Gardens without meaning

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Abstract

In a number of recent texts devoted to history and theory in landscape architecture the assertion has appeared that modernist landscape architects emphasised form over content in their work. This is reflected in the widely held and more general claim that landscape architecture of the modern period was not interested in meaning. This paper counters this claim in two ways. First, it attempts to show that modernist landscape architects were indeed interested in meaning, but that their interest was expressed in ways which have not been appreciated in critical commentary. Secondly, it argues that the essentialist model of landscape meaning which has been deployed in the justification of the above claim is inadequate both for the purpose to which it has been put, and as a theoretical foundation for contemporary practice in general. An alternative model of landscape meaning is proposed. This model is derived in the first instance from contemporary readings of related disciplines in the social sciences (sociology, cultural geography, anthropology) and in particular from the interpretative methodology known as hermeneutics.

common or garden variety. A standard, unexceptional, or commonly found kind (of thing). Primarily heard in UK. That’s just your common or garden variety house spider; there’s no need to be concerned about its bite. See also: common, garden, variety. garden variety. A standard, unexceptional, or commonly found kind (of thing). garden meaning: 1. a piece of land next to and belonging to a house, where flowers and other plants are grown, and often containing an area of grass; 2. a piece of land, usually in a yard next to a house, where you grow flowers and vegetables; 3. a public park with flowers, plants, and places….


garden noun [ C ]. us /ˈɡɑrdən/. Garden Sentence Examples. Today, I have a vegetable garden in my backyard. They usually spent the morning hours in the garden and the afternoon at the pool. Alice was a geranium Cynthia had lovingly rescued from certain death by frost last September when the rest of their first year garden succumbed to the advancing seasons. Somewhere I can have a garden and maybe a horse. The gardener answered: A year ago, as I was spading in my garden, I saw something fall at the foot of a palm tree.