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General Design Category

GENERAL DESIGN, Award of Excellence
**M. Victor and Frances Leventritt Garden at The Arnold
 Arboretum of Harvard University, Boston**
REED HILDERBRAND, Watertown, Massachusetts **A**

THIS GARDEN was designed as a joint effort by landscape architects and research scientists to develop a captivating shrub and vine collection. A connective pathway integrates the garden and the arboretum within the 200-acre property. The barrier-free network of garden ramps and steps over 30 vertical feet of grade change brings universal accessibility to the rich experience of lush terraces. The client's low-input maintenance requirements were addressed with soils blended to precision and a supplemental irrigation infrastructure. The demonstration garden itself includes more than 150 species and cultivars of shrubs and vines. A 3.5-acre irregularly shaped hillside features traditional horticultural displays and allows for educational programs. The jurors called this entry "a project of love; you can just see it in the details. It's exquisite, contemporary, yet traditional and unique in how it's presented."

GENERAL DESIGN, Honor Award
Curran House, San Francisco
**ANDREA COCHRAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,
 San Francisco** **B**

GREAT LANDSCAPE design can be affordable, as proven by the gardens and fine details evident throughout this low-income housing site in San Francisco's Tenderloin District. The landscape for Curran House, a high-density urban project, includes a serene yet sturdy "decompression" garden, an oasis that serves as a buffer between the harshness of the Tenderloin street and the building's front door. The perimeter of a ground-level courtyard in the rear of the building is lined with temple bamboo, which softens the surrounding buildings and provides a sense of refuge in a space that includes seating made of cypress logs arranged around a gently bubbling fountain. Beyond the building lobby, the wings of the garden are richly planted with tree ferns, baby tears, and flax and satisfy the client's request to create a calm atmosphere while minimizing noise. The high-budget appearance continues with a roof garden that includes rotating individual garden plots for tenants. "Sublime de-