

BACK TO THE FUTURE A Garden Symposium



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Some gardens (and gardeners) present significant challenges: plant lust run amok, an established focal point that has no sense of “place”, or a hodge-podge of multi-colored plants that better resemble grandmas crazy quilt than a well curated collection. Learn how to creatively solve these and other common design problems while also discovering how to break at least some design rules (because most of us are rebel gardeners at heart).

Laugh as you learn and find ways to still have that Disco Garden your heart craves, what to do about all those random garden art purchases, and how to make the best of a bad situation.

Karen Chapman was born in England and grew up with a trowel in her hand. After moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1996 she joined one of the leading garden nurseries as a garden plant specialist. Helping hundreds of customers create beautiful combinations of plants to enhance their outdoor living spaces was always a delight. Ten years later Karen established **Le jardinet** in order to provide a service that takes all the time, stress and guesswork out of the design process for you.

In the recent past she has taught container gardening at Edmonds Community College and continues to teach both container and landscape design in occasional workshops and events as well as offering a range of online learning opportunities. Karen frequently give presentations and now extends her passion for sharing great gardens by [leading garden tours](#) both in the United States and England.

When not teaching garden design or talking about it Karen is usually *writing* about it, and her articles and designs have been featured in many national gardening publications including *Fine Gardening*, *Country Gardens*, *Sunset*, and *Garden Design*. In addition, she has co-authored two books with Christina Salwitz; the award-winning ***Fine Foliage*** (St. Lynn's Press, 2013) and the highly acclaimed ***Gardening with Foliage First*** (Timber Press, 2017). Her latest book ***Deer-Resistant Design*** (Timber Press, 2019) has received excellent reviews.

Specializing in creating artistic plant combinations with a four-season foliage framework, functional outdoor living spaces and deer resistant, summer-dry designs, it gives her great pleasure to share her love of gardening with you.