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CREATE an *Oasis* on a DECK, PATIO or BALCONY

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... responsible solutions.

THINK OF IT AS A ROOM

- Apply color, texture and other decorating principles
- Use plants to help define and decorate the space
- Container gardens for screening, color, fragrance and more
- Add water features, fire pits and tables, garden art...as desired

CONSULT WITH THOSE WHO WILL ALSO USE THE SPACE

- Include furnishings and features that appeal to all ages

FUNCTION: HOW WILL YOU USE THE SPACE?

- Solitary space for relaxing, reading and more
- Space for small gatherings
 - Recommended space needed
 - ◆ 6-10' x 8-12' (1.8 - 3 meters x 2.4 - 3.7 meters)
 - Entertainment

CREATING A SPACE TO ENTERTAIN

- Tie indoors to the outdoors
 - Make it convenient
- Easy to maintain
- Furnishings suited to the space
- Provide sufficient space to sit, move and more
 - 3' (1 meter) on all sides around the table and chairs for people to move

CREATIVE DIY FURNISHINGS

- Old table turned planter and water feature
- Cement top with hosta leaf impressions
- Succulents growing on side of bar

BRING THE TABLE TO THE GARDEN

- Edible Flowers

- Container of your seasonal favorites
 - Swiss chard, lettuce, pansies
- Salad Bar planter with greens
 - Have guests pick and create their own salad
- Elevated Planter with Cloche
- Movable planters for convenience
 - Demeter Elevated Garden
- Plant-a-Bar
 - Include herbs to flavor beverages
 - ◆ Basil, mint, lavender, cutting celery, lovage (big and hardy) and more
- Edible Centerpiece
 - Herbs and snips for guests to season their entrees
- Gluten-free wraps of Malabar (*Basella rubra*)
- Stackable Planter Centerpiece
- Succulent Centerpiece
- Holiday Centerpiece

VEGETABLES FOR CONTAINER GARDENS

- Free Webinar Recordings and Handouts available On Demand
 - Food Gardening in Containers
 - Growing Nutritious Herbs & Vegetables in a Garden or Container
 - Tomato Tips and Tricks
- Tomatoes
 - 2-3 gallon for smaller varieties
 - 5 gallon for larger varieties
 - Wider planters appear to be better
- AAS Patio Pride Peas
- AAS French Mascotte Snap Beans
- AAS Patio Choice Yellow Cherry Tomato
- AAS Torenzo
- AAS Pot-a-peno

Summit Responsible Solutions

Protecting you, and the environment we live in.

Summit Mosquito Dunks® and Mosquito Bits® are America's favorite biological mosquito controls because they kill mosquitoes before they become biting, disease-spreading adults. The active ingredient is *Bti* (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*), a bacterium that's deadly to mosquito larvae but harmless to other living things.

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- Strawberries in Containers and Hanging Baskets
- AAS Delizz Strawberry
- Fruit in Containers
- Fruit for Small Spaces
- Bushel and Berry® Raspberry Shortcake®
- Baby Cakes® Blackberry
- Perpetua® Blueberry

EVENING GATHERINGS AROUND THE FIRE

- Leave at least 2 - 2.5' (.6 - .8 meter) between edge of fire pit and surrounding seating
- 2.5' (.8 meter) of circulation behind the chairs

DON'T OVERLOOK THE PORCH AS AN OPTION

EVALUATE THE SURROUNDINGS

- Views to keep and those to screen
 - Be selective in screening
 - Borrow neighboring views
 - ◆ Beautiful gardens and natural spaces
 - ◆ Bird baths, feeders and bird-friendly plants
 - Prevent mosquitoes from breeding in water

BEST OF BOTH

- Adjustable screening

CONSIDER STYLE

- Complements your landscape
- Fits your personality
- Tropical
 - Colorful flowers and foliage
 - ◆ Cannas
 - Starting Cannas
 - ◆ Elephant Ears
 - Planting
 - Overwintering
 - ◆ Sweet Potato Vine
 - ◆ Banana
 - Overwintering
 - ◆ Palms

