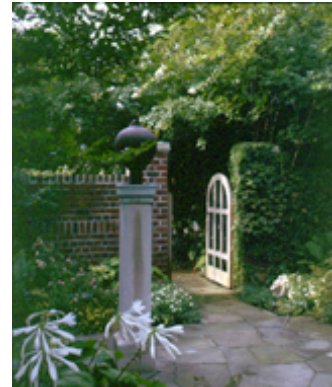


## WHERE DETAILS ENGAGE THE SENSES

What would a landscape be without framed views or welcoming and guiding cues? What would a garden be without the smell of pungent blooms, the trickle of dripping water, and the tapestry of ephemeral color? Impressions are the work of our senses, and it is often the sensual details that form the backdrop of the experiences that we have within a particular setting.

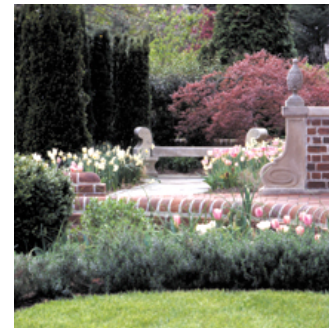


While our lives may be driven by large goals and dreams, our days are guided by small moments and encounters. We spend our time with individual matters and find that sometimes these minor moments count the most. It is the same with garden design; while a strong concept and a clear vision determine the intent of a garden, the details ultimately decide its success. In order to achieve this, the landscape architect enriches the character of place with sensory-driven details to create spaces that are engaging, appropriate, and pleasing.



Once the landscape architect has established an overall structure, emphasis is placed on thoughtfully furnishing the circulation and garden spaces, both distinctly and discreetly, with layers of details that heighten the senses. From bold gestures and subtle sounds to intricate colors, textures, and patterns, compositions are woven from a broad palette of materials and forms to express the desired character of the property.

As seasons change, so does the ephemeral character of the landscape. Therefore, each design detail must be considered along with the elements that surround it throughout the year. How can plant combinations be formed to expose differences in color, form, and texture? Where can fragrances be introduced? Is water used to create a pleasant sound in a quiet garden, to add dimension through reflection, or to drown out ambient clatter? What impression is left when the leaves are gone, the water stops flowing, the colors change, or snow blankets the ground? Each consideration is significant to the overall design composition.



By focusing on the nuances of the details, the landscape architect is able to engage multiple senses simultaneously and affect people individually, throughout each season. Whether one is engaged by panoramic beauty, the blend of carefully selected plants, the sound of a path underfoot, or the way warm light is thrown or a cool shadow cast, it is the subtle details that pique the senses to offer a feeling of enrichment and renewal.