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GOING NATIVE

Everyone loves a pretty bed of flowers, but in the world of landscape architecture wildness reigns supreme. Why our cities are blooming with unruly native plants and why we should applaud it.

By Russ Klettke



ASLA 2011 AWARD WINNER

Casa Nueva, Santa Barbara, CA
Van Atta Associates, va-la.com

Because of the limited budget, which had to cover art, architecture, and landscape, this design surprised the ASLA jury. Van Atta Associates designed the property with the building on its outer edges, so the structure would shield the courtyard from wind and freeway noise. This created a calm, outdoor space for the 1,800 employees working in the building, and it's equipped with computer-charging stations, so they can work outside and truly enjoy the landscape.

mowing of grass along highways, and the use of native grasses. "‘Pretty’ is not a bad thing," she adds, "but instead of trying to tame nature, we are allowing nature to work as it does. The mainstream aesthetic is catching up to that."

Hatchell believes the green movement is good for the profession, both for placing greater value on what landscape architects do and in drawing young people to work in the field. "We really exist in the mix of environment and culture," she says. "Landscape architecture needs people who can think and collaborate and write as well as design. It's about historical preservation, community development, health and healthcare, public art, and reclamation." In other words, all the things that flow upon a landscape. **gb&d**

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