



Aloe Designs & Mango Design Team up in EPIC Proportions

Vancouver, BC (April 8, 2008) - At the core of the upcoming 2008 Vancouver EPIC: Sustainable Living Expo, is the celebration of well-designed spaces with small ecological footprints that make for a big impact in green living. With impressive collaboration Aloe Designs and Mango Design Co. have partnered to create an EPIC Expo, signature indoor and outdoor living space that is beautiful, functional and connects people with their environment.

Stunning, healthy and eco-friendly spaces are a natural priority for leading designers, Owen & Caitlin Black, of Aloe Designs and Tanya McLean, of Mango Design Co. "Bringing the beauty and balance of the outdoors into our everyday living is something we wanted for our own homes," notes Caitlin Black, Aloe Designs, garden design consultant.

Black continues, "Sourcing materials that are sustainable become part of an ongoing conversation - a way of thinking. We realize that while no single eco conscious product has zero impact, by asking more questions, looking at sustainable materials in new ways, and seeking out local products we fuel a cultural environment that is looking for green solutions."

With Spring in full swing, this duo's combined dining room and patio design sets the stage for relaxed

outdoor living and entertaining. Each element is linked by its pure-lined aesthetic and connectivity to the larger environment. A distinctive statement is added to the gutter system with rain chains - bound to capture the senses when used to create a fountain effect while also filling a functional water barrel; which in turn is used to water the containers of edible plants on the patio.

Ethically produced wood flooring, environmentally responsible paints, and the screened bamboo trough that also functions as a living wall - all contribute to a positive environment for both its inhabitants and the larger ecosystem. The featured "harvest table" will get dinner conversation going, with its recyclable aluminum base, reclaimed cedar planks and trough of growing assorted herbs or vegetables.

With equal emphasis on design, practicality and sustainability, Aloe and Mango will showcase a sleek, modern green vibe that suits compact urban living. To view this design space, or find your own piece of serene green that will lighten your footprint and brighten your green thumb, drop by:

Aloe Designs and Mango Design Co.'s booth (#105)
EPIC Vancouver, April 18 - 20, 2008 at the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre.

About Aloe Designs www.aloedesigns.com

Aloe Designs is a Vancouver garden design group that creates outdoor living spaces to reflect the individuality of our clients. Our fresh approach transforms patios, balconies, landscaped yards or rooftops into garden sanctuaries. Our design team provides a full package from consultation and design, to installation. Through the process we are committed to sourcing organic and sustainable resources to rare, locally crafted goods. Move outdoors. Live outside.

About Mango Design Co. www.mangodesignco.ca

Mango Design Co. provides green design for modern dwellings. Owner and creative director, Tanya Mclean is a LEED® accredited residential designer & building technologist with a passion for the planet. **Mango's** organic philosophy translates into a timeless modernism that resonates purity.

About EPIC: The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo
www.epicvancouver.com

EPIC Expo is Vancouver's largest green consumer show and eco-marketplace. More than 20,000 people will be there to learn, be inspired, and find exceptional new products and services from companies that support their values.

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