

*"We should all do what, in the long run, gives us joy, even if it is only picking grapes or sorting the laundry."*

~E.B. White



**Grape Harvest**

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I feel fortunate to be able to say that I love what I do! Sure, I'm busier than a one-armed paper hanger most of the time, but I truly enjoy my work as a garden designer and sculptor.

Nevertheless, those of you who follow me through the seasons know that I tend to hunker down during winter. I'm not a champion of cold weather. And, although we've had surprisingly little of that here on the east coast so far, this week is expected to be seasonably brisk with snow predicted for the weekend. Thank goodness I have studio projects to complete and big plans for them in the future! I don't need to make up excuses for staying indoors.



Model for future 'Grape Bench'

Among the works in process are a series of grape-themed pieces that promise to be as beautiful as they are **functional**. I am creating two different benches, a pedestal, and a three-part screen (still in the drawing phase), all with vine-inspired detailing.



(Left to right) Models for single "Grape Bench Support" and "Grape Pedestal"



I love how the shapes and textures grow into and out of one another, and I'm excited by the concept of art with a practical component. While I work on these, I can dream of warmer days, of sun-kissed gardens, of patio parties with happy people. Ahh....summer. Are we there yet?

Warm wishes,

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