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REDEFINE SUMMER RETREAT



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GARDEN AT HOME



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Rooted IN PLACE

This year's standout landscape designs honor Maine's natural beauty through sustainable practices and site-specific creativity

In this new annual section of *MH+D*, we celebrate the landscape designers who are shaping our state's outdoor spaces with intention and artistry. The magazine received many submissions, and we have selected the 12 projects we feel reflect a deep respect for place—where native plants thrive, salvaged materials are given new life, and even waste stone becomes sculpture. From a dry-laid granite hardscape carefully composed within Bar Harbor's shoreline setbacks to a striking retaining wall built from long-idle quarry blocks, these landscapes are rooted in resourcefulness, beauty, and a true sense of home.



Fossets Acreage

A canvas of seasonal color and texture

Serenely sited in midcoast Maine, Fossets Acreage is a coastal retreat defined by its harmonious integration of house and landscape complemented by an equally intentional outdoor environment. Knickerbocker Group's landscape architecture team focused on creating a seamless experience, carefully shaping distinct areas from which to enjoy the property's natural beauty.

The homeowners sought a low-maintenance yet vibrant garden that would come alive throughout the summer. In response, the planting palette centers on bold perennials and pollinator-friendly species—such as aster, goldenrod, black-eyed Susan, and blue star—selected to support biodiversity and provide continuous blooms from May through October. A fenced vegetable garden offers a hands-on space for the homeowners, while perennial beds wrap the home in seasonal color and texture.

The design also addresses challenging topography and drainage through subtle grading and concealed infrastructure. Hardscape and gathering areas were integrated into the terrain to maximize both comfort and views. A covered porch and shaded stone patio offer shelter from coastal breezes, while a sunlit deck and firepit area open to tranquil water views. Locally sourced Mystic Mountain granite, selected for its subtle blue and green undertones, anchors the site and mirrors the ocean's shifting tones.



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