



While we are pleased to continue to brand the Livable Landscapes image in a variety of publications, we are just as happy to know that our tips and techniques are getting out to a wider audience. In recent months, we have been featured in a half dozen local and regional publications on a variety of subjects.

A Philadelphia Inquirer Home section piece focused on the renovation of our 1890s stone carriage house and turning it into a haven. It is truly a place we look forward to working on planters, holding small brainstorming sessions or just hanging out.

In the 'Fall for the Arts' section of the Chestnut Hill Local, we shared the use of bringing art into your garden and enhancing its beauty. We took readers from the somewhat traditional home and gardens of Chestnut Hill residents, Will and Martha Agate, to a modern sculpture garden and fountain installed for Hannah Dee in Mount Airy. I used much of the information in the article to form the basis of a presentation given to the Random Garden Club. That talk will be further expanded in a seminar at Morris Arboretum next summer. Stay tuned.

In "All the Comforts of Home", which was published in all 16 editions of Montgomery Newspapers, we shared a host of tips for turning an outbuilding into a workable and charming space for garden tools, projects, and a space to enjoy the view of the garden.

From there, it was off to the Century 21 newsletter, where we shared tips on staging one's landscape to increase the salability of a property.

We have compiled and shared the articles on our web site and hope you get a chance to peruse and share your thoughts on them with me.

As we reflect this time of year on all that we are thankful for, I personally would like to extend my sincere gratitude for working with very interesting clients on stimulating projects and sharing these success stories with you.

My sincere thanks,  
*Maria*

## WHERE INSIDE MEETS OUTSIDE: HOLISTIC INTERIOR & EXTERIOR HOME RENOVATIONS

By Lisa Picozzi

Meet Maria Hasenecz, landscape designer and owner of Livable Landscapes, and Diane Menke, design/build remodeler and co-owner of Myers Constructs, Inc.

While these Philadelphia-area designers each have their own unique approach and sense of style, they share the perspective that interior and exterior spaces should be considered simultaneously during the planning stages of a project. Here, Maria and Diane discuss how they put this philosophy into action with recent home-renovation projects at their own respective homes.

Maria's project was an 1890s classic stone farmhouse in Wyndmoor, which she and her



*The final results of Diane Menke's holistic renovation show beautifully in this photo. Design assistance by In House Studio, LLC. Photo by D. Landry*



*Hasenecz's home and garden after it's harmonizing interior/exterior renovation.*

husband purchased in 1996. The neglected home's structure had character with lots of potential. Despite its charm, Maria knew it was in need of a front-porch overhaul and a garden that would provide curb appeal, year-round interest and privacy.

In contrast, Diane took on a 1957 Sputnik-Era split-level rancher in leafy Flourtown that she purchased in 2006. While Diane loved the vintage house because it was in pristine condition, she felt that it needed a kitchen and landscaping makeover – as well as a new slate front patio and larger, energy-efficient windows.

Read the full story and photo documentary of these holistic transformations [here](#).

For more information go to [www.myersconstructs.com](http://www.myersconstructs.com)

## LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN TIPS

November is the time to get out outside and put the garden to bed for winter and prepare for next spring. Follow these tips and your garden will love you.

- Complete garden clean up in preparation for winter.
- Cut back most perennials to the ground.
- Don't cut back ornamental grasses (unless you prefer a clean-lined look) or varieties of Liriope, Carex, Epimedium, Alchemilla, Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Cotinus, Buddleia, Heuchera, Lavendar and Caryopteris.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs.
- Drain hoses and turn off spigots before the frost. Bring hoses in the garage.
- Blow out automatic irrigations and drip irrigation systems with a compressor.
- Empty glazed and terra cotta pots that are susceptible to cracking over the winter.

- Check that your mulch hasn't decomposed or washed away and add more as needed.
- Take cuttings of begonias and coleus to over winter indoors.
- Remove any diseased foliage now, so it doesn't get lost in the fall leaves.
- Clean all tools and equipment before winter storage.
- Take pictures of your during the winter months to identify areas you would like to improve for next winter.
- Plan to plant trees, shrubs and perennials thru the end of November.

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