



General maintenance on existing plants

A. **Privet**- inside patio , early summer bloom- so cut back hard now, then again next spring to free up space for new shrubs/ perennial border , outside wall cut back only hard enough to tidy and shape, then annually should be enough to clean up berries and rogue growth.

B. **Choisya (Sundance)** continual tip pruning will keep them compact and sturdy. early summer bloom- so don't do first pruning until after first round of bloom then thereafter after each flowering flush stop pruning by late September to ensure winter protection.

SOIL ISSUES composed bark mulch (aged mulch - 3/8minus) will enrich sandy soil, help retain moisture thru summer and feed shrubs. dig some in after thorough weeds and removal of creeping jenny and **persicaria** (this is related to the invasive knotweed that is east of garage) water well lay down cardboard, cover with 3 inches mulch water well again, cut thru cardboard when ready to plant. existing bulbs will emerge thru on their own

Other existing plants Sequoia pendula , Fagus fastigiata & pendula , Fir

Hydrangea paniculata & macrophylla , Carex ice dance , euphorbia myrsinities

West side patio wall - inside/ under Fir tree

I think it will be too crowded with **Fargesia** inside and under Fir. I like the idea of employing the "borrowed view" . C. One large dramatic **Cortaderia** (maybe Freecycle.org, people often find them too big and want to give away) outside the fence. will allow you to remove some of the lower branches and open up that inside corner a bit. this would be a good corner D. for **Mahonia nervosa**, a low growing Oregon grape. evergreen beautiful yellow flowers. prickly , but you won't be walking in there except to harvest your berries. **Asarum canadensis** , **cyclamen coum** & **snowdrop** bulbs for early spring beauty. **clematis vines** would work well here as well on fence and even up tree. an early bloomer **Pauline**, is one of my well behaved favourites, followed by **blue ravine**. easy to maintain. cut back hard in late winter. Add extra mulch and cardboard here from tree base to fence.

E. Corylopsis pauciflora - witch hazel family, smaller, beautiful delicate winter hazel, plant where it can be seen from your glass doors. Between proposed Hibiscus and fir, set back enough to leave room for your perennial border.

F. Hibiscus syriacus - White pillar - Narrow, tropical looking showy white blooms, flowering late summer into fall (says grows to 10ft but don't worry, very prunable and slow growing)

G. Perennial border - Hellebore, edible blue common viola, assorted Hosta (Large - Guacamole, Blue Umbrella, Pauls Glory. small to medium. Mouse ears, Drinking gourd, June. I would use all of these on west border, smaller only around daphne on south border

H. Outside west wall - Fremontadendron californicum & Festuca Elijah Blue this blue grass is much tidier than the carex, more drought tolerant and would fit into your overall colour scheme.

Inside south wall

possibly move hydrangea paniculata?... im imagining that to be crowded and very dry below the beech. I know i suggested the other hydrangea go there, but I would put all the hydrangeas on the lawn side near ivy fence to get morning sun and more water away from trees.

I. Daphne Carol Mackie would be my choice in place of the hydrangea by the patio. Spring & summer bloom, bright foliage and incredible fragrance. Position it carefully, space between patio and fence as they don't like to be moved once established. West of gate where other sequoia is gone, Honeysuckle **J. Lonicera Peaches and Cream**. train to grow (west) along south wall. Initially keep pruned to one central trunk until it is established. cut back each march to strong leader.

K. I think your planter idea here against house is brilliant. Herbs, & tomatoes, extending pavers to corner of patio will clean up the middle ground and facilitate better flow from patio to gate. Rosemary with Rose. you will actually use what you grow close to the door.

L. Ilex fastigiata in pot by door, grow blue passion flower vine on it, cut vine back annually, evergreen Ilex is not a prickly holly, slow growing, erect provides structure for stunning tropical blooms of vine.

M. more color inside gate, Pulsatilla red & purple (blooming now), Gentian bloom later, Lewisia Sunset & White Dianthus thru summer.

N. Fargesia would be a great screen & border to your lawn area. I could be planted in the boxes for more height or in the ground there. they are clumping, meaning spread slowly, but they do expand as you can see the new canes coming. I think that area where the boxes are looked shady enough at the base to make them very happy there.

O. inside wall along small connect to lawn area. Bluestar creeper Pratia ground cover. also use for patching lawn.

Outside south gate and wall... carex ice dance reno... Alternatives some or all!! I would use the showy stuff right by your gate and simple festuca closer to the corner with intervals of perovskia in between.

P. Giant *Euphorbia wulfenii*, *Phormium* - amazing red, *Perovskia*, *Romneya coulterii*, *Andropogon*
 Blackhawk & blue festuca to tie into the west side wall border

Q. East of driveway , Windmill palm, OR ! *Albizzia* tree. Stunningly tropical, *Campsis radicans* on wall

