



Ecological landscape design



Biography

Bernadette Balics began digging in the dirt, planting flowers, tomatoes and trees with her father, Louis, a landscape horticulture graduate, just as soon as she could walk. Growing up in Davis, she has a deep understanding of the conditions here – the wet and the dry, the variety of soils – and, through years of experience, the lively and unique plant palette available here in northern California.



After receiving a bachelor's degree in genetics at University of California at Davis, she earned a master's degree in ecological agriculture from Wageningen Agricultural University in the Netherlands. Her master's studies encompassed all that is included in sustainable agriculture, from the macro to the micro, and her courses included soil science, ecology, sociology of agriculture, animal husbandry and farming systems.

She has apprenticed on both organic family farms and biodynamic farms, which are small farms growing a diversity of vegetables and animals while nurturing the soil. She has also studied permaculture, which focuses on the relationship between how people live and microclimates, animals, soil, water, perennial and annual plants in the environs.

She has learned landscape design itself through seminars, classes, collaboration with other professionals, books and hands-on learning, and has completed over 120 projects typically with a client waiting list.

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Consultation value \$100

Limited to the Sacramento and Davis areas