

Transform your garden and home

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Go into the arts. I'm not kidding. The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something. ~Kurt Vonnegut

This is our journey into decorating our homes from something rather unordinary to that where it appeared on national television and select magazines. We decided to forfeit any major mechanisation and purposefully utilize a rather basic hands on and often somewhat primitive approach. This meant everything was produced in our back yard

of our town house with rudimentary tooling from the local hardware store.



The idea was to provide a narrative which would inspire readers to try something different. In today's world of consumerism and rapid turnover, the art of fashioning (intricate handiwork or anything to the best of our abilities) appears to be of fading importance.

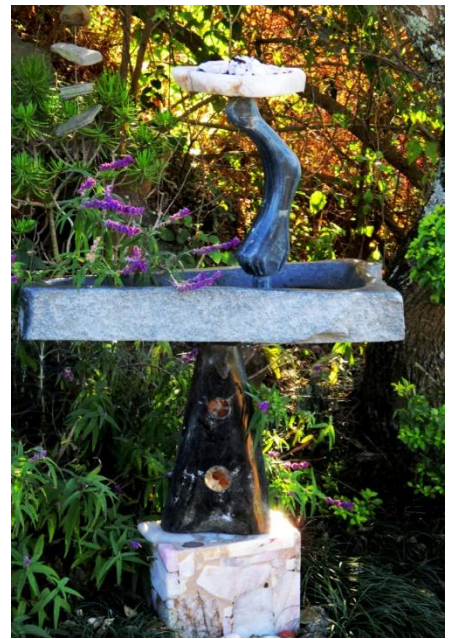
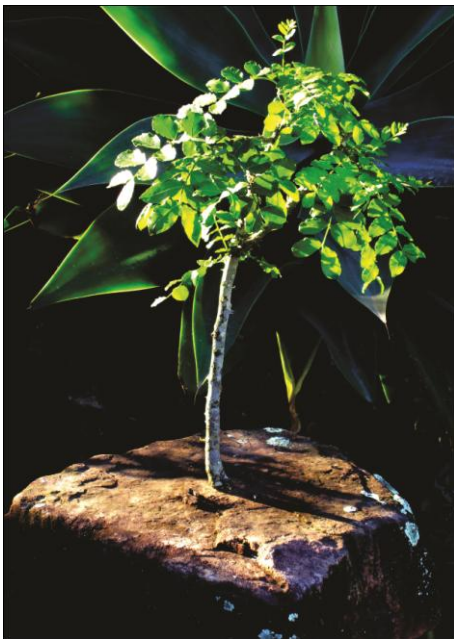
The whole concept of creating our own garden and home ornaments originated when we built a house and decided to attempt something that customarily is not located through retail outlets. Our main tools were all hand held instruments and everything we made was done at home. The majority of materials we sourced from off cuts of kitchen counters and discarded chunks of stone which we obtained for free from the granite companies. All the rocks we found lying beside roadways/rivers and friends farms. Moreover we had absolutely no experience whatsoever with building anything or working with this tooling.

This venture was undertaken close to 6 decades into life, highlighting that it's never too late to follow a goal or expand an inspiration. Our hope in compiling this narrative is that it will encourage people to attempt something different in their lives and perhaps step out of their comfort zone and attempt an idea you always have wanted to. Who knows where it might lead to! So what if you make a mistake. Learn from it and move on regardless of what others think.

A creation of beauty (which is in the eye of the beholder only) is undoubtedly food for the soul. Constructing a garden (no matter the size), nurturing a plant or formulating a sculpture provides peace, harmony and a sense of accomplishment. Merely start with a seed and watch it grow.

In addition to this on line book, we have provided a number of free downloads of various topics and procedures, along with a collection of videos on our You Tube channel-links at the end

A few excerpt pictures from volume one





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