

GARDENS Four Seasons

GARDENDESIGN - JUNE 2016

(what! JUNE *ALREADY!*?)

“Almost any garden, if you see it at just the right moment, can be confused with paradise.”

- Henry Mitchell

(my belief entirely - *every* garden is beautiful!)

WATER IN YOUR GARDEN

I am a firm believer that any garden is not complete unless you include the element of water. Anyone who's had any type of water feature in their yard will know what I am talking about - particularly if you've moved to a new home & there is no water to appreciate yet :(

Assuming you have the time, energy, money & inclination - by all means - go with what your heart desires - it is what makes your yard - yours! However, not everyone is up for a major water component. An elaborate fountain or huge pond is not necessary to enjoy the tactile feel of H₂O. This month's GARDENDESIGN is dedicated to the people that are like me - love water details of any size or variety but basically love just the look or sound.



- crystalline, clear glass orb balancing in a shallow pool - utter simplicity & low maintenance.

I've experimented with various kinds of water features but today I satisfy myself with a Tub Garden and a Birdbath. Keep in mind that if water is moving or it evaporates in a few days (ie: shallow vessel) or if you've goldfish you will not

have a problem with mosquito breeding. With these items your main concern will be keeping it topped up.

We looked at the simple Tub Garden last month so now let's take a peek at a few samplings of what is available to add to our little Edens.



- quaint table top recirculating fountain

- here's a trio of unique ideas to incorporate water into your yard





- hmmm -m - I may know a few people that would love to see this on tap in their yards!



- another charming table top fountain

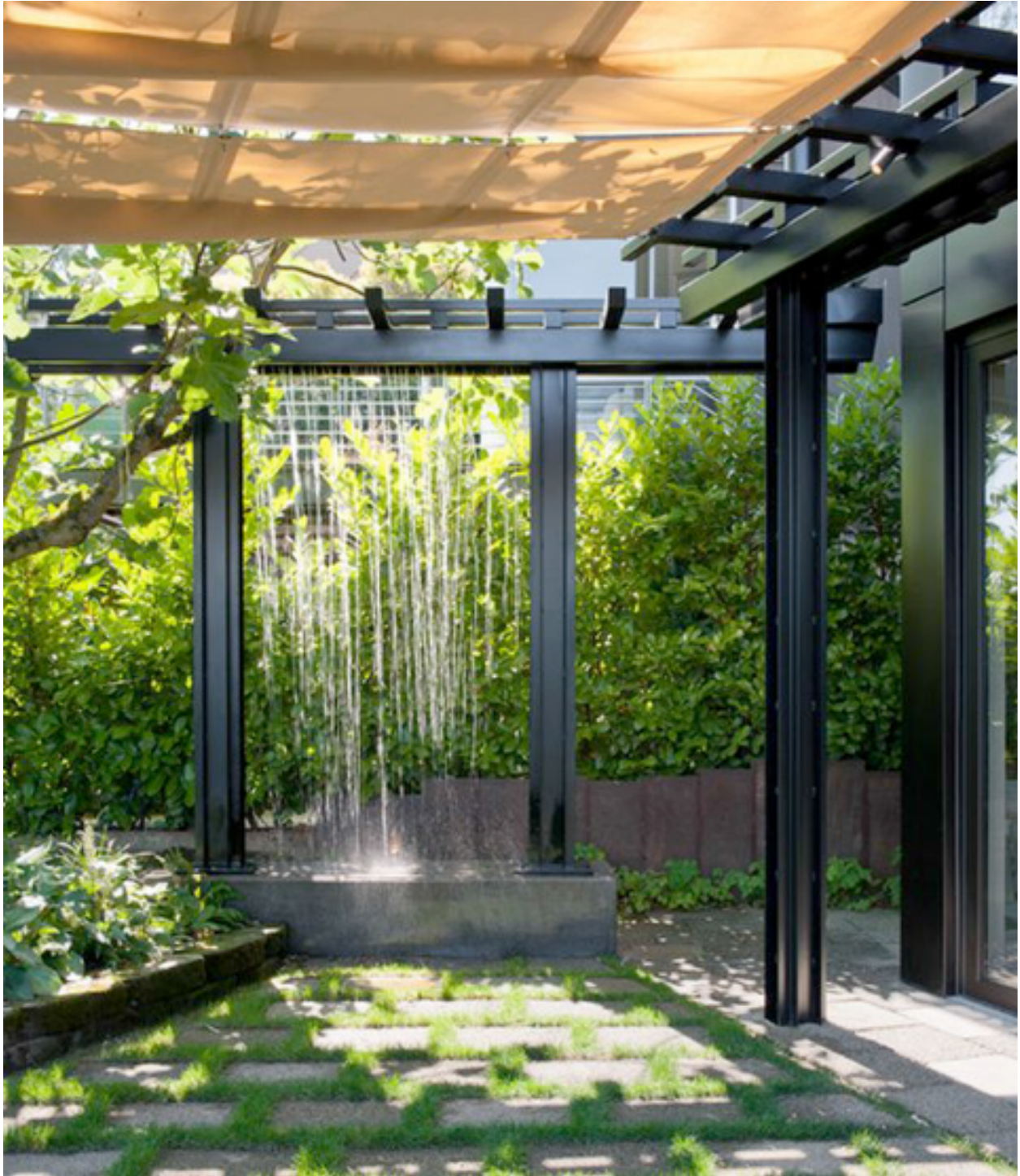
I cannot tell you how much time I spend on PINTEREST - suffice it say I am a bit addicted. Relish the results of my browsings as they relate to Garden Design & hit up my PINTEREST page. I have 61 boards set up on various topics - so, please indulge yourself by clicking the following link :

