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The discovery of an 18th-century Chinese wallpaper fragment at Woburn Abbey in England (above), the ancestral seat of the Dukes of Bedford, prompted the family to commission a reproduction from de Gournay. The replica, with finely plummed birds and twirling peonies hand-painted on silk panels, is quite possibly more graceful than the wood block-printed original—so enchanting that it’s been adopted into the firm’s library of patterns. Woburn, to the trade: degournay.com.

Growing Concern

The Garden Conservancy works to save the next generation of green spaces.

SCHNITZER GARDENS are living candidates for conservation, built not of bricks and stone but blooms and soil. The Garden Conservancy has preserved more than 80 plots across America, ensuring that important landscapes—from windswept terraces once tended by Alcatraz prisoners to cottage-style “rooms” at Hollister House in Connecticut (above)—can inspire aficionados for years to come. The group has recently added several Pacific Northwest spaces to its roster, including the modernist Chase Garden in Washington and the classic Gaiety Hollow in Oregon. gardenconservancy.org.