

Grand Prize



Troubled Landscape Reborn

Magical Moments: Unifying a fragmented design with inviting spaces and garden rooms

Landscape



Walnut Hill Landscape Company

Landscape Architecture: OEHME, VAN SWEDEN

This French Mediterranean-style home underwent a transformative landscaping project to unify its fragmented design, ensure privacy, and establish versatile garden spaces. The renewed landscape highlights the timeless Mediterranean villa aesthetic, offering spaces for relaxation, reflection, and large gatherings like weddings.

A scenic approach leads to a new forecourt framed by 24-foot Thuja nigra arborvitae, stone curbing, and manicured hedges. Broad steps ascend to a limestone verandah enhancing the façade, where French doors open to a vibrant, inviting space. Nearby, a woodland garden with purple phlox transitions to a spacious lawn for weddings, blending native plantings and seasonal highlights.

Closer to the home, a serene garden features a fountain court, white and blue perennials, and structured terraces. A dining terrace leads to a revamped pool area with a limestone surround and iron gates connecting to the original farmhouse. The project introduced 150 trees, 2,500 shrubs, 21,000 perennials, and thousands of bulbs to create a lush, harmonious estate.

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