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# WATER SHAPES

Exploring the Art and Science of Water

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## Featuring



## Fire Feature Function & Safety

Fire has been integral to the outdoor experience since its discovery. In modern backyard environments, the market has seen expansion over the past several years, both in terms of number of fire features sold, and the creative designs of those features. Using today's beautiful fire elements safely and effectively means following well-established guidelines.

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## Watershape University Steps into Service



WU has announced a new training program for watershape service professionals and facility operators. Designