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Newsletter from Whole Earth Landscape & Design

Creating a Paradise!

Imagine yourself in a place where you are surrounded by natural beauty, everywhere you look there are cascading plants and moss covered rocks, a waterfall is whispering in your ear. You are slowly winding down as the serenity and tranquility welcomes you.

If you let out a sigh after you read the above, then a water feature is for YOU. Take a walk around your home. Look out of the windows and envision your water feature. You might be seeing a small reflecting spot where you hear the sound of moving water or you may be seeing something more elaborate such as the one in the picture that was recently completed by Whole Earth in Westford. Water features come in all shapes and sizes and can be incorporated into any site and any budget! Lighting can be used to enhance the water feature creating a completely different and magical experience at night.



Photo copyright Barbara Peacock 2005

Ponds are rapidly gaining in popularity. We have

already built 3 ponds this year. Whole Earth builds ponds which support a good ecosystem process. This process is essential to a low maintenance pond and includes a good circulation system and filtration system both mechanical and biological, rocks and gravel which house aerobic bacteria keeping the pond clean, fish and plants. The presence of these elements allows Mother Nature to complete her infinite aquatic circle of life and to do most of the work when it comes to pond maintenance.

Call today to set up an appointment for a design consultation. The initial meeting is \$55 and includes the CD "Creating a Paradise". For a limited time, if you place a deposit for a pond installation, you will receive 2 hours of design time absolutely free. (See coupon on reverse)

Skeptical? Call or e-mail us today and ask for a copy of

"20 Pond Myths Exposed." Chances are it will dispel any doubts you may have about having a pond.

Whole Earth Landscape & Design Services Offered

- *Master plans & site planning*
- *Brick & Bluestone patios & walkways*
- *Fieldstone retaining walls and sitting walls*
- *Soil building, perennials, trees and shrubs*
- *Perennial & specialty gardens*
- *Water gardens*
- *Transplanting*
- *Mulch*
- *Chemical-free lawn maintenance and shrub care including soil testing, fertilize/lime, pest control, weekly cutting, transplanting and hand pruning*

Visit us on the web:
www.wholeearthlandscapedesign.com

Landscaping Now

It's no surprise that all of us at Whole Earth Landscaping get excited about the value of landscaping. This is the beginning of a series of articles that will share our enthusiasm with you.

Economic benefits:

- Landscaping can add as much as 14% resale value to a home and speed the sale of a property by up to 6 weeks.
- Proper selection and placement of plant material can lower heating and cooling costs by as much as 20% while creating a healthier environment. In the summer, one large tree can

absorb as much heat as several window air conditioners and can lower temperatures by ten degrees.

- A cypress hedge planted 2 feet thick along the front of a property will reduce street noise by 5 decibels as well as enhance unpleasant views.
- Homes with excellent landscaping not only sell at 4-5 percentage points higher but homes with poor landscaping in neighborhoods with excellent landscaping sold for 8-10% less.*

Statistics provided by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA)
*Study done by Mark S. Henry, Clemson University Dept of Agriculture

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Plant Highlight— Magnolia “Elizabeth”

Large, fragrant, golden yellow blooms are her claim to fame, occurring in late April and continuing through most of May.

For more on this magnolia, see our website.



Where in the MetroWest area is the WELD crew now?????

The WELD crew recently completed a job in Harvard finishing up on a project that was begun last year. In 2004 the hardscape portion of the project was completed—a Bluestone patio with a cobblestone band, stone pool decking and edging and field-stone wall. The crew returned this Spring to build a water feature and to complete the plantings.

is the water feature in progress. We have recently added the plants.

To see more pictures of this project, visit our website and click on Featured Project.



The picture below

Health Tip!

Relieve muscle tension that fuels neck pain with these exercises!

Intermediate neck rotation:

Sit comfortably with your chin level. Slowly roll your head downward, lowering your chin onto your chest. Let your head hand, feeling a stretch in the back of your neck. Keep your chin close to your chest, and rotate your

head to the right, feeling a stretch on the left side of your neck. Hold for six seconds, then bring your head back to center position and rotate to the left. Repeat three times.

For more exercises, see our website.

LIMITED TIME OFFER

FREE

Place a deposit for a
water feature installation & receive
2 hours of design time absolutely free.
(Value: \$120)

Expiration Date: 10/31/05

***NOTE:** A deposit for a design/build project must be placed before October 31, 2005 with installation to be scheduled as time permits.

Summer Calendar

Beds & Gardens: Weed consistently to keep weeds from spreading or seeding. Re-apply mulch where needed. Continue to dead head (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage continued blooming.

Trees & Shrubs: Hand prune hedges, evergreens & summer flowering plants after they have finished flowering to retain their shape. Remove any dead or diseased branches. Water new plantings deeply to establish healthy root growth.

Lawn: It is normal for a lawn to turn slightly brown in the summer—water 1"-2" to maintain health. Raise the

cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer. Reseed or rebuild damaged lawns in late August. Slice seed thin areas or areas infested with crabgrass. Core aerate to prune roots and allow for easier passage of air and water to roots. Apply third round of fertilizer while the soil is warm when grass roots grow most.

General maintenance: Remove poison ivy, brush and other invasives.

Summer is a good time to take advantage of nursery sales.