

FOUNTAINS OUTDOOR FURNITURE GARDEN ART LANDSCAPE DESIGN



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The next time you're walking through the Pearl District, tip back your head and look to the sky.

"When people see trees fluttering in the wind 11 stories above them, there is a good chance it was something I have done," says Thomas Adkisson, owner of Dig Garden Shop on NW 11th Ave.

Adkisson, a Portland native and landscape architect, has been in love with the Pearl District since before its inception. In 1988, he attended the Oregon School of Design, located in the Crane building.

Adkisson moved back to Portland in 2002 after a busy career in Europe. "I bought my shop for the Pearl's unique urbane quality mixing old with the new and transforming into a thriving design center and residential neighborhood," he says.

Some of Dig's most popular items include outdoor art from local artists such as Chris Rench and Jill Torbersen; hand-picked contemporary planters and containers made with lightweight materials; and the Fermob line of outdoor French furniture. Adkisson also fabricates any size of metal planters on wheels.

As a landscape architect, Adkisson has planned and installed more than 30 rooftop gardens and balconies; this work includes irrigation systems, lighting solutions, and customized planters and plantings.

"My knowledge of what works and what looks good helps clients new to urban living make appropriate choices about their outdoor spaces," Adkisson says. "As I build my reputation, the scale of projects continues to become larger and more complex. I want to offer my clients the newest market trends, reinvesting in an inventory that is of the highest quality and to continue to provide personal service and professional advice to the neighborhood."

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