Novato Residence

Located in the Novato, Ca., on almost two acres, the original contract was to provide a mandatory landscape plan required for a remodel in Marin County.

I worked as Project manager and designer for the project. The second contract was to develop a Master Plan for the site which was located on a hilltop. The goals included connecting the house to the landscape, creating a sense of entry, circulation for both vehicles and pedestrians, intense planting at the house and then transitioning back into the natural landscape. It was challenging to deal with the planning department, fire and water agencies in Marin county.

Master Plan

Lower path and sculpture site

Brick and bluestone stairs

Wall fountain on terrace

Grotto fountain

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Sampling of construction images

Planting pockets in wall

Grotto fountain

Grotto fountain wall

Custom bronze Tudor rose

Custom stone wall fountain

Custom wall fountains

Detail cobble paving

Start of Oval Courtyard

Completed paving

Detail brick layout

Plan view of brick treads

Completed terrace stairs

Detail paving and drain

Brick inlay on bluestone

Cottage Trellis and garden

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A sampling of planting images: we transplanted and reused many specimen trees and plants which added so much to the landscape.

Transplanted tree ferns

And Rhododendrons

Shade garden

Reused Box balls in pots

Citrus in pots on terrace

Espaliered apple trees

Parterre garden on terrace

View of hillside planting

View up to rose garden

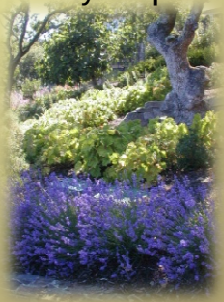
Foundation planting

Cutting garden

Oval courtyard planting bed

Entry drive with boxwood

Cutting garden terraces


Lower hillside planting