

J. Mark White: Cocooning & The Future of Landscape Architecture

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Podcast with Landscape Architect J. Mark White A rooftop entertaining area that replaced a small and dilapidated limited space that had become unusable. The homeowners now have a cozy and intimate entertaining area that has increased their home's value. Photo- Courtesy of J. Mark White

J. Mark White is an expert landscape artist. He is the founder and president of GardenWise, a landscape architecture firm based in Washington, D.C. His work has been shown on Curb Appeal, a popular show on HGTV. Mark spoke to me about his work, trends in landscape architecture, the creative use of space, "garden rooms" and "cocooning". In this podcast, you can listen to Mark as he discusses ways of beautifying homes and gardens. He also discusses the importance of landscape architecture in the face of the economic circumstances currently confronting homeowners. Click on the bar to listen to the podcast: [Land.mp3](#) An uninteresting backyard is transformed into an inviting courtyard with color and texture. A curved wall was built to create a feeling of intimacy, while masonry piers and backdrop to the water feature add definition. The arbor acts as a focal point that also hides a view to the alley. Photo- Courtesy of J. Mark White

Antique Chinese gates that create a new and enticing entrance to a rear patio and pool area. The gates and iron work contrast and compliment the clean architecture of the home while adding privacy to the yard. Photo- Courtesy of J. Mark White Small decorative elements add character to outside spaces. This water feature mounted on a side wall is a unique accent that adds to the intimate feeling of this home's private garden. Photo- Courtesy of J. Mark White

An unused space leading to an alley was transformed into an intimate and secure courtyard garden with the use of high walls and a wall mounted water feature. Photo- Courtesy of J. Mark White

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