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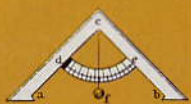
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Last June, *Northern California Home & Garden* sent out a call for entries in our Award-Winning Design Competition, co-sponsored by the Design Industries Foundation For AIDS. The response was overwhelming, both in the quantity and quality of the entries we received. And as you can see from the winning selections, the variety was enormous. What did the winners have in common? The best entries were the ones that reflected both an eye for detail and an understanding of "the big picture." New twists on old ideas, innovative use of materials and an appreciation of Northern California's unique character captured top honors. The winners will be feted at the DIFFA Gala "Designs For Living," Friday, November 2, at the Fashion Center in San Francisco (see "Events"). Prizes to be awarded include over \$6,000 worth of advertising.

STEVEN HOUSE



Doorway detail by House and House.

Who needs lots of water to create a smashing landscape design? Certainly not **Chris Jacobson** of Gardenart, whose small garden design earned second place. Jacobson took a good news-bad news approach to his design: The good news was the warm microclimate in the Mission District of San Francisco; the bad news was a site littered with concrete foundations of previous construction and an unsightly view of neighborhood outbuildings. Choosing to make lemonade out of his lemon, Jacobson used the extra concrete to support new decking. Then he turned his attention to hiding the lousy views with high lattice walls and arbors. Near the hot tub is a new pool and fountain, placed in the shade to slow water loss through evaporation. Even the dog got his own space, separated by a picket fence and complete with "canine comfort stations" — logs im-



bedded in front of exposed plantings to distract the dog from the native ferns and ornamental grasses. Carefully selecting drought-tolerant plants, Jacobson added some of the plants that California Mission gardens were known for: bougainvillea, wisteria, jasmine, lemon trees, a large edible plum and old-fashioned roses.



CHRIS JACOBSON



A small garden can be a treasure, especially to passers-by on a busy San Francisco street. This treasure, designed by **Lon Shapiro**, earned honorable mention for its effort to change the city landscape. The concept was simple but brilliant: a private passageway is shaded with overhead foliage while low greenery leads to the raised terrace entrance. Plantings under the tree are changed seasonally as are the hanging pots and plants on the terrace.