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## IAP + Mary Ann Schicketanz

BIG SUR RESIDENCE



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We recently caught up with San Francisco architect **Mary Ann Schicketanz** of **Carver + Schicketanz**. Known for work that is sublimely in harmony with its environment, she's prominently featured in the newly released book *Green is Beautiful: The Eco-Friendly House* by Claudio Santini and Dafna Zilafro, which shows 30 California homes, notably the Sena residence and the Treadwell residence by Carver + Schicketanz. She's certainly one of our favorites. Mary Ann shared some thoughts on one of the latest

projects she's been helming, a stunning Big Sur Residence, and her use of IAP planters. "The Big Sur residence has very strong textures so the simple metal clad finishes of the IAP planter provided a perfect additional layer without distracting from the architectural finishes. I use planters as one element of the overall composition of a space - so sometimes they would be used for contrast, other times as foreground to a solid wall or they may be used in a sculptural way in the landscape." When we asked



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Mary Ann about some of the practical concerns with installing planters, she explained some of the key points. "Weight is a concern, that the IAP planters are durable and easy to irrigate is also key. Since most of our planters are outside it's important that the finishes withstand the weather and UV. And, last [but] not least, that the finishes do not "bleed" and mess up those white limestone patios!"

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We wish to thank Mary Ann Schicketanz for taking the time to share insights into her exceptional work.

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