



In the Garden

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The famous English garden at Sissinghurst Castle

“The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they...always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before.”

Vita Sackville-West of Sissinghurst

Garden Retouching

Gardens continually change, both through the seasons and over the years as plants grow, and sometimes die. Not only that, but the priorities and tastes of gardeners change as well. I think that's what makes gardening and garden design so endlessly fascinating and challenging.

In order to facilitate the progress of my client's, or anyone's, garden, I am available for **Garden Retouching and Coaching**. This service is applicable to already installed gardens, and also gardens in the process of installation by do-it-yourselfers.

These services could include:

- Fine tuning your garden by making small adjustments, adding or removing plants
- Adding ground covers and perennials for more summer lushness and color
- Bulb selection and placement for early spring color
- Hands-on instruction on plants to be cut back in late February/early March
- Removable flag reminders on plants to be cut back for busy gardeners
- Advice on a replacement plant if something died in winter
- Help in finding plants to be purchased
- How and when to prune
- Deadheading in summer
- Winterizing the garden
- Design advice during installation
- Help choosing containers and other garden ornaments

My services are adaptable to the needs of the individual client, but some possible forms they may take are a one-time consultation, or regular visits 2 or 3 times a year, perhaps in spring, summer and fall. My fee for garden retouching and coaching is \$45.00 an hour.

Remember-- Sissinghurst garden wasn't built in a day!

**To do list for
Late Summer/Early Fall:**

- Water trees and shrubs well once a week (more often if they are newly planted). It's better to soak them deeply than to water often but shallowly. Deep watering promotes deep roots that can withstand drought better.
- Water containers daily in dry weather, apply water soluble fertilizer weekly.
- Perennials that start blooming in early summer often get 'tired' by late summer and start to flop. If they are cut back in August, lightly fertilized and watered well they will re-sprout new neat looking leaves and sometimes re-bloom into fall. Examples of this type of perennial are *Salvia* 'May Night' and *S. 'Purple Rain'*, *Tradescantia* (Spiderwort), *Coreopsis*, and some Hardy Geraniums.
- Deadhead roses to prolong bloom
- Deadhead spireas to keep them looking neat, and to keep them blooming.
- If you are going on vacation during hot weather, place your containers in a kiddie pool or large basin in a shady spot. Fill the pool 1/3 to 1/2 full of water so the plants can soak up as needed. By the time you get back, the pool will be empty but the plants will be well watered.

For a more complete, personalized "to-do" list, clients may refer to their Design Information booklet.

Upcoming Local Events

***Moonviewing Festival
Japanese Garden***

www.japanesegarden.com/

September 7th & 8th, 6:30 -9:30 pm
\$25 for the general public/ \$20 for members

Reservations required

Enjoy the serenity of a moonlit night in this lovely garden. There will be a Tea ceremony and also Sake, Miso Soup and Moon Dumplings will be served

***Tuesday By Twilight
Portland Classical Chinese
Garden***

www.portlandchinesegarden.org/

August 15th 7:00 pm

\$15 in advance: & \$17 at the door
Afincando, a Cuban salsa band will be performing. Boxed dinners and refreshments are available.

Also, paintings by Chinese artists will be on display during August.



Enjoy your garden!

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