

Landscaping Jayne Schurick and Lorenzo Dunn 2017-2018

Pacific Mountain Horticulture gets two thumbs up! We had a large job that needed vision and creativity as well as excellent execution. It was really a basket of projects that needed to get tied together into a coherent whole. We needed a retaining wall and driveway around a recently built garage. Then there was the overgrown yard, ramshackle stone wall along the driveway and hodgepodge of a side yard. We had planted things here and there but it just wasn't working. An old badminton court and fence through part of the yard made it harder to see the whole instead of a bunch of parts. And we had some vague ideas about wanting to make access to our front door easier and more apparent for visitors and thought the landscaping work could help.

Tish took on this big bundle of conflicting needs and pulled it all together beautifully. Her process is excellent. She started with a basic design plan on paper but let us know early on that the best way to do this project was in stages; we let the plan evolve as necessary. Tish was great at making sure we were in synch on what the priorities were, that she had our OK before proceeding with the next stage and letting us know what her crew was going to be working on next. When we asked her for a detailed cost projection, she was happy to work one up and stick to it. Tish isn't inexpensive but she and her crew deliver excellent value.

Her crew is hard-working; efficient, neat, and thorough. They are true craftsmen. We could see the care they took in the stone work, deck construction and irrigation systems they installed. They were a pleasure to have on site.

Tish's artistry shows in the results. Our tangled front yard now has a strong plan with the visual anchors of trees and a low stone wall in place. The stonework along the driveway has been replaced with a dry stone wall that is just beautiful. The same theme carries over to a wall on the other side of the drive. It looks like it should have always been that way. Tish solved our front door access problem with an extension to our front porch that was a real "whole much greater than the sum of its parts".

Everybody who comes over comments on how great the garden looks and how it balances the rest of the house. We now have a sturdy, beautiful retaining wall and drive to the garage, flagstone paths through the yard, tiered planting beds and a coherent design.

We are entirely satisfied with the great work Pacific Mountain Horticulture did for us.