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GARDENS

of the YEAR

Best Professional Garden

DESIGN: **GREG HEBERT**
Greg Hebert Landscape Architect

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ARTISTS' RANCH GARDEN

The camouflage of a rooftop garden hides Steve and Yvonne Maloney's new art studio from the main house, which sits on higher ground of their Rancho Santa Fe property. Planted with drought-tolerant plants, the roof garden blends in seamlessly with the rest of the garden of natives and other unthirsty plants that create visual interest through the seasons.

It was one way landscape architect Greg Hebert integrated the new studio into the rest of the garden. For the roof, he chose plant material that was not only drought-tolerant but also slow-growing so it wouldn't obstruct the views from a guesthouse and several patios.

Near the entrance to the studio, Hebert planted a patch of vibrant-colored flowers to surround "Rose," a ceramic sculpture by Viola Frey that welcomes guests to the property. The studio doors open wide to connect the Maloneys, both successful artists, and guests to the nearby gardens.

Hebert had already designed the property's landscape and gardens, which he connected with a graceful network of paths made of decomposed granite. So when the Maloneys started planning to build a studio inspired by Spanish sculptor Eduardo Chillida's farmhouse museum in the Basque region of Spain, they invited Hebert back to design a plan to integrate the new building with the garden.

"This garden does many things well," says contest juror Bret Belyea. "It caters to the artist owners and their sense of style. It also has a great color palette that is not overdone. All the plants are drought resistant and many bloom for the better part of the year."

BELOW: The plants in the Rancho Santa Fe garden of artists Steve and Yvonne Maloney are drought resistant and bloom for most of the year. **OPPOSITE:** The Maloneys' new art studio connects with the garden through wide open doors. The studio roof is planted with slow-growing drought-resistant material.





*The plant list is impressive in this California ranch garden. The **COLORS** of the natives and xeriscape cultivars **ENHANCE AND SUPPORT ARCHITECTURE** and art. The **MOVEMENT OF THE PATHS** is graceful and suits the site. The borrowed landscape adds to the beauty, privacy and spaciousness of the site.*

— Juror Lynne Blackman







The marriage of house and garden **WORKS VERY WELL** — *Juror Bret Belyea*