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ART OF A GARDEN

Four Palm Beach County landscape architects and designers discuss the artistic attributes of gardens.

By Catherine Smith and Kaci L. Winter

"What artist so noble ... as he who, with far-reaching conception of beauty, in designing power, sketches the outlines, writes the colors and directs the shadows of a picture so great that Nature shall be employed upon it for generations, before the work he arranged for her shall realize his intentions."

— Frederick Law Olmstead (1822-1903)

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WILLIAM REEVE CHOOSES A BOCA RATON WATERFRONT GARDEN AND THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

William Reeve knows that bigger does not always mean better. The certified landscape designer and horticulturist's favorite residential project is a petite garden in Boca Raton's Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club. "We were able to incorporate a lot of fun design elements into a small, waterfront backyard," he says. "We utilized a curvilinear retainer wall to create two new terraced planting areas whereas before the home had a very steep slope of unusable space leading to the water."



Many may think the American Orchid Society in Delray Beach is home to only orchids, but they would be "pleasantly surprised to find a large collection of plants from Florida natives to rare exotics from around the world," Reeve says of his top public garden. "Their property may not be as large as others, but they have some of the more unusual trees, palms and plants that can be grown in Palm Beach, not to mention the incredible year-round orchid display." 🌀

