Changing 3-Dimensionality With Color

- Bright colors draw the eye, bring plants to the foreground
- Darker colors (blues, purples, violets, deep greens) provide illusion of depth

Complementary / Contrasting Color Designs

- Opposite colors (complementary) or widely spaced (contrasting) on color wheel

Harmonizing or Adjacent Colors

- Adjacent series of colors (hues) on the color wheel often provide harmonious combinations for designs
Tints, Tones, Shades Within a Hue

Particularly important along with textures in tropical landscapes where greens tend to dominate

Monochromatic Effects

Creating Space Illusion: Horizontal Lines

Creating Space Illusion: Vertical Lines
Textural Considerations: Coarse
Coarse textured plants grab your attention = focal points

Textural Considerations: Fine
- Fine textures can be used to soften harsh lines & highlight coarser textured plants by contrast

Form (habit)
Natural shapes
Altered states

Formal versus Informal
- Formal: Texas Capital Grounds
- Informal: Texas Cottage Garden
- Formal: Structured Water Garden
- Informal: Naturalistic Pond
**Naturalizing**

Naturalistic plantings ≠ native plants

**Repetition of Plants or Hardscape**

Repeated use of a design element can provide a unifying theme

**Balance**

Can be symmetrical or asymmetrical

**Scale**

Strategies differ when designing on a grand scale
**Scale**

Micro-scale allows greater implementation of individual elements such as textural contrasts

**Perennial / Mixed Borders**

**Wildflower Meadows**

Spring emphasis is flowers, transitions to summer & autumn fruiting structures, can look rough in late summer & winter

**Pocket Prairie**
Woodland / Shade Gardens

Tropical Oasis / Coastal Resorts

Dune Reclamation

Soil / Dune / Slope / Bank Erosion Prevention
Estuary / Coastal Restoration

Rain Gardens / Swales / Detention Ponds / Biofiltration

Constructed Wetlands

Wind Breaks / Shelter Belts

Specialty Designs / Logos

Warm season annuals

Cold season vegetative annuals

Cold season flowering annuals
Seasonal Displays

Seasonal Accents / Focal Points / Specimen Plants

Knot Garden / Parterres

Containers Gardens
Topiaries

Heritage Garden Features

Rock Gardens

Arbors / Pergolas
Green Roofs

What do you notice first about this building, even in the dead of winter?

Living Walls

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Living Walls

Offer transition from exterior to interiorscapes and incorporation as living art

Framing Views (Outdoors)
Framing Views
(Inside Out)

Reflections
(Mirror Imaging)

Night Lighting

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