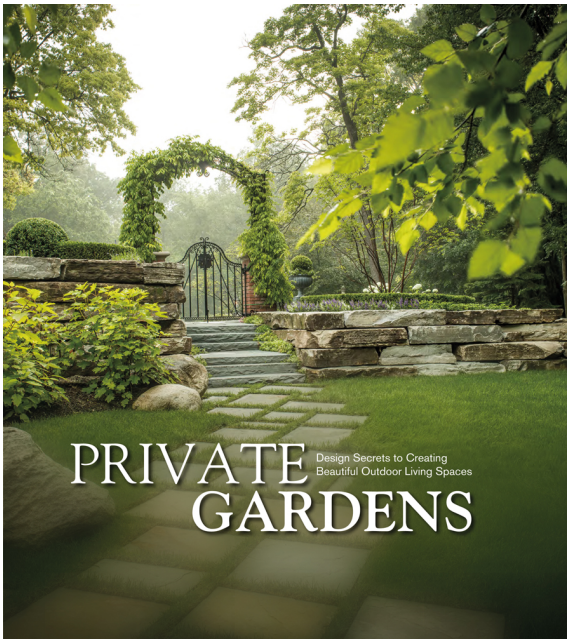
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To understand the development of private gardens, one must accept that there is no classroom that can explain how approaching such a project is accomplished. It is a long journey that is ignited in those who begin to pursue a passion for garden design. Beginning with, first, the study of plants and the wonder of all their characteristics, this knowledge then needs to be combined with a solid understanding of the mathematics of geometry and the use of scale and the relationship of proportions. Landscape designers must progress on to developing a style that fits a designer's personality while, at the same time, expanding the vision for each landscape. Garden design seems simple, but actually it is very complicated work.

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A graduate from Michigan State University, with a degree in Landscape Horticulture with a focus on design,**Kurt Schaus**, Principal Designer of R. Youngblood & Co., has heightened the levels of all projects since his joining the firm in 2002. He is known for his ability to conceptualize a landscape plan that harmonizes with proven install specifications, overcomes site challenges, and functionally serves the desired vision and lifestyle. With a strong understanding of the relationship between site, architecture, and environment, Kurt effectively prioritizes the project scope to the most desirable outcome. He serves the firm and its clients greatly with his 30 years of experience and the understanding of what is behind the making of a garden. His role and abilities have allowed R.Youngblood & Co. to be the proud recipient of awards for garden design and excellence on several occasions.

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