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



I am also almost equally guilty of the amount of time I spend on HOUZZ so you can check that out here:

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



- the play of sun shining thru' a water fall & glistening on the pool surface.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHALLENGE TO ALL READERS ! - a friend suggested a group of us exchange pictures of our best annual planters so we can have ideas for next year. So I stole her idea & challenge all my GARDENDESIGN Readers to submit a picture in Sept. of any container(s) you grow this Summer that you are particularly proud of. I will publish them all in the October E-Newsletter - that way we can all learn from each other - a great way to share GARDEN DESIGN inspiration!

Meantime - I have to share a unique take on 'easy' gardening shared by a reader's neighbour. This makes excellent use of a narrow, sunny side yard where there is no planting space available. He used an old ladder set on plastic milk bins to support bags of potting soil, Then he slit holes in the bags, planted them up & voila - gardener - innovation is thy name! He even used the milk bins to hold a bag of potting soil - Love it! (thanks for sharing Michelle S.!)



& speaking of innovative - I thought I'd seen just about everything used as a container for planting until I screeched to a halt one day to snap a pic of this old Papasan Chair cleverly lined with landscape cloth, planted with veggies & placed in a sunny spot. Whenever a person wants to garden - they WILL find a way!



PLANT OF THE MONTH

SEASCAPE STRAWBERRY

The sweetest, juiciest most flavourful strawberry I have ever had the pleasure of enjoying. This everbearing strawberry variety wins my vote every

time. Not only does it produce fruit from the 1st part of June to the 1st days of frost in Sept., it grows lush & overwinters like a charm! I have them planted all along the flower border in my back yard where anyone can help themselves to a natural treat.



You might have to do a little scouting but they are available at local greenhouses for your eating pleasure.

Feel free to forward this to any friends!

DESIGN BRILLIANCE

I don't want to brag but - well, okay maybe I do!

I designed the Landscape for the home on the cover of the Summer issue of SASKATOON HOME & Luke Rempel of City Gardens Landscaping did the installation. The article on the SEAMLESS ADDITION is just one of many pieces in this wonderful local publication. Tho' it focuses only on the addition to this heritage home I did have a few things to say in the first article entitled PROJECTS WITH AN ROI. A much appreciated opportunity Amanda!



Pick up a copy at most Safeways & Sobeys or check it out online :

<http://issuu.com/saskatoonhomemagazine/docs/skhomesummer2016/8?e=1825134/35974558>

GARDEN DESIGN - JULY

Since we are on the topic of H₂O - why not go with the flow & splash the topic into the month of July! I have not forgotten those who already have a water feature or those that do not want the maintenance of one - next month we'll look at ways to simulate the look & feel with - **WATER WHISPERS**.

Ready for *more* DESIGN ideas?



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