

Informal Gardens: The Naturalistic Style Macmillan, 1933 Henry Stuart Ortloff 1933

38 INFORMAL GARDEN Informal garden is an exotic attempt to mimic the nature. It is a landscape casually designed with few straight lines having a nice mixture of foliage, colors, textures, heights and varieties. Informal gardens act as a temporary sanctuary that offers a relaxed ambience from day-to-day stressful life. 39 Types of Informal Garden Within the informal garden styles, variations have been evolved. 44 Wild & woodland Gardens Wild and woodland garden is a naturalistic style designed to provide a beautiful and relaxing type of garden and provide a habitat suitable not only for plants but also for local animals. These gardens usually include a water source and safe shelter to attract a range of wildlife. As noted, informal gardens are often naturalistic, echoing the surrounding landscape. They may do this by mimicking the planting patterns of a natural habitat, or simply by echoing some of the plant species and materials found in the wider landscape. Many larger gardens feature elements of both formal and informal style, with more formal gardens nearer the house and less formal planting as the garden moves further away from the house. Formal Gardens in Detail. Formal garden design echoes the classical architecture of Greece and Italy. Within the informal garden style are variations that have evolved. Cottage gardens, woodland gardens, and meadow gardens are a few of these variations. Cottage Gardens. Cottage gardens are really working gardens that yield edible crops including fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as a host of flowers. It is a naturalistic style designed to provide a beautiful and relaxing type of garden and, provide a habitat suitable not only for plants, but local animals. Woodland gardens usually include a water source and safe shelter to attract a range of wildlife. Small trees and shrubs provide an abundance of nesting places for birds and hibernating insects. Flower Gardens. The British Naturalistic Planting Style. Through subtle design and educated plantsmanship, Dan Pearson has transformed the tradition of British naturalistic planting into a dynamic, contemporary form By Tim Richardson. Share: If there is one garden style that is emphatically associated with Britain, it is that of plantsmanship and particularly the tradition of herbaceous border design, which was developed in the early 20th century by Gertrude Jekyll and others. The British climate is notoriously fickle, but it is also perfect for growing plants from all over the world, and many Formal gardens have their place but for those who want a carefree look should check out how to create a naturalistic garden. Read more on Total Landscape Care! Naturalistic gardens draw inspiration from woodlands, meadows, forests or deserts for their planting style and color palette. Depending on your client's climate, their untamed garden could feel like a shady forest retreat, with plenty of ferns, shrubs and woodland flowers, or like a sun-drenched oasis, filled with low-water plants. Either way, anchor the garden with a few evergreen shrubs for structure and then allow smaller shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennials to fill in naturally, overlapping and spilling into pathways. Photo: Grounded. Hardscape.