Landscape Design Portfolio

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My mission is to design sustainable, four season outdoor spaces that reflect the client’s individual style and personality.

Dream, design, plan.

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The Canada Blooms Project was designed and developed to celebrate the diversity of the City of Toronto and to showcase the skills and craftsmanship of the builder. The 35’ x 42’ floor plan was designed to skilfully blend modern elegance with impressive “city cultures”, which was the theme of the show.

The design had to incorporate the changing city and all its diversities. The design was created as a high level roof top condo unit overlooking the city. The different wall colours on the free standing stucco walls represent the changing city and all its glorious expressions. The water spillways represent the never ending knowledge that flows into and out of the city. Toronto was formed by the railways which is represented by the overhead pergola - shaped to represent the railway tracks. Follow the tracks through each room and discover an openness in the design. A living wall greets all passersby.
SketchUp 3D Imagery
The objective was to expand upon Ryerson University’s existing spaces by providing new and improved state-of-the-art areas for teaching, research, study, and student facilities. The project was based on Ryerson’s reputation as a ‘City builder’, ensuring that every aspect of the campus development allowed for Ryerson growth. To create a synergy between the University and its neighbours.

The design applies intersecting arcs to unify the irregularly placed architecture and linking them to the landscape. Highlighted by paving stones, curves create a sense of movement within and throughout the space, complimenting the predominantly rectilinear architectural forms, and defining clear pathways for circulation. The gates themselves are twisted steel girders which reach far into the space and mimic the natural tree forms in a uniquely ‘City’ way. When you enter the new Gateway, you know you are in a downtown university.
Hand Drawn Imagery
To create a Commemorative Garden that honours the founding of the Leaside Garden Society by Dave Money and 25 years of dedication by its members. The Commemorative Garden will establish a permanent location within the community to showcase the Society’s involvement, history and horticultural talents.

A crescent shaped bed approx. 14ft wide at the center point and 36ft long from end to end. The first letter of each of the Society’s names (L G S) would be centered in a circular bed of white gravel and constructed of boxwood hedging.
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 30ft x 34ft
Owner requested low maintenance/stone/perennials-no turf grass
Hot tub to be added in fall approx. 7ft x 7ft x 2.5ft deep
Client prefers a younger-classical, old world artistic or modern relaxed style with a classical twist.
Client wishes to have raised beds for urban gardening, pergola for grape vines and fruit trees throughout.
Quiet sitting area with fire pit and an outdoor fire place in the dining area
Upper deck to remain as a sun deck
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 21ft x 7.5ft on the west side
Proposed property is approx. 18ft x 2ft on the east side
Owner requested low maintenance/stone/perennials/no turf grass
Desires a screen of trees on the west side and a defined property barrier on the east
Interlocking drive already exists
Up lighting in garden areas for night time viewing
Garden is defined by grasses, perennials and accent trees
Rockery in garden to link with house and city landscape
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 21ft x 40ft

Owner requested to have the site linked to her bamboo screen fences. Plantings should remain the same. An oriental theme was established. A tea house at the back and a ‘Japanese bridge’ was added to emphasise the theme and link the bamboo fencing.

An array of flowering shrubs, bushes and perennials were added. A hot tub was added in the fall, attached to the existing deck.

Natural stone patio area was added at the base of the deck which allows for extra seating when entertaining. Up lighting in garden areas for night time viewing.
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 15ft x 32ft
Owner requested low maintenance/stone/perennials-no turf grass
Client prefers a younger-artistic or modern relaxed style
Cut flagstone courtyard surrounded by perennial beds
Accent bed of daylilies and Japanese Maple
Screening and up lighting hides the garage wall
Overall feeling is open and fun
Dining table hugs the side fence unless needed for entertaining
Outdoor mirrors open up the space, giving a luxurious feeling
Proposal Imagery
SketchUp 3D Imagery
SLEVIN RESIDENCE
Proposed property is approx. 30ft x 15ft
Owner requested raised stone flower beds
Raised seating area at the north end of the property extends the entertaining area.
An old world charm is created with random cut flagstone and a center flower bed with bird bath surrounded by boxwood
Keeping a uniformed surface of flagstone unifies the yard and expands the area
12ft x 15ft cedar deck allows for informal and/or formal dining
Outdoor mirrors expand the appearance of the courtyard
Proposal
Proposal Imagery
Proposed pool area property is approx. 51ft x 36ft
Proposed garden area property is approx. 20ft x 36ft
Owner requested a make-over of both areas as one
Client is a Master Gardener and Horticulturalist, but open to moving any plantings
A modern approach was taken to the garden area to unite the gardens and pool areas
Paths were created using 6” x 12” stone bricks to unite the larger stones used around the pool. Pergolas and seating areas complete the transformation
Up lighting in garden areas for night time viewing
20 ft x 8ft flower bed constructed to hide the pool cover when entertaining
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposal Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 20ft x 35ft on the east side
Owner requested low maintenance/stone/perennials/ turf grass in center area only
Natural Interlocking stone patio, terrace and cedar pergola adds to the oriental feel.
Low maintenance garden plants and Cherry trees capture the Zen style of this property
Up lighting in garden areas for night time viewing
Garden is defined by grasses, perennials, accent trees, succulents and evergreens
Rockery in garden to link with the overall atmosphere captures the essence of the reflecting pond and water feature.
SketchUp 3D Imagery
Proposed property is approx. 55ft x 58ft

Home owner requested an open feel using natural stone. Low maintenance/stone/perennials/ turf grass in center area only for dogs

Clear glass railings and an outdoor BBQ/Prep area keep the open feel of the entertaining area around the lap pool. Kortan steel panels and water wall bring the pool area to life when entertaining guests. From the modern steel site furnishings, the teak cabana and the block plantings this project is clean, open and up to date.

Up lighting in garden areas for night time viewing
Hand Sketch Imagery
Have owned house for five years, wants front yard landscaped - starting new business from home.
The owner has one dog.
Water barrel wanted

Owner prefers flowers over plants in a garden bed, but will look at Perennial plants and bushes.

Property is 35’ x 33.5’ on a busy corner
Front entrance faces East with only morning sun (Full / to partial shade garden)

One eye sore...to the north - needs to be screened
Front of fenced in back area needs an up lift.
Hand Sketch Imagery
Deck Design
### Hutchings Residence

#### Final Landscape Plan

**Base/Concept Plan**

**Plant List**

- *Acer palmatum* 'Burgundy Lace'
- *Prunus stellaris* 'Centennial'
- *Gumtree* pumila
- *Acer saccharum* 'Sweet Shadblow'
- *Amelanchier canadensis*
- *Acer saccharum*

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**Legend**

- **Legend of Symbols**
  - **Tree**
  - **Shrub**
  - **Perennial**
  - **Grass**
  - **Foliage**
  - **Ground Cover**
  - **Irrigation**
  - **Lighting**
  - **Fence**
  - **Pathway**
  - **Driveway**
  - **Street**
  - **Residence**
  - **Existing Structure**
  - **Proposed Structure**

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**Street**

**Residence**

**Driveway**

**PLANT LIST**

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DynaSCAPE Imagery
Rendering
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The Shawn Gallaugher Design Excellence Award

For demonstrated creativity and design excellence in the course project completed in Landscape Design Studio.

This award is presented to RICK HUTCHINGS

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