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The Art of Landscaping

Bill Dear sees himself as an artist who likes to design outdoor spaces in new ways that look great initially and improve as they grow

by Leslie Feldman

Horticulturist Bill Dear considers himself an artist. Not the kind that paints a still life or illustrates children's books, but one who creates beautiful gardens and landscapes. In fact, one of Dear's favorite quotes, by an anonymous author, states, "Gardening is the slowest of the performing arts." He couldn't agree with that more because it shows that a garden isn't an inanimate feature. "It will evolve and can be manipulated and that a truly great design will unveil itself as it grows and matures," Bill says.

Bill is the founder of Dear Garden Associates, Inc., in Pipersville, PA, and is involved in all facets of the business. He brings the value of over twenty years of experience as a professional in the fields of horticulture and landscape design and construction.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in ornamental horticulture, and a minor in Ecology from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Bill was planning to be an architect. But, he decided to pursue his love of the outdoors and plants. "I always thought I would design buildings, but my interest in nature and the environment led me down a different career path," he explains.