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# WATER SHAPES

Exploring the Art and Science of Water

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## Featuring



## Small Pools, Big Benefits

The enjoyment of soaking is universal, says Karen and Brian Larson, or at least it has that potential. The founders of New Hampshire's Soake Pools set out to offer a concept that combines the health benefits of immersion in hot or cold water, with the convenience of compact, pre-manufactured concrete pools, a business concept that has steadily gained momentum over the past seven years.

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## Beautiful Wet or Dry

Reshaping and water shortages are a problematic combination, and one that can require significant levels of adaption. According to Dave Garton, working the water-strapped Colorado market has meant creating features that look just as good dry as they do when in full flow. The best place to start, he says, is studying how nature looks when waters run dry.

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**Aquatic Glazing International**  
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## WATERSHAPES WORLD BLOG

### Back to Trade Shows?

When trade shows return, will attendees return, as well? It's hard to know for sure, says Eric Herman, but it's very likely that the industry is about to find out. The first big test looks to be the upcoming International Expo set for Dallas in

November, where organizers are betting on pent-up demand to overcome possible reluctance to attend in-person events.

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An advertisement for AquaMatic Cover Systems. On the left is the AquaMatic logo, which includes the text 'AQUA MATIC COVER SYSTEMS' and a small red and white circular icon. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'THE MOST DURABLE POOL COVERS IN THE MARKET' in bold, white, uppercase letters. Below this, in a smaller white font, are the product names: 'Hydramatic | Lift Lid | HydraLux | EZ Cover'. On the far right is a photograph of a swimming pool with a blue cover installed. A blue button with the white text 'Click Here' is positioned at the bottom right of the advertisement.

## DIRECT CONNECTIONS



### Tile Prep & Placement

In an August 25th edition of *Wolfpack Webinar Wednesdays*, Grant Smith, IWI, owner of Aqua-Link Pools and Spas, explained there are no short cuts to quality tile work, and made the case by displaying his team's many years of experience and refinement to produce beautiful tile installations that stand the test of time.

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# OPEN WATERS

## The Broken Sea

California's largest lake, the Salton Sea, has a deeply troubled and enigmatic history. Located in the arid Imperial Valley, the aptly named and highly saline body of water is shrinking and becoming more and more toxic, leading to disuse, abandonment and environmental damage to wildlife and air quality. To say the future of these troubled waters has become uncertain is an understatement.

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An advertisement for Twinscape Hydro Floors. The top left features the 'TWINSCAPE' logo in large, bold, blue letters, with the tagline 'REINVENT THE ART OF SPACE' underneath. Below the logo is a green-bordered box containing the text 'HYDRO FLOORS'. The main part of the advertisement is a photograph of a modern, brightly lit interior space. In the center, a circular pool of water is integrated into the floor. The text 'FROM FLOOR TO POOL IN JUST 6 MINUTES' is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

## WOLF PACK CORNER



### A Growing Registry of Instruction

If you haven't recently checked out Watershape University's website, the home page is updated with a comprehensive list of upcoming WU events and available programs. WU continues to expand our offerings across or different "channels" and have a number of courses and seminars slated for the upcoming International | Pool | Spa | Patio | Deck | EXPO in Dallas in November, along with a developing slate of non-trade show events, as well as our growing registry of paid online asynchronous courses and free webinars.

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THE STARS ARE ALIGNING

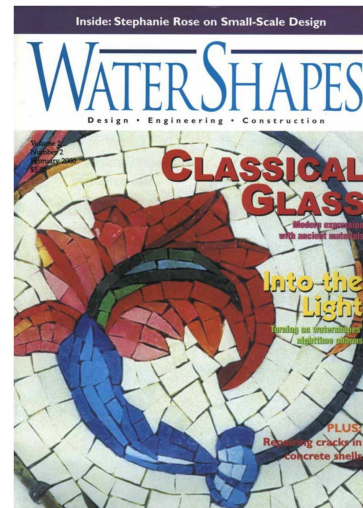


## Print Archive

### February 2000 (Vol. 2, No. 2)

In February 2000, WaterShapes began a long run of monthly issues, continuing the journey in the many artistic and technical disciplines that define the watershaping profession. The lineup included, Mike Hersman on lighting design; Ken Macaire on faux-rock installations; Mike Gravenmeir on repairing cracks in concrete shells; Dan Andrews on glass mosaics, and much more.

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## How Did Water Form on the Earth?

Scientific American takes an in-depth look at the puzzling question of where water came from in the first place, an issue that is still open to debate among scientists studying the planet's watery origins.

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## Exploring the History of Shotcrete

The advent of pneumatically-placed concrete stands as one of the most impactful technical developments ever, both for overall construction and more specifically for the watershaping industry – and it has a fascinating history.

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### **Shade Sales from Coolaroo**

Coolaroo offers the Ready-to-Hang Shade Sail, designed to provide flexible shade-creating solutions. The sail is pre-attached to its ropes for easy installation. The HDPE-knitted fabric blocks up to 90% of the sun's harmful UV rays and is permeable, allowing warm air to escape.

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### **Bubblers by Paramount**

Paramount Pool & Spa Systems offers Airbar, a channel air system installed flush with the pool bottom that delivers a rush of bubbles. Available in complete hexagonal and octagonal kits, it comes in either white or gray and is designed to animate pool water, but also disappear when not in use.

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