



## secrets and sources

Mary Effron works pots into garden beds and terraces and onto steps, top, in a Santa Monica garden.

**WHERE TO GO** **Dake** • Bird Rock Tropicals in Carlsbad for dramatic bromeliads (760-438-9393); Malibu Masonry, a more accessible stoneyard where you can really see the stone (310-456-9444); a company called California Vermiculture, which produces Wormgold for worm castings (760-942-6086); "The Floracle" at [Windowbox.com](http://Windowbox.com), for great garden advice. **Glascok** • Brookfield Farms, a new ornamental grass nursery in Thousand Oaks (by appointment only, 805-379-8708); Pusaka Collection, a West Hollywood source for Asian stone carvings and large pots for water features (323-650-2952); Casa Mexicana, a North Hollywood source for hammered tin fountains, ironwork and Mexican pots (818-763-3115). **Furr** • Wallace Soil Laboratories for soil testing (310-615-0111); Ewing Irrigation Supply for irrigation products and information (online at [ewing1.com](http://ewing1.com)); Serra Gardens for succulents (online at [cacti.com](http://cacti.com)). **Bartos** • Hortus has everything! (626-792-8255, in Pasadena; 714-532-5434, in Orange); Desert to Angle Nursery in Montebello (323-722-3976); California Cactus Center in Pasadena (626-795-2788). **Kenton and Silva** • Sperling Nursery in Calabasas for expert advice on new plants and plant availability (818-591-9111); Home Depot for unexpected treasures (various locations); Santa Monica and Hollywood farmers markets for potted herbs and interesting plants.

**INSPIRING READS** **Bartos** • "The Modern Garden," by Jae Brown; "The Minimalist Garden," by Christopher Bradley-Hole. **Furr** • "A Collaboration with Nature," "Time" and "Stone," by Andy Goldsworthy. **Glascok** • "Gardens for the Future: Gestures Against the Wild," by Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor; "A Pattern Language: Towns, Buildings, Construction," by Christopher Alexander, et. al. **Effron** • "California Gardens," by Winifred Starr Dobyns. **Dake** • "Outdoor Rooms," by Julie D. Taylor; "Plant Life in the World's Mediterranean Climates," by Peter R. Dallman. **Kenton and Silva** • "Garden Mania," by Philippe Bay and James Bolton.