inbox before you know it!



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(or they can request their own copy from me!)

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email list - EVER! :)**

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