



## THE WELL-DESIGNED MIXED GARDEN

### FIRST STEPS IN THE DESIGN PROCESS

#### SITE EVALUATION

Light. Soil. Hardiness

#### OBJECTIVES

Maintenance & Budget, Style, Location, Type, Function, Color, Peak Season, Plants

**SCALE :** The relative SIZE of an element or area

**PROPORTION:** The RELATIONSHIP of the elements size to each other

The Ratio of one dimension to another GOLDEN MEAN 1:1.618

**FIBONACCI NUMBER SERIES:** 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ETC

**PROPORTION:** 1/3 RULE

### 3 DIMENSIONS OF COLOR:

- HUE:** Pure color containing no white, black, or gray
  - Analogous Colors – colors adjacent on the color wheel
  - Complementary/Contrasting – Colors opposite on the color wheel
- VALUE:** The degree of a color's luminosity or the amount of light reflected back from it
- INTENSITY:** The tone or relative colorfulness or grayness of a color

### FACTORS AFFECTING COLOR APPEARANCE

Light Distance Color Interaction Texture & Form

#### COLOR SCHEMES:

- **Monochromatic**-Incorporates shades, tints, and tones of a single basic color
- **Analogous** -Incorporates two or three colors adjacent on color wheel)
- **Complementary/Contrasting**-Incorporates two colors opposite one another :
- **Polychromatic**-Incorporates many different colors
- **Personalized Limited Color Palette**

**TEXTURE :** Fine Average Bold

**FORM** Mound Vertical Horizontal Irregular Vase Weeping

## DESIGN PRINCIPLES:

**ORDER:** Balance Mass Collection

**UNITY:** Dominance Repetition Interconnection

**RHYTHM:** Repetition Alternation Gradation

## ART IN THE MIXED GARDEN:

### SMALL MIXED GARDEN DESIGNS

- **Victorian Village:** Period Garden/ Polygromatic 2/3 cool 1/3 warm: Syringa myeri, (standard) Fothergilla gardenii, Itea 'Henry's Garnet', Yucca 'Golden Sword' Rosa 'Hansa', Clematis terniflora, Phlox 'David', Scabiosa Butterfly Blue, Coreopsis 'Moonbeam'
- **German Village:** German Style/Fragrant Native Plants/2/3 warm 1/3 cool: Espalier Magnolia 'Braken's Brown Beauty', & fruit trees, Rhododendron viscosum, Calycanthus 'Athens', Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata', Laburnum 'Vossii', Lonicera 'Graham Thomas', Ascepias tuberosa, Spigelia marilandica, Polygonatum 'Variegatum', Helleborus x hybridus, Hakonechloa 'All Gold'
- **New Albany:** Feminine, Fine textures, pastels & fragrance: Espalier Prunus x 'Hally Jolivette', Clematis 'Multi Blue', Cornus kousa 'Wolf Eyes', Lavandula 'Provence', Hydrangea 'Endless Summer', Rosa 'New Dawn',

### MEDIUM MIXED GARDEN DESIGNS

- **Gahanna:** Woodland style Acorus 'Ogon' Geranium macrorrhizum, Helleborus x hybridus, Polystichum polyplepharum, Polygonatum 'Variegatum'
- **Cincinnati:** Period Garden Ellen Biddle Shipman inspiration. 300+ Heirloom dahlias (Old House Gardens), Zinnia 'Queen Red Lime' & 'Benary Giant Series', Gophrena 'Audray Bicolor Rose', Coreopsis 'Crème Brulee' Cotinus 'Royal Purple', Symphyotrichum 'Raydon's Favorite', Dianthus 'Bath's Pink', Linum 'Sapphire Blue', 60+ Papaver somniferum forms & P. rhoeas 'Angel's Choir'

### LARGE MIXED GARDEN DESIGNS

- **Hayden Run Community Garden:** 10,000+ Perennials, 3,000 annuals, 150 trees & shrubs, 20,000 spring bulbs 400 cubic yds organic matter, Hot colors & large masses for drive-by appeal, Zinnia 'Benary Giant Mix', Perovskia, Echinacea 'Milkshake', Crocosmia 'Lucifer', Agastache 'Blue Fortune', Hydrangea Incrediball, Dahlia 'Karma Sangria', Echinacea 'Pink Double Delight', Coreopsis Panicum 'Cheyenne Sky' 450- Schizachyrium 'The Blues', Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster', Verbena bonariensis, Cosmos 'Sea Shells',

**References: The Well-Designed Mixed Garden, The Well-Tended Perennial Garden, 50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants by Tracy DiSabato-Aust**

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