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- 9 Colorful glass globes combine with decorative metal-work stakes to create stunning decorations for your garden. Group several together for an eye-catching display. Available from **River Hill Garden Center.**
- 10 Outdoor seating takes on contemporary styling with this handsome bench from Gutierrez Studios. Ipe, a Brazilian hardwood, and steel are combined to create a standout garden accessory. Available in several sizes and colors at **Gutierrez Studios, 2010 Clipper Park Road, Baltimore (410) 889-5341.**

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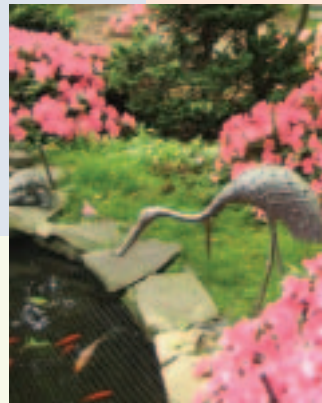
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(right) A wooden bench along one of the pathways offers a view of the waterfalls and a peaceful place for reflection. (top) Nestled into the woodland garden is a *machiiai*, a Japanese waiting room for tea ceremony gatherings, which was built for Lorraine Tiekert by her brother-in-law. (above) Contemporary statuary with an Asian flair lends visual interest to the garden.



## Rooms with Views

Japanese-inspired spaces transform this garden into an extension of the home

When Dr. Carvel Tiekert, a Bel Air veterinarian, and his wife, Lorraine, purchased their Harford County property, they felt that groves of evergreen trees and shrubs near the house closed them off from

the rest of their nearly three-acre property. Lorraine, who integrated elements of Japanese architecture into the couple's home, contacted Rob Carter of Pinehurst Landscape Company to help her recreate their landscape in a similar manner.

Rob and Lorraine worked together to fashion individual spaces throughout the property, which are connected by pathways. In addition to planting foundation gardens and building retaining walls, Pinehurst installed a small waterfall and fish pond next to the house and a dry stream bed on another part of the property.

Accompanying the garden's "outdoor rooms" are several actual structures that lend even more visual interest, including an existing woodshed that was converted into a "garden house" and a *machiiai* (a Japanese waiting room for tea ceremony gatherings), which was built for Lorraine by her brother-in-law.

According to Lorraine, one of the most wonderful parts of the project was Rob's encouragement: "He planted seeds of thought, but didn't tell me what to do. It was the most beautiful thing someone can do for a person who wants to create her own garden." ■



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Soothing waterfalls flow from natural stone ledges at one end of the pool, below the raised hot tub.

## Natural Wonder

Landscape architect Joe Kagen converts an ordinary backyard into an outdoor paradise

**B**ob and Kelly Trethaway enlisted the help of Maryland Pools when they decided to add a pool to their home in the Turf Valley Golf Club community in Ellicott City. Instead of just adding a basic pool, the couple wanted to create a showplace for recreation, relaxation and entertaining.

Landscape architect Joe Kagen of Maryland Pools began drawing up plans for the entire space, keeping in mind that the Trethaways wanted an area that was not only functional, but also lush and natural looking.

The resulting free-form pool is surrounded by natural stone, with a series of waterfalls along one side. Kagen also designed the space to include a pool house at one end, complete with a changing room, shower and kitchenette, and a raised hot tub at the other end. To one side of the pool house, a stone fireplace allows the Trethaways to cook and entertain under the stars. ■



To create the pool's negative-edge effect, water flows over the circular rim and into a catch pool below. (top) A soothing waterfall flows from a stone wall into a raised spa situated to one side of the pool. (cover photo) An Ipe wood deck to the right of the pool's entry offers the perfect spot to enjoy the sun and breathtaking hilltop view.



## On Top of the World

An infinity pool expands onto miles of mountaintop views



The stone used for the fire pit was matched to stone that forms the existing wall behind the conversational seating area.

**H**igh on a hill in northern Baltimore County sits a one-of-a-kind pool with an unparalleled view. Designed by Lothorian Pools, the pool is comprised of large lounging steps, beach entry and a diving rock. Additionally, an Ipe wood deck to the right of the pool's entry is an ideal place for catching some rays.

A waterfall pours from a stone wall into a raised spa on one side of the pool; while on the

other, a fire pit takes center stage in an area of conversational seating surrounded by what was an existing stone wall. To make the entire space flow, Lothorian was careful to match new stone work to the stone of the existing wall. Stairs and new stone walls lead down to a tennis court below the pool, making the entire backyard a cohesive space for recreation and relaxation. ■



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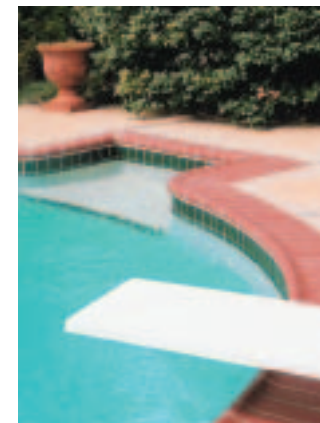
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