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On the early summer [ANLD garden tour](#) in Portland, I couldn't help but notice how much fun Courtney Downing ([Green Artisans](#)) had designing curves into one of her gardens. In the gravel walkway below, curves are exaggerated in a way that draw you down the garden path.



In the rear garden, Downing gives you a doubly curvaceous border of golden bamboo: the whole planting snakes along a gently curving border, while individual culms arch out over the lawn.



On the return walk down the other side of the garden, a lovely stone staircase swings you down into a lower patio. It's much more interesting that a right-angle staircase would have been.

