Project Description:

Here was a lovely piece of domesticity, with owners who had strong vision and knowledge. Having found their dream location, they built a family home with unique and personal style. They now desired a contemporary, lush landscape with architectural strength and year round interest to complete the experience.

The family wanted the landscape to be a fresh and innovative interpretation of the suburban paradigm, understanding the land was in a suburban location, but wanting to be a place of its own. A wide variety of plant material, woven into the house terrace, softens and personalizes the spaces.

The land required creation of interest and varied seating areas, terraces, dining areas and recreation spaces. The realized design is based on axial lines, using stone paths and terraces with grass jointing to create a strong verdant framework. Stone terraces step down with the grade, providing a series of distinct spaces designed for family living. The fishpond on this terrace is surrounded by a flower and herb garden that generates a lot of produce in a small space. The furnishings and garden ornamentation are humorous and light-hearted. Defining the spaces to be simple is a more difficult task than it appears at the start. Editing, making choices and keeping the vision on track is a designer’s job, and the certainty of your convictions is tested as the construction process unfolds.
The landscape plan flows out from the residence in a linear fashion.
Flowering perennial and herb gardens soften the edge of the living room terrace. Blooms of Agastache effortlessly screen the view to the pool room.
Campsis vine brings the garden onto the preserved terrace pergola creating a lush shade canopy for the dining area. Just off the terrace sits the bountiful herb garden whose fruits are destined for the family table.
Sentinel stone rabbits lead the way to the grass banded “dragon’s tooth” stepping stone path to the pool room.
Perennial plantings frame the borders of the house terrace. Chartreuse sweet potato vine drapes elegantly over the stone stairs from the annual plant beds in the terrace.
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