



Spring 2009 Green Trends are Growing at Aloe Designs

Vancouver, BC (March 24, 2009) - Aloe Designs has recently launched 'Design in a Box' customized garden design kits for homeowners who want to 'Do it Yourself.' Further to their commitment to inspire others to love their home - they want to help you educate your readers on new Spring 2009 garden trends.

Who better to help you cover garden tips and trends than the expert garden designers of Aloe Designs, Caitlin and Owen Black. Samples of new gardening trends they are knowledgeable on:

- **Rainwater Harvesting** - has become the next hot topic. Incorporating a rain barrel into your landscape design, catches rain as it falls and feeds your beds or container gardens with this free source. Our statistics prove many benefits to the environment, including lowering consumption.
- **Furniture with Function** - Increasingly, Clients contract us to create furniture with a green function, such as our harvest table. The table features a trough filled with herbs, lettuces or edibles - ready to just snip & add to your meal as needed. It's a growing centerpiece, and great dinner conversation: think fresh tomato pasta with ready to pick basil at your fingertips.
- **Economy pushes Edibles** - As the 'economy,' 'sustainability' and 'health' continue to top public concerns, growing a personal supply of edibles is a trend that builds upon the West Coast's keen awareness of supporting local, eating seasonally and choosing chemical-free produce; all while keeping cost in mind.
- **Community Garden Support** - Even Vancouver city hall is trading turf for tomatoes as a portion of the city hall lawn will be converted into a community garden for people to grow food; and amended bylaws to allow people to raise chickens in their backyards.

To further assist you with comment, Mike Dezell, Journeyman Horticulturalist, has now joined Aloe Designs. With this partnership Aloe is now providing clients with complete landscape design and installation services for outdoor living solutions.

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About Aloe Designs www.aloedesigns.com

Aloe Designs is a Vancouver garden design group that creates outdoor living spaces to reflect the individuality of our clients. Our fresh approach transforms patios, yards or rooftops into garden sanctuaries. Our design team provides a full package from consultation and design, to final landscape installation. Aloe is committed to sourcing organic and sustainable resources to rare, locally crafted goods. Move outdoors. Live outside.

Samples of Aloe Designs – In the News

Georgia Straight 2008
<http://www.straight.com/article-142845/how-green-and-veggie-beautiful-your-garden>

Richmond News 2008
<http://www.canada.com/richmondnews/features/livegreen/story.html?id=b55fcbcb-b1d0-497b-8d2b-2a799e862edd&k=88278>