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Finished to Perfection

There are projects in which the design details define every phase of the work from excavation to the interior finish. As builder Dave Penton explains here, this dazzling watershape was one of those where precise tolerances and creative execution led to a setting worthy of the stars.

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The Uncommon Garden

For more than two decades, watershape designer and builder Ryan Oakes has leant his talents to the ongoing creation of a place known as “The Uncommon Garden” in Chapel Hill, NC. Here he takes us on walk through the history of a space so unique, whimsical and imaginative that it defies convenient description – and, yes, it does feature dragons.

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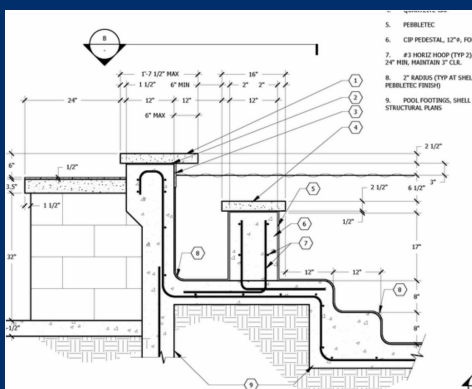
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BENEATH THE SURFACE



Detail A420: Swim-Up Bar

While the term “swimming pool” is indelibly ingrained as the common descriptor of watershapes large enough for human immersion, Dave Peterson has coined a new term that better captures the essence of many such installations – and shares a cool design detail here that’s great for what he now calls “social pools.”

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WATERSHAPES WORLD BLOG

Safe in the Surf

Safety in pools is always a troublesome and critical issue for the watershaping industry. But what about water safety in open waters? Eric Herman has some important thoughts on the matter, a set of beliefs that started when he saw a fellow teen lose his life back in 1976.

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Upon Further Inspection

The blistering demand for pools coupled with equally over-heated housing market has placed a premium on properties with pools. This episode of the Northeast Spa and Pool Association's podcast, "New Depths" takes a deep dive into swimming pool inspections, a necessary discipline that takes a keen eye and a watershaping background.

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OPEN WATERS

A Well of Compassion

Caring for the less fortunate, while at the same time building pools for the affluent, provides a striking contrast for Matthew Batista Naylor. While serving the “houseless” people of Palm Springs, Calif., is a crusade for many concerned local citizens, it has also pitted Naylor and an organization known as “Well in the Desert” against local politicians who he says have demonstrated a stunning lack of compassion for those who need it most.

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Advancing Aquatic Education

In its continuing campaign to support professionalism in all facets of the watershaping industry, Watershape University is joining forces with the Association of Aquatic Professionals (AoAP) and the Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) and is set to offer a menu of presentations at the AoAP's Conference & Exposition this coming February.

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Print Archive

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WaterShapes published six semi-monthly issues in 1999, concluding with the December edition, which offered a variety of diverse topics including the magazine's first foray in the world of Japanese Gardening by Elizabeth Novas Finley, along with a host of other forward-looking columns and features.

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The World's Best Super-Yacht Pools

Today's super yachts feature luxurious amenities of all imaginable types. Pools aboard these opulent vessels now rival many found on dry land.

These pools give new meaning to the term "water-on-water" views.

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French 'Sunflower' Pools Have a Cult Following

Some say these innovative pools look like UFOs. Developed by a legendary architect, these surreal-looking structures were built to save energy and promote the benefits of swimming.

Pool enclosures that were designed to follow the sun.

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Living Canopies Redefines the Umbrella

Living Canopies (University Park, MD) has created a line of Living Umbrellas that feature live plantings as a natural shade solution for outdoor spaces. Made of high-quality aluminum, the six-foot canopy and supports contain aluminum pots and bracket assemblies that hold soil and plants, and there's a powered irrigation system for easy maintenance.

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Aquaview Makes Frameless Glass Fences

Aquaview Glass Fence & Railing Systems (New York, NY) offers a line of fully frameless glass railing systems. Providing crystal-clear views with a contemporary design that enhances all aquatic spaces, the systems are designed for strength and reliability even in high-wind zones and can be used to complete pool areas, balconies, decks and sea walls.

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