

# bronze award



## A CHILD'S HILLSIDE GARDEN

Specialty Project Category  
Project Location: Fairview, NC

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Firm Location: Asheville, NC  
Zone: 7a

There are plenty of places for children to explore. Child-sized furniture invites reading, contemplation, and tea parties (above).

Incorporating "art and whimsy" was one of the client's requests, so the homeowner's family collection of insulators was repurposed as lighting. A conduit was built into the wall (right).

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### JUDGES' PERSPECTIVE:

This is an interesting area within an overall landscape. While the spaces are simple and directed by their location and context, the potential is in the utility as a space in time. The story potential, day and night, brings endless opportunity to all. This project features enchanting lighting, beautiful plantings, and lovely details. The stone craftsmanship is amazing.

*Rhythm, Texture, Form, Color, Balance, Proportion, Harmony. The garden is beautiful in every month (left).*

### STEAL THIS:

This lush, colorful, enchanting hillside garden entices children outside for imaginative play by featuring surprises in unexpected places, such as nooks for an outdoor fairy collection, child-sized furniture, ground level plantings to encourage inspection of tiny or unusual features, and labeled plants.

The upper area was graded to create a landing that was furnished with two chairs for the clients to enjoy the mountain views (left).

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