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Takendo Arii creates a garden of timeless beauty

designer:
TAKENDO
ARIi, ASLA,
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Despite a southeast orientation, the one-story wood residence was dark, hidden from the light by randomly planted trees that had grown out of control.

Though the property, tucked into the foothills of Mount Helix, was large and climbed a slope above the street, its residents had precious little privacy, inside or out.

Most egregious of all, the interior of the home, propped high on a 4-foot foundation, had no easy access to the garden. In sunny San Diego, that could be called a felony crime.

For help, homeowners Tom and Cheryl Cantor turned to landscape architect Takendo Arii. It was a smart move: In garden circles, Arii is well known for creating sublime Japanese gardens

A NEW FENCE
surrounds the
Japanese
garden Takendo
Arii created for
clients in the
Mount Helix
area.

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