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The Malvern Gardens

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48 Clifton Street, Malvern

Front Garden

21 years ago we bought our home in quite an original condition, still with the fireplace in the kitchen and sleepout in the back.

We removed the old brush fence to open the garden to the street and began designing. We started on the verge, exploring areas to park and areas to plant. We have herbs (to share), flowering plants, and caper bushes to bring the butterflies.

The stone for the stone wall was sourced from a locally demolished villa and we had a stonemason build this from our design. We found antique wrought iron from a second-hand yard and had a local blacksmith curve two panels to make the entrance and additional panels re-worked to make new driveway gates to match.

The front garden has a formal feel, and we recently removed the lawn in the two front garden beds and installed a *Cercis canadensis* 'Merlot' (Forest pansy 'Merlot') on one side with gravel surrounding it, and kept the existing Japanese box hedge.

On the opposite side of the garden, we have installed a steel water bowl which was gifted to us by a dear friend. This was used in butchers' shops to boil down the bones. We have re-imagined this into a water vessel with a bubbler. On the fence line we have a timber arbour with an espaliered 'Myer' lemon tree and two Magnolia 'Little Gem' either side.

We have separated the driveway from the garden area with *Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Fastigiata' hedge (Japanese Plum Yew). This was to create a distinct garden zone. Along the driveway fence we have created crosses with Star Jasmine and Japanese box at the base lining the driveway.

Verge Plants

Capparis spinosa - Caper bush

Salvia (grey, woolly)

Sage, Thyme, Oregano (herbs)

Teucrium fruticans sphere – Tree Germander

Lavendula x intermedia 'Grosso' – Lavender

Ammi majus – False Queen Anne's Lace

Salvia leucantha 'Pink Velour'

Artemisia 'Powis Castle' – Wormwood 'Powis Castle'

Buxus microphylla var. *japonica* - Japanese box sphere

Tulbaghia violacea 'variegata' – Society Garlic variegated

Salvia 'Heatwave Glow' – *Salvia* apricot

Trachelospermum jasminoides 'Tricolour' – Star Jasmine 'Tricolour'

Plants in the front garden

Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert' – Japanese anemone

Euphorbia characias 'Silver Swan' or 'Silver Edge'

Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'

Senecio mandraliscae – Blue Chalksticks

Foeniculum vulgare 'Purpureum' – Bronze Fennel

Veronica perfoliate – Digger's Speedwell

Wigelia

Magnolia hybrida Fairy White Wee'

Brachyscome multifida – Cut Leaf Daisy

Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' – Reed Feather Grass

Perovskia atriplicifolia – Russian Sage

Trachelospermum jasminoides – Star Jasmine

Agastache 'Sweet Lili'

Kalanchoe beharensis

Echinacea purpurea – Purple Coneflower

Stachys bizantina – Lamb's Ears

Aquilegia vulgaris – Granny's Bonnet

Sambucas nigra 'Black Lace' – Elderberry 'Black Lace'

Salvia 'Black Knight'

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee' – Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Pee Wee'

Salvia 'Love and Wishes'

Verbena bonariensis

Cosmos astrosanguineus – Chocolate Cosmos

Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Fastigiata'

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Back Garden

Less formal and more about living in the back garden. Two rows of hedges run across the back of the house embracing the steps into the garden. The tallest being *Murraya paniculata* and in front *Syzygium 'Bush Christmas'* (Lilly Pilly).

The garden has had an upgrade in the last 4 years as the house behind us became available. We extended our garden by 12 metres, moved our garden shed and installed an infinity edge swimming pool.

We have new ground level gardens in the lawn area which have been planted 6 weeks ago.

On the right-hand side, we enjoy borrowed landscape from our neighbours and love the ornamental pear trees. We have planted a copse of *Prunus cerasifera 'Oakville Crimson Spire'* (Ornamental Plum) with perennial under plantings. Newly planted rill planting breaking into the lawn to link this area and blur the visual lines from within the home.

On the western side we have *Magnolia 'Little Gem'* hedge to give us relief from the western sun and a hedge of *Myer Lemon* which wraps around the corner, hiding our shed.

Entering the pool zone, we have planted *Rosa 'Pierre du Ronsard'* and *Rosa 'Crepuscule'* on the shed with a hedge of *Eleagnus ebbingei* beneath. Cleverly hiding the shed and creating an entrance into the vegetable garden, between a perennial border.

We have hidden the veg garden with timber posts and steel rod and espaliered a Nectarine, Orange and Donut Peach. A *Ginkgo biloba* has just found her feet and will over the years give us shade and shelter whilst in the pool area.

The eastern fence-line is planted with *Eleagnus ebbingei* which changes colour with the seasons and complements the ornamental pear trees from our neighbouring garden.

Copper pots have been used throughout the garden as they are light weight, and the colour just disappears with the plants.

A new solid sandstone wall separates the two properties with a section of glass pool fencing giving visual access to each of the areas for 'sharing and caring'. My mother and Nicks Mother-in-Law lives in her new house (new extension 4 years old) and is a keen gardener.

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4 years ago, I had the opportunity to buy the house behind my daughter and son-in-law. We built the solid sandstone wall to divide the properties but have openings for shared views. Views into the shared veg garden, broken views to my daughter's home, and views into the pool area. Extended borrowed landscape we could all enjoy.

We three designed the new addition which was been built onto the 115-year-old villa with 'aging in place' in mind. Pushing the addition back to the southern boundary to create internal courtyards to capture the northern sun in these areas and in the back lounge room for light and winter warmth.

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Back Garden and Western Courtyard

Along the southern boundary we have Hydrangea quercifolia, Bougainvillea and other south side, shade loving plants.

Along the western side, we have hidden the fences with Star Jasmine 'green screens'. In the western gravel courtyard, we created a visual garden which is very low maintenance. We planted 4 white 'Natchez' Crepe Myrtle trees with a central water bowl, Raphiolepis Oriental Pearl against the vertical timber batten screen. We re-used these timbers which were on the old roof. They are aged old hard wood and create a screen which still allows light to filter through. Further along this fence-line, we have planted Myer Lemon trees in pots for visual interest outside bedrooms.

Eastern Courtyard

We chose exposed aggregate in warm tones to surround the new addition as well as the courtyard as it is flat, and easy to maintain.

Within this courtyard we have a circular planting ring and have planted Crepe Myrtle 'Tuscarora' with Star Jasmine 'Tricolour' below with succulents. In time, this tree will shade the courtyard during the hot summer season.

A new side entrance from the carport with slate steppers and gravel leads you toward the front garden with a small garden shed hidden and used as a dividing fence to separate the private back area from the front garden.

A long border garden with 4 Crepe Myrtle Trees and a citrus with a mass under planting of perennials brings birds, bees and butterflies into the garden.

Front Garden

We designed a half half fence to create sections of privacy and areas where we could share the garden with passersby. One side is a high masonry wall and the other a timber batten fence which allows light, and visual glimpses of the garden. A new entrance gate, path of stone and a very generous 'break-out' area off the porch for long good bye's.

The previous owner 'Louisa' (93 yrs. old) had terrazzo laid on the front verandah and we loved the light colour so kept this in lieu of 'old style' dark tiles. Whilst renovating the home we found the original slate which bordered the verandah in the back garden and cut these down to create steppers from the driveway to the new stone front entrance. A gravel driveway was installed to keep water on site. The permeability of a gravel driveway allows water to pass through to your property's water table, replenishing groundwater supplies and helping the plant life on your property to be as healthy and happy as it can be.

The front garden is a mass planting of all the plants I have loved. In fact, a true 'memory garden'. The garden is peppered with deciduous trees, perennial plants that give texture and interest, annuals and plants that flower throughout the seasons.

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