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I want to create things that are really beautiful, profoundly beautiful, because the world needs as much beauty as it can get. --Jeffrey Bale

Jeffrey Bale: The World Needs Beauty

"Jeffrey Bale received his degree in landscape architecture from the University of Oregon back in 1981. He quickly landed a job at a Portland architecture firm -- but he only lasted 20 minutes behind a desk. Instead, he began traveling the world, finding inspiration in the stunning architecture of Europe and SE Asia. He returned home and began creating elaborate and intricate pebble mosaics from stone he gathers in the wild." "Rock star," Jeffrey Bale is a self-taught mosaicist and landscape architect whose painstaking, evocative work has mesmerized thousands. "I feel that the designs should have meaning and trigger consciousness," said Bale in a 2009 piece in the New York Times. Gardens, believes Bale, should be spaces that change you. Check out his story and some of his tremendous works of art here.

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For more inspiration, check out, "Symbolism in My Gardens," an in-depth post by Bale on his personal blog.