Fusing Seasonal Display Planning with Garden-wide Approaches and Programming Leadership, Innovation, Advocacy

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Agave americana
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Storage
Storage and Transport
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“Picnic House”

• 20’ x 40’ footprint, 16’ at eaves, 18’ at peak. Dual circulator fans, vertical circulation.
• Slab heat, 40 to 55 degrees in winter.
• 10’ doors center and one end.
• LowE glass, Argon filled, 84% blockage of UV rays. (Sig 272 Argon)
Storage
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Installation
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Finished Product
Yucca arborea
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Storage
“Tall House”

• 20’ x 40’ footprint, 20’ at eaves, 23’ at peak. Single circulator fan, vertical circulation.
• Slab heat, 50 to 65 degrees in winter.
• 16’ and 10’ doors for drive through capability.
• LowE glass, Argon filled, 84% blockage of UV rays. (Sig 272 Argon)
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Final Product
Cycas, Olea, Laurus and others…

-These plants, while not winter hardy in our Zone 6/7 garden, offer us a high level of cold tolerance.

-Some with basic protection with even give us frost tolerance for our “shoulder season” displays. April 1 through October 31.

- I am finding plants of this type to be increasingly valuable to a cool season display.

- Offering some real “bones” to the early display,
Cycas revoluta
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Olea europaea ‘Arbequeña’
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Laurus nobilus
‘Scicilian Sunshine’
Wollemia nobilis
Storage and Transport
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Ficus carica ‘Oregon Prolific’
- Identify individuals, groups or a genera of plants that will be reliable, durable, versatile and interesting.

- If storage space is an issue, prioritize them.

- Zonal challenges are different for each garden, we exploit the cold tolerance of these non-hardy plants to create anchors in our “shoulder season” displays.
Thank you for your time.
See you in the garden.

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