- ◆ Cordyline
- ◆ Croton
- ◆ Mandevilla
 - Overwintering
- ◆ Passion Flower Vine (*Passiflora incarnata* - native)
 - some species are invasive in some areas

◦ Overwintering Tropical Plants

- ◆ As a houseplant
- ◆ Cool location - semi or totally dormant
- ◆ Store "bulb" for winter in cool, dark location

• Modern

- Metal furnishings
- Soften with plantings

• Casual - Informal

- Mixed containers or groupings of containers
- Lantana
 - ◆ Invasive in some areas - look for sterile varieties

◦ Coleus

- ◆ Overwintering

◦ Gryphon Begonia

- ◆ Overwintering Begonias

◦ Croton

◦ Tiny Mice / Bat Plant (*Cuphea*)

◦ Sweet Potato Vine with *Artemisia stelleriana* 'Silver Brocade'

- ◆ Artemisias can be aggressive - invasive?

• Immersed in nature

POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PLANTS

• Hummingbird Favorites

◦ Cuphea

- ◆ Overwintering

◦ Pentas with Licorice Vine

- ◆ Overwintering Pentas

◦ Anise Sage like Black & Blue Salvia with Rudbeckia



About Melinda

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening, the Midwest Gardener's Handbook 2nd Edition released 2022, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program airing on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and Instant Video, including the latest Food Gardening for Everyone DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine, writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column and a nationally-distributed gardening column. She appears regularly as a guest expert on national and local television and radio shows.

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- Agastache with Petunia
- Native Honeysuckle Vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
 - ♦ Major Wheeler - disease resistant, bright red flowers

ADD FRAGRANCE

- Nicotiana (*N. sylvestris* shown)
- Heliotrope (Marino Blue shown)
- Stock (*Matthiola incana*)
- Sweet Alyssum
- Dianthus (Firewitch shown, 2006 Perennial Plant of the Year)

MANAGING MOSQUITOES

- Keep them away
 - Fan - mosquitoes are weak fliers
 - Citronella candles - every few feet (.5 meter) throughout the space
 - Mosquito Dunk Trap - Doug Tallamy's recommendation for DIY mosquito trap
 - ♦ Partially fill a 5 gallon bucket with water
 - ♦ Add a handful of straw or hay
 - ♦ Place it in a sunny place in your yard (I recommend away from gathering spots)
 - ♦ After a few days the hay creates a "brew" that attracts female mosquitoes where they lay their eggs
 - ♦ Add a Summit Mosquito Dunk to the mix to kill the larvae once the eggs hatch. The dunk provides 30 days of control and won't harm beneficial insects, people, pets and wildlife.

DEFINE THE SPACE

- Low walls
- Plantings
 - Grasses
- Structures with canopies and walls
- Planters at various levels

- Green Walls
 - Picture Frame Green Wall Garden
- Makeover by fence
 - Use existing shrubs to define the space
 - Mulched to smother weeds and create surface
 - Containers to soften fence and further define space
- Makeover by end of driveway
 - Temporary bamboo screen to soften neighbor's garage
 - Upright grasses and shrubs in front of screen
 - Indoor-outdoor carpet to define space, cover cracks
 - Containers allow for seasonal gardening and changes

CREATING PRIVACY - WALLS, SCREENS, DIVIDERS

- Garden between house and driveway
 - Morning Glory (reseeds readily - some species invasive in some areas) and native Honeysuckle vines on obelisks
 - Low fencing and plantings along border
- Avoid monoculture such as all arborvitae
- A few examples:
 - Pots of tropical plants - dense screening
 - Dutchman's Pipe Vine
 - Hanging baskets and planters at Dallas Arboretum
 - ♦ Silver Falls Dichondra with white pumpkins
 - ♦ Black-eyed Susan Vine (*Thunbergia*)
 - ♦ Canna, Sweet Potato...
 - ♦ Pile of pumpkins and decorative squash
 - Use tall plants next to much shorter plants to create illusion of depth
 - Lattice fencing at corner of deck
 - Arbor with hanging baskets and containers for screening

UPCOMING APPEARANCES & WEBINARS

Check often as more appearances and webinars continue to be added.

