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DESIGN INSPIRATION

"I just came back from Norway, where I spent time in an area that's being redeveloped around Bergen, an interesting new landscape. I'm inspired by the pedestrian walks taking shape all along the water. On the wooden docks they're using parts of the old shipping facilities, like distressed metal and timbers. New cast-iron pavers as accent pieces echo old iron sewer lids."

CALENDAR



MARCH 21 & 22

Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour

Los Angeles area, CA—Thanks to the Theodore Payne Foundation, more than 40 Los Angeles-area gardens that demonstrate drought

tolerance, food security, and resilience ecology will be open for perusing. Chat with garden owners, designers, docents, and fellow gardeners. nativeplantgardentour.org



MARCH 22–MAY 15 Woods to Wildflowers

San Francisco, CA—The Arthur L. Menzies Garden of California Native Plants at San Francisco Botanical Garden is home to 4 acres of arroyos, ponds, wood-

lands, and meadows where hundreds of species of wildflowers will be in bloom come March. Plant maps, tours, and classes will be available. sfbotanicalgarden.org

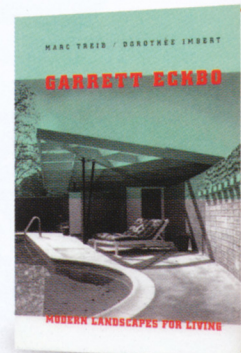
PICKS OF THE SEASON

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BY SUSAN HEEGER



A native of Norway, landscape architect Ive Haugeland grew up on a farm picking wild achillea from fields around her house. "I've always loved animals and plants," she says, remembering how, while her friends played with dolls, she made gardens for hers, complete with walks, furniture, and flowers. "Now," she jokes, "people pay me to do this!" Shades of Green Landscape Architecture (shadesofgreenla.com), her Sausalito, California, firm, is known for a Scandinavian simplicity of line and an exuberant profusion of plants. She has lately designed a line of garden furniture and accessories named, of course, after her horse: Rhapsody.



WHAT TO READ

"For me, it's *Garrett Eckbo: Modern Landscapes for Living* (University of California Press, 2005) by Marc Treib and Dorothee Imbert. Eckbo did a lot to revolutionize garden design in California, to make it more democratic and available to ordinary people, and to encourage indoor and outdoor living. And he had Norwegian family!"

FURNITURE DESIGN

"The inspiration for our custom line, Rhapsody, was the desire to make something different from what's already out there and to use recycled materials, which usually look so rustic, in more refined ways. Our aluminum stools (pictured here) have seats made from recycled wine barrels—a very local material in the Bay Area. The Barnacle wall planter, also aluminum, can be used alone or in multiple modules to create a simpler, less expensive green wall."



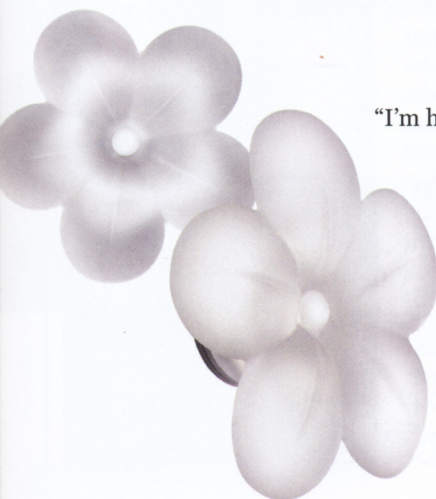
BUILDING BLOCKS

"I like concrete pavers because they are clean and precise. The ones that are from Concrete Collaborative (concrete-collaborative.com) are more exciting than the usual, with more textures, sizes, shapes, and colors to choose from. Some have different aggregates in them for a shell-like texture, others have a wood-like finish."



NURSERY PICK

"Flora Grubb Gardens (floragrubb.com) in San Francisco is the ultimate 'candy store' for any gardener! It's so nicely put together, the spaces are beautiful, and they always have new, interesting plants you can't find elsewhere."



LIGHT IT UP

"I'm having fun with Wallflowers from Flos (usa.flos.com)—we've used these glass light fixtures on a wall beside a fountain and on a trellis covered with evergreen clematis. It's a great garden effect, these lit-up, stylized blooms."



MARCH 28

California Native Sage Festival
Claremont, CA—The Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will celebrate sage with native-plant tastings, lectures about the traditional and medicinal uses of native sages (and



other native plants), and walking tours of their sage collection. Native sage plants, and sage-infused soaps and balms from local vendors will be available for purchase. rsabg.org

APRIL 11, 18 & 25

Gardening Workshop Series: Planting the Organic Garden

La Cañada Flintridge, CA—Mike Brown (horticulturist and radio personality) will lead this three-part workshop series at Descanso



Gardens about getting the best results from your organic garden. Sessions will include a lecture and hands-on experience. descansogardens.org