

About the Authors

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Karen Chapman is proprietor of Le Jardinet, a custom container and landscape design business in the Seattle area. She writes regular garden-related articles for online and print publications and her work has been featured in numerous national magazines, including *Fine Gardening* and *Decks, Patios and Pools*. Karen is also a popular speaker at garden clubs, nurseries and the annual Northwest Flower and Garden Show.

She lives on five rural acres in Duvall, Washington, where she is trying to create her dream garden – despite the deer. Website and blog: www.lejardinetdesigns.com

“There has been a trowel in my hand and soil under my fingernails for as long as I can remember, but that is just the way it is in England where I grew up. Gardening is simply a part of everyday life where plants and produce are exchanged over a cup of tea and neighbors regularly stop to admire one another’s gardens. And so it was inevitable that when I moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1996 it wasn’t long before I was working at one of the leading nurseries, where I could continue to feed my plant addiction and share my enthusiasm and knowledge with others. Ten years later I took that a step further by establishing my custom container garden and landscape design business, Le Jardinet.”





Christina Salwitz is a horticulturist with a passion for great design and all things green and beautiful. Her Seattle-area business, The Personal Garden Coach, helps gardeners of all skill levels to achieve their gardening dreams with style and originality. Christina's "couture" plants, custom designed containers and writing have been featured in *Better Homes & Gardens* and *Fine Gardening*, among others, and she is a regular speaker at garden shows and nurseries.

She feeds her foliage obsession in her Renton, Washington, garden – determined to cram as many luscious leaves as possible into a small space.

Blog: www.personalgardencoach.wordpress.com

"Early in life, I was going to be in Fashion and Merchandising, never dreaming that it would one day take me into couture plants and container plant displays instead. After being an avid gardener all my life, it finally became clear what I truly wanted to be when I grew up. After working in nurseries for many years, becoming a horticulturist and designer, I started The Personal Garden Coach. Now I happily guide other gardeners through the challenges and pleasures of gardening practice and design. With the temperate climate in the Northwest, we're blessed to be able to garden almost year-round. I focus on container design as my main passion, but my signature style is to blend fabulous foliage while paying special attention to brightening the gray months of winter."



About the Photographer



A graduate of the Art Institute of Seattle, **Ashley DeLatour** is a fine art/people/garden/travel photographer, and co-owner of One Thousand Words Photography in Seattle. Her journey into garden photography began with Karen Chapman showing her the world of plant combinations and the beauty and details that lie within a garden. Ashley's work has been featured in *Fine Gardening*, *Seattle Bride*, and *The Knot* magazines; and on the blog "Garden Adventures – for thumbs of all colors."

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