TITLE: EAST OF EDEN’S TOP DESIGNER CAN HELP YOU CREATE YOUR DREAM GARDEN FROM YOUR SKETCH DESIGN

Do not let distance from us put you off contacting us to help you create your exotic or Mediterranean garden with our design/consultation service and a delivery of our specialist plants combined for you by our award winning design expert, Peter Belton.

No one can illustrate this better than Clem, who made his first contact with us whilst working for the oil industry, based in far away Angola.

Clem likes to take a hands-on approach and certainly likes to have a go. Working in the oil industry, Clem is an astute and clear thinker, with clear goals. He sets himself targets and goes for them.

By a combination of telephone and email conversations Peter was able to provide an efficient and personal consultation service across a large part of the world.

Working from Clem’s own sketches, email photos and ideas, Peter was able to provide Clem with an inspirational planting plan.
Clem’s working client sketch

Would Like A Tropical Garden
Pam Thes, Sr.
Charles Allen, Planning

Clem Francis
The planting plan shown below is the one that Peter sent out to Clem in Angola via email for his consideration.

To accompany his planting plan, Peter sent images of our hardy exotic plants so that Clem had a clear idea of their shape, size, form, colour, etc. and how they would fit into the overall design. Some examples of the images of Palm and Bamboo species that Peter sent are shown on the next page.
Butia capitata

Washingtonia robusta

Brahia armata
Having seen Peter’s other design achievements, including themes in sites as prestigious as Kew Gardens and Hampton Court, Clem could not wait to return home and get into action.
To help Clem further, we also sent images of hardy exotic planting combinations, which we have used in other UK projects, to illustrate how inspirational they can look.
Following an excited reply from Clem to go ahead, and mindful of the design combinations of the plan, Peter selected the full range of plants required from our available extensive exotic nursery stock, to ensure that Clem received the quality expected of East of Eden Plants.

A couple of weeks after Clem’s return from Angola to his coastal home in Lowestoft, he phoned to let us know that he had completed most of the hard landscaping and couldn’t wait to receive the plants.
At this stage, Clem decided to take advantage of the ‘on-site’ consultation service offered by Peter, whereby he accompanies the delivery of the plants and spends a morning session laying out his vision from the wonderful tapestry of colour and shape that arrived by pallet. Clem realised that the specialist professional design experience would make all the difference at this crucial stage. It is always the careful juxtaposition of plants in the context of the surrounding landscape that completes the full realisation of a design. Although ‘Painting by Numbers’ can create a good picture it cannot produce a ‘masterpiece’.

Following Peter’s on-site consultation visit to supervise the plant layout and planting of our specialist plants, the realisation of Clem’s vision took place before his wondorous eyes.
Adapting the planting scheme as the build took place

One of Clem’s strong focal points was a ‘water feature’ that was Clem’s own inspiration, constructed out of railway sleepers - something he had made himself as the project went on.

Knowing how proud Clem was of his water theme, Peter later modified his planting plan to enhance this feature as it developed into a strong 3-dimensional element of his garden.
Clem frequently commented how Peter had translated his own vision into an exciting planting plan with the balance and form that only an experienced designer could produce. Secondly, Clem extolled the value of an organised and carefully selected plant delivery by pallet; put together by Peter, this took the pressure off him. He recognised how difficult it would have been to locate the range of hardy exotics locally and certainly did not have any confidence in the guidance received from most of the corporate garden centre staff, who would find it hard to have the combination of design and specialist plant knowledge that Peter was able to provide when advising Clem.

As with all of our projects, whether a small town garden or a grand project, such as in Gleneagles, Clem appreciated that he had received plants of the highest quality and suited to his location. Peter always selects plants that meet the exacting standards of the Mediterranean Beach Garden project he completed at Kew.

If you would like our expertise to help to create your dream garden, whilst still being in control of events and budget, or to order a ‘Design Pallet’, please call us on 01752.822782 or complete our ‘Design Advice’ request form found on our home page.
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