Aquascaping Pilot website

What is aquascaping?

Aquascaping is aquatic designing. It is an art form that mixes basic design principles with aquatic life. Aquascapes are planted aquariums. They are created in glass tanks and usually made of substrate, rocks or driftwood and a variety of live plants. These materials can be used to create simple or intricate designs in any size tank. Substrate, like dirt, is used to create a landscape in an aquascape. Decorations like rocks or driftwood are added to enhance an aquascape and create a focus point. Aquatic plants of any color, shape or size can be planted in a tank. Usually, aquascapes are created to show off their plants. With so much aquatic plant variety available, there are limitless plant combinations and designs one could use in an aquascape.

After successfully designing, creating and establishing an aquascape, many people introduce fish. Fish are secondary to plants. They add movement and color to already beautiful planted aquariums.

On this site…

On this site you will find the basic information and history you need to understand aquascaping. You will also find the basic steps for designing and creating an aquascape, the supplies you need to do so, examples of aquascapes and other useful information. This website is meant to be a resource for beginning aquascapers to learn more about aquatic design as well as a resource for people who already aquascape and simply want to know more.

* History: This page will share some history behind aquascaping.

1. It will have a paragraph about when aquatic design came about, where it is popular, about contests and other history.
2. It will contain history about aquatic designers and their personal history with aquascaping.
3. It will also have information on aquatic design companies, their founders and their founding.

People have been putting aquatic plants and fish together in aquariums forever. However, aquascaping is a relatively new art. There are a few popular styles of planted tanks and the oldest, the Dutch style, emerged in the 1930s. The Dutch style design rarely uses hardscape materials like rocks or driftwood. Dutch style aquascapes are packed with a variety of colorful plants, showing almost no substrate.

Other popular design styles include the Japanese Nature Aquarium style, Japanese Iwagumi style and the Jungle style. The Nature Aquarium style was developed by aqua designer Takashi Amano in the 1990s. Aquascapes with this style mimic natural landscapes, have a focus point and are often minimalist. They use hardscape materials and less colors than the Dutch style. In the Iwagumi style, rocks dominate the aquascape and low-growing plants are usually used. In the Jungle style, there is dense plant growth resembling a jungle. Hardscape materials are rarely used and plants are meant to densely fill this aquascape.

http://aquascapinglove.com/basics/the-dutch-aquarium/

Since established by Takashi Amano about 25 years ago, Nature Aquarium has been having a significant influence on aquarium products and layout style. All the aquarium supplies developed by ADA are its completely original products inspired by Amano’s unique viewpoints and ideas… All the ADA products are designed with consistent focus on beauty and functionality as well as for “joy of use”.

**Resources:**

*Here are some helpful resources for aquatic products and more information on aquascaping:* (list)

In-depth information about aquascaping:

Aquarium Info <http://aquariuminfo.org/index.html>

Aquascaping Love <http://aquascapinglove.com/basics/getting-started-aquascaping/>

AquaScaping World Forum <http://www.aquascapingworld.com/>

The Planted Tank http://www.plantedtank.net/

These websites sell aqua products and also have in-depth information on aquascaping:

Aqua Design Amano <http://www.adana.co.jp/en/contents/products/index.html>

The Green Machine <http://www.thegreenmachineonline.com/shop/>

Online aqua stores:

Aquatop <http://aquatop.com/>

Finnex http://www.finnex.net/

Live Aquaria <http://www.liveaquaria.com/>

Seachem http://www.seachem.com/index.php

Local Aqua stores:

Aqua World https://www.facebook.com/Aqua-World-152220264818062/

Pet Supplies Plus http://www.petsuppliesplus.com/

Tropical World Pets <http://www.twpstl.com/>

Aquatic design contests and showcases:

Aquatic Gardeners Association <http://showcase.aquatic-gardeners.org/>

European Aquatic Plants Layout Contest <http://eaplc.com/>

The International Aquatic Plants Layout Contest <http://en.iaplc.com/>

**Supplies**:

*<p><i>There is a multitude and variety of aquascaping supplies. Supplies includes <b>aquatic plants</b>, <b>filters</b>, <b>substrates</b>, <b>heating systems</b>, <b>lights</b>, <b>plant supplements</b>, <b>substrates</b>, <b>tools</b> and many other products. Here is some basic supplies:</i></p>*

CO2 system

Curved scissors

filter

heater

light

Plant supplement

Planting tongs

Soil