March 18th

Spring into Gardening
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March 22nd Webinar

[In a Pot, You Can Grow a Lot!](#)

March 25th

2023 Outagamie Co. Master Gardener
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March 26th & April 1st

Greater Milwaukee Realtors Home &
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March 29th Webinar

*[Understanding Gardening Basics to
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April 5th Webinar

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Plants!](#)*

April 11th

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- Trellis with vines
 - ♦ Mix annual and perennial vines for quick cover
 - ♦ Mix two different vines to double impact or extend bloom time
- **Espalier screening**
- Wall of containers at Bookworm Gardens (BGS) in Sheboygan, WI
- Belgian fence at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- **Weeping European Larch** (*Larix decidua* 'Pendula') trained over low fence
- Asparagus divider
- Hanging basket of kale, parsley and pansies above raised bed gardens at Chicago Botanic Garden Fruit and Vegetable Island (CBG)
- Tomato plants trained on screening (CBG)
- Gutters and assorted planters
 - ♦ **Container Garden Care**
 - ♦ Topsy Turvy Planters
- Screening from small deck in Virginia
 - ♦ **Boxwood** left in nursery pot
 - Blight resistant varieties, like New Gen
 - ♦ Elevated on overturned, empty nursery pots
 - ♦ **Black Lace Elderberry** for additional color
 - ♦ Burlap masks the pots
 - ♦ Colorful self-watering pots with **Shenandoah Switchgrass** in front
- Structure and Art
 - ♦ Vertical vs. horizontal boards
 - ♦ **Wattle Fences**
 - Make your own from landscape trimmings
 - ♦ **Wriggle Fencing** and Arborvitae
 - One way to **Create Wriggle Fence** from harvest to finished fence
 - ♦ Reclaimed materials
 - ♦ Metal screens
 - **Veradek 3-Panel Privacy Screen**

- ♦ Old tools
- ♦ Old sporting equipment (BGS)
- ♦ Dress up fencing and screens
 - Plantings and hanging baskets
 - Old window frames with artwork
 - Painted walls (CA)
 - Bed spring with morning glory
 - Espalier
 - Bamboo screen and Juniper for sunny, well-drained locations
 - **Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar** (*Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauca Pendula') over wall at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
 - Painted metal coffee cans with pansies and petunias
 - Bird houses
 - Tools
 - Painted wreath frames
 - **Vertical Gardens**
 - ❖ Planter at Enabling Garden (CBG)
 - * 1 x 4 frame
 - * Plywood back
 - * Hardware cloth and/or weed barrier
 - * Well-drained potting mix

CONTAINERS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

- See Seasonal Container Gardening listed under Gardening Videos

ADD SOME SHADE

- Cloth and canvas coverings
- Deciduous vines
 - Let warming sunlight in during cooler months
 - Provide shade during warmer months
- Edible vines
 - Consider impact of:
 - ♦ Falling fruits
 - ♦ Visiting wildlife dining on fruit

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- Green Roof
- Structures to purchase or create
 - Seat cushion storage on structure
 - ◆ Convenient and adds color
- Willow saplings in grow bags trained to cover

FIRE FEATURES

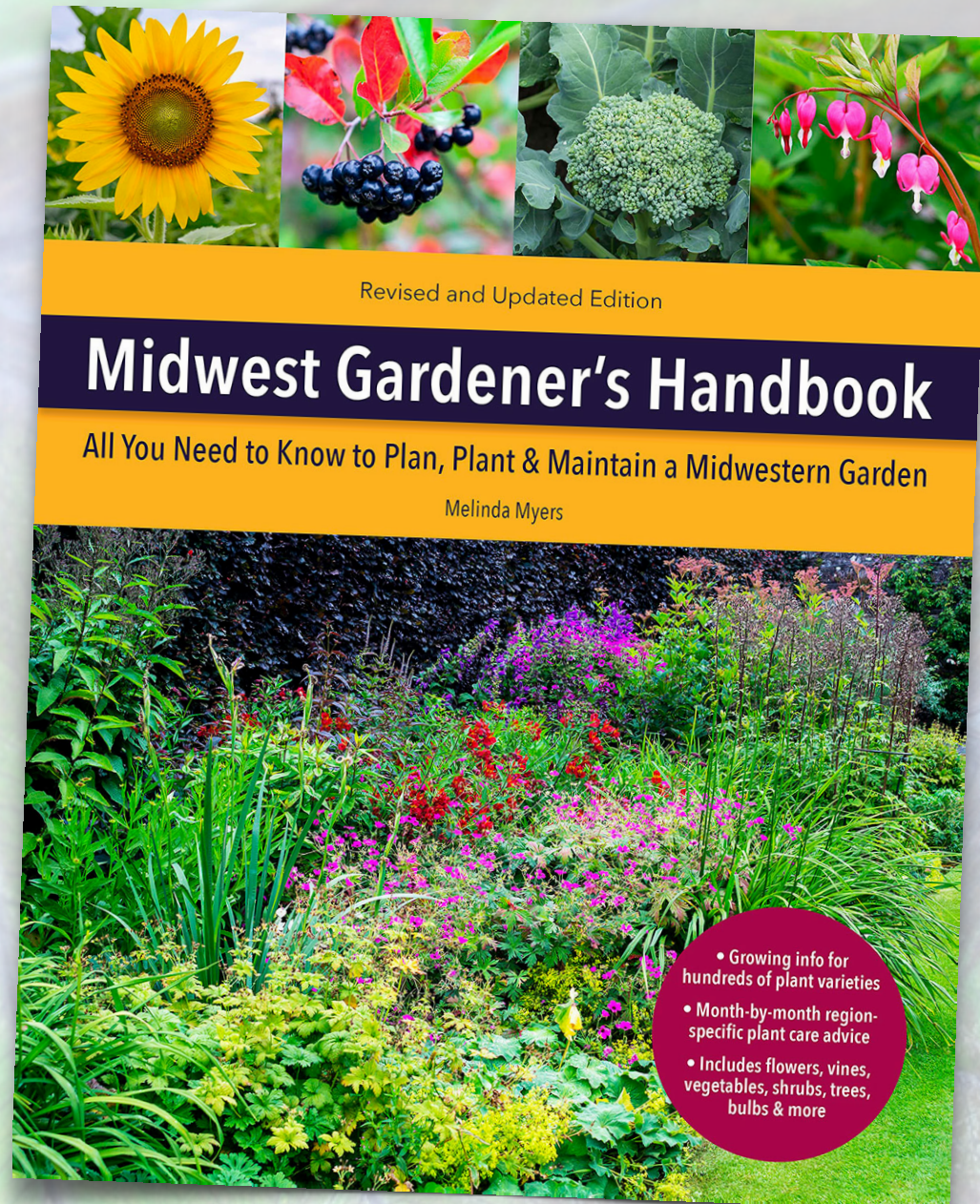
- Allow at least 2-2.5' (.6-.8 meter) between the edge of the fire pit and the surrounding seats
- Leave an additional 2.5' (.8 meter) behind chairs for circulation
- Lucky Red Lantana for faux fire feature

WATER FEATURES

- Lighting to extend your enjoyment into the evening
 - Dragonfly Solar Lantern
 - Dahlia Blossom Punched Metal Lantern
 - Candelabra in garden
 - Chandelier
 - Light arbors
 - Votive candles in punch cups

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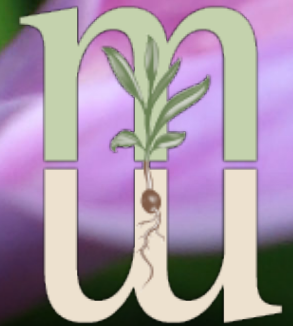
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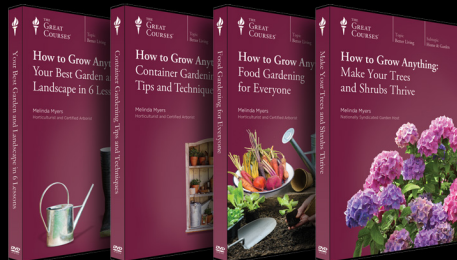
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