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GARDEN DESIGN

BRANDY MICELI, a certified horticulturist, spoke to our garden club tonight on elements of garden design.

What is to consider when designing your new garden, or re-designing an existing one?

Garden design is very personal and there are some guiding principles that will help to create balanced look.

LINE – is one of the most important elements of garden design. Sidewalks, driveways or fences are important lines. Do you prefer organic (curvy or circular) or geometric line? Create a grid using existing lines when designing your landscaping.

COLOUR – think of your colour palette and style. An all-white garden looks beautiful at night. Jewel colours can be striking.

TEXTURE – pattern, layers, contrasting surface of plants and materials.

FOCAL POINT – add some focal point or use existing feature of the house. It can also be unusual rocks, architectural plants, or specimen trees.

FORM AND SHAPE – the different shapes of trees and individual plants or group of plants are important.

SCALE – consider a size of a tree, a shrub.

PATTERN- walkways, patios, entryways, borders.

Suggested literature: John Brookes:

- ESSENTIAL GARDEN DESIGN WORKBOOK (Jul. 2007, hardcover)
- ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDEN DESIGN: PLANNING, BUILDING AND PLANTING YOUR PERFECT OUTDOOR SPACE. (Sept. 2017 revised hardcover ed.)
- JOHN BROOKES GARDEN DESIGN.(Apr. 2001, hardcover)