



Welcome friends to Michael Curtis's Garden Rooms.



Michael Curtis greets Cynthia Brian at the arbor. Notice the red English phone booth at the end of the path.



The kids-only tree house built from reclaimed barn wood and vintage signs.



Densely planted pots, a birdhouse, the swimming pool and outdoor kitchen offer relaxation.



Cactus hang on the lattice while purple petunias and lavender flank the bird bath.

1. Let your unique vision and your imagination be the driving force of a garden design. There are no limits.
2. Anything is art. Display your collections in an appealing manner to evoke conversations and questions. What may be trash to someone else could be a treasure to you.
3. Let color be king. Don't be afraid to razzle dazzle and mix it up.
4. Add grace and relaxation with water elements. Fountains are fabulous.
5. Do the unexpected. (Who would think about showcasing an English telephone booth, a manhole cover in the garden or adding lights to telegraph insulators?)
6. Offer shelter and food for the birds. You can never have too many birdhouses.
7. Don't be afraid to try new plants. If you like it, plant it. If it grows, great. If not, move on. Planting is pure pleasure.
8. Create garden rooms, not just garden beds.
9. Welcome your loved ones to share your oasis with a glass of wine for walking.