

For Every Home: Private and Shared Garden - Create your Perfect Oasis

Gardens are magical spaces that bring joy, relaxation, and a sense of serenity to our homes. Whether you have a private garden or share a communal one, these green areas offer numerous benefits for physical and mental well-being. In this article, we will explore the joys of having a garden and how you can create your perfect oasis.

Private Gardens: A Personal Haven

Having a private garden allows you to design a unique haven tailored to your desires. It provides an opportunity to unleash your creativity, whether you prefer a vibrant flower garden, a peaceful zen retreat, or a vegetable garden to grow your own food.

Imagine waking up to the sound of birds chirping, sipping your coffee surrounded by blooming flowers, or hosting a delightful gathering with your loved ones under the starlit sky. A private garden becomes an extension of your home, providing an escape from the stresses of daily life.



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Designing Your Perfect Private Garden

When it comes to designing your private garden, the possibilities are endless. Start by considering your available space, climate, and personal preferences. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

1. Create a seating area with comfortable furniture, ensuring a cozy space to relax and unwind.
2. Add a variety of plants, flowers, and trees to create a lush and colorful environment.
3. Install a small pond or water feature to introduce a calming element.
4. Include pathways and stepping stones to invite exploration.
5. Embrace outdoor lighting to create a magical atmosphere during nighttime.

The key is to incorporate elements that reflect your personality and provide an enjoyable outdoor experience for yourself and your loved ones.

Shared Gardens: Community Bonding

If you live in an apartment complex or a community where private gardens are not feasible, a shared garden can be a fantastic alternative. These communal spaces offer a chance to bond with your neighbors and foster a sense of community.

A shared garden allows you to pool resources, knowledge, and skills with others who have a passion for gardening. It creates a space for social interaction, where you can exchange ideas, share experiences, and even take part in joint gardening activities like group planting or harvesting.

Benefits of Shared Gardens

In addition to the social aspect, shared gardens also provide several other benefits:

- Shared responsibility for maintenance and care, reducing individual burdens.
- Access to a wider range of plants and garden features.
- Increased biodiversity and potential for larger-scale gardening projects.
- Opportunity for learning from seasoned gardeners and acquiring new skills.
- Promotion of sustainable gardening practices, such as composting and water conservation.

A shared garden is an inclusive space that encourages collaboration, creativity, and a stronger sense of belonging within your community.

Creating a Spectacular Shared Garden

When embarking on a shared garden project, communication and collaboration are key. Here are a few steps to create a spectacular shared garden:

1. Form a gardening committee or group to discuss plans, allocate responsibilities, and make joint decisions.
2. Identify the garden's objectives, whether it's to provide fresh produce, beautify the surroundings, or create an educational space.
3. Designate areas for individual plots, communal planting areas, and shared facilities like tool sheds and seating spaces.
4. Organize regular gardening sessions, workshops, and social events to foster community bonding.

5. Establish a framework for maintenance, including watering schedules, weed control, and pest management.

With proper planning and collaboration, a shared garden can become a beautiful and thriving space that brings neighbors together.

The Importance of Gardens in Our Lives

Whether you have a private oasis or share a communal space, gardens bring numerous benefits to our lives:

- Improved mental well-being: Gardening has been proven to reduce stress and anxiety, promote relaxation, and improve mood.
- Enhanced physical health: Being exposed to nature and engaging in gardening activities can boost physical fitness and overall well-being.
- Environmental impact: Gardens contribute to biodiversity by creating habitats for birds, bees, and other wildlife, while also reducing pollution.
- Inspiration and creativity: Gardens offer endless inspiration, encouraging artistic expression and new ideas.

So, whether you create a small garden on your balcony or participate in a shared gardening project, your efforts can have a positive impact on both your immediate surroundings and the wider environment.

Gardens truly are a wondrous oasis, providing us with a sanctuary whether we have a private garden or share a communal one. These green spaces offer relaxation, joy, and opportunities for personal growth, fostering a stronger sense of well-being and community.

So, unleash your gardening aspirations and design your perfect private oasis or embrace the camaraderie of a shared garden. Let nature's beauty enhance your life and create a space where dreams bloom.



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As cities grow, land becomes scarcer and dearer. In Malaysia, terrace houses in the cities and suburbs are already out of the financial reach of most people. They must make do with high-rise housing, but even these are increasingly expensive. With increasing prosperity, car-ownership spirals, congesting main arteries, dominating neighbourhood streets and discouraging other activities - walking, cycling, children's outdoor play, and casual social interaction – making low-rise neighbourhoods less vibrant. As for high-rise housing, it has always been associated with social ills.

Is this trend of homes becoming less affordable and neighbourhoods becoming more sterile inevitable? Are there any design alternatives to terrace houses and high-rise blocks that can make housing socially better and affordable?

This book offers the optimistic prospect that courtyard homes - with private and shared gardens in front of them – can create an environment is that more

community-friendly. That these courtyard neighbourhoods can be created in both low-rise as well as high-rise situations. That these houses and neighbourhoods can be designed in a cost-efficient way so that these courtyard homes can be affordable to as many as possible.

Pie in the sky? Not quite...

Several affordable low-rise projects have already been completed or are in the pipeline. We are also working to commercialize our R&D that extend the ideas first developed for low-rise to various types of high-rise housing projects.



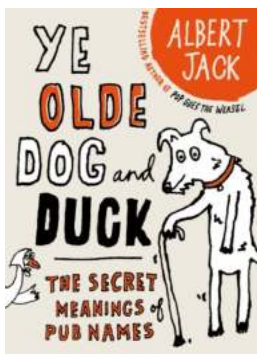
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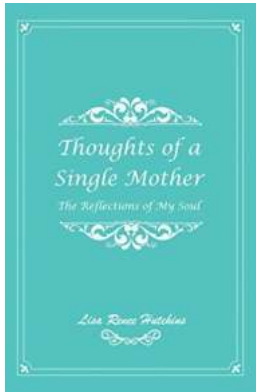
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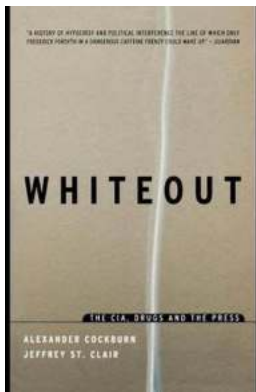
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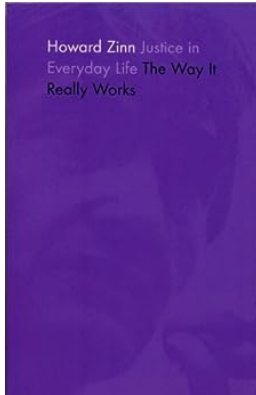
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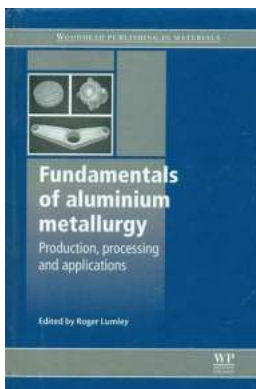
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