



## Winners!

**Annual Golden Trowel Awards** From courtyard nooks to sprawling acres of tended green, this year's Golden Trowel competition drew the gamut of garden entries for a chance at the coveted Garden Design accolade. Stroll through the top eight, designed by amateurs and professionals alike.



## swain's world

*Bob Swain calls his garden a "personal sanctuary." We call it a seamless fusion of the soul, style and plants that make the Pacific Northwest such a hotbed of gardening*



...Continue on the pathway, screened by slender-trunked quaking aspen, to the outdoor dining area, sheltered by towering Japanese timber bamboo. A Chinese granite mortar has been transformed into a dining table. Pavers are seven 6 foot, hand-carved granite planks from villages to be submerged by the Three Gorges Dam in China (Rhodes Architectural Stone, a Seattle-based company specializing in importing handcrafted building materials, supplied the numerous artifacts in the garden.).

...The pathway seems to float over the meadow's moss as it leads to the front entry past a Japanese-style water basin (photo on left). This feature is made from several pieces- a monumental natural basalt column found in eastern Washington makes the basin, while water falls in a steady trickle from a copper pipe suspended from a Chinese granite well marker.