

The Garden in Winter

We all love our gardens during the warm weather months. We get great pleasure from working in them and experiencing the beauty of bloom, the subtle play of foliage and the allure of fragrance. A winter snowfall reminds me that our gardens can still be beautiful places yearround if we plan them carefully.

After we have carted away the last of the season's gardening debris, what's left behind is the garden's "bones": stone walls, boulders, evergreen shrubs and trees, statuary and land forms (mounds, hillocks, troughs). The formality and cool greens of this New Jersey garden look great in summer.

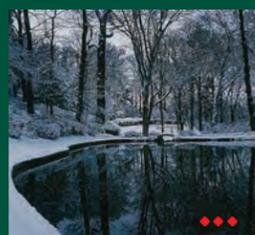
In the winter the garden's structural

design is enhanced all the more by snow. ♦♦

In another landscape, dark trees are etched starkly against a steely sky, while the pond is transformed into a metallic mirror. ♦♦♦

Ornamental grasses are one group of plants that are used for winter interest. Not all of them are sturdy enough to survive the snow, rain, and high winds of winter, but those that do stand up make beautiful sights and sounds at an otherwise stark time of year.

Many even do double duty by attracting birds to your winter garden, providing shelter and food. ♦♦♦♦



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We at **RAPOZA** would be glad to visit your garden to assess its winter interest and to propose design ideas that would enhance the year-round enjoyment of your property. Call our designer Rick Crecco at (508) 540-4328 or drop him an email (rick@rapoza.com) to set up an appointment.



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Dear Friends,

Everyday we read and watch more about the green movement. It is beginning to have a national impact on the landscaping industry. I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about steps we at Rapoza are taking to be 'greener'.



By the very nature of our work we do a lot to improve our environment, planting trees and shrubs. We understand that we also contribute a certain amount of pollution to the waste stream and therefore do everything we can to reduce our impact. We recycle office products, paper, plastic and glass, and green waste (leaves, grass clippings, pruning debris), turning it into rich planting compost. We offer to communicate with our clients by email whenever possible, reducing our need for paper. When we constructed our office and shop in 2001 we decided to use more efficient radiant heat instead of conventional methods.

We offer a sustainable approach to landscape design and construction. It is possible to design and build landscapes that look great and require less artificial care: less water, less fertilizer, less chemicals. We use drip irrigation and rain sensors in all of our irrigation systems in order to conserve water, and we use the principle of integrated pest management (IPM) to reduce our use of pesticides and fertilizer applications. Planting native plants (like Bayberry and Clethra) also makes our landscapes easier on the environment. These are some of the choices we're making that add up to benefit our environment.

Cape Cod is a beautiful and special place. Making a positive difference to our environment is something we at Rapoza Landscape feel good about.

Sincerely,

Paul Rapoza, MCLP #1190
President & Founder



MEET JASON CHARLTON

WE ARE PLEASED to introduce Jason Charlton. Our clients who have already had the pleasure of meeting Jason will attest to his work ethic, his high standards and his dedication to getting the job done right the first time. Jason, an arborist, heads up our tree pruning crew. Jason has worked in the Green Industry for 15 years now. Prior to joining Rapoza, Jason owned and operated his own tree service. After living in Florida for several years, Jason moved back to Falmouth and came to work at Rapoza. Jason and his lovely wife Tara have two kids, Taylor, their 6 year old daughter and Cameron, their 4 year old son. In his spare time, Jason enjoys dirt biking and fishing.



WINTER MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Let perennials and grasses stand through the winter for visual interest.
- When snow arrives, avoid piling snow on top of delicate plants. Shovel excess snow onto lawn areas or onto beds of cut perennials.
- Avoid using salt as a snow/ice remover. Use salt alternatives. Salt can damage paving surfaces and burn plants.
- Spray evergreen trees and shrubs with an antitranspirant. The spray adds a protective coating, holding moisture in plant foliage and stems, substantially reducing water loss during dry winter periods. Antitranspirant sprays dry to form a clear, colorless, flexible gloss film without interfering with plant growth or materially affecting respiration, osmosis or photosynthesis.

COVER STORY: WOODS HOLE RENEWAL

The owners asked us to redesign the front entrance and parking court of their house. Taking a cue from existing dry laid fieldstone walls on the property, we built two new mortared fieldstone retaining walls which flank the entrance area. Between the fieldstone walls, we installed a bluestone patio and entrance walks, relocating an existing asphalt drive which used to point directly at the building. A raised planter splits the bluestone patio into two sections, giving each entrance into the lower level living areas its own walkway. Shade over the patio is provided by a cedar pergola. The new driveway is circular with a generous parking court built onto one end of the arc. Cobblestone aprons were constructed at both ends of the cobblestone-edged drive. Finally, we rebuilt a set of steps leading up to the kitchen door, using granite risers and bluestone treads.

The project was a labor of love for all involved. One of the owners is an avid horticulturist, who worked in close collaboration with our designer, Rick Crecco, in order to insure that all (or most!) of her favorites ended up in the eventual design. Peonies, lavender, azaleas, hydrangeas and boxwood are prominent in the planting scheme. Three large Korean Dogwoods were planted to anchor the house into the landscape. Ornamental grasses fill the two "wings" created by the fieldstone retaining walls. The garden will be full of visual interest from early spring right through the winter.



RAPOZA'S MISSION

We are dedicated to the creation of beautiful, peaceful and cohesive outdoor spaces for our clients, neighbors and associates.



WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING:

"I wanted to thank you personally for all the work and thought that went into the planning of my detailed landscaping for my home . . . Rick Crecco has . . . provided me 5-star service with his extensive knowledge, dedication and commitment toward a well thought-out landscape design." Michael Martinich

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING:

"We couldn't be more pleased with the completed landscape . . . Your design, both hardscape and the plantings is just wonderful! I appreciated your willingness to go over things with me multiple times and discuss and change the plants and listen to my concerns. In the end, I just love it and feel like it is exactly perfect for the house. You had a wonderful vision for it all and we are thrilled! To quote my father, 'It was worth every penny!' Many thanks. Marianne Fricke"