SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING WITH HERBS

by Colleen Dieter

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Colleen Dieter’s Survivors List

Colleen is available for consulting and advice for your home landscape. Get a tour of your yard through the eyes of an expert! Troubleshooting, plant recommendations, step by step plans and landscape drawings available. $75 per hour. Call 512-217-6955 or email colleen@redwheelbarrowplants.com

Established plants that performed well during two droughts and two extreme winters with little or no supplemental watering and no covering

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My services and background

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Definition of "sustainable"- drought tolerant, cold tolerant, heat tolerant, low-maintenance, wind and rain tolerant, needing few resources

Style of planting can make the entire landscape more sustainable

Why use herbs? To engage with the landscape in another way! More importantly, to get maximum utility from each square foot of land to increase sustainability.

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Recognize this yard?

Herb expert Lucinda Hutson’s home.

TIGHTLY PACKED PLANTS

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EXAMPLE OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Created by input from me working with homeowner
Using tough plants, different colors and textures, deep gravel in well-prepped soil

Please visit www.redwheelbarrowplants.com
Oregano 'hot and spicy'

White yarrow *Achillea millefolium*

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Passiflora incarnata

Mexican mint
marigold *Tagetes lucida*

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Anacua
Ehretia anacua

Huisache Acacia farnesiana

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Bur Oak, *Quercus macrophyla*

Canby oak *Quercus canbyi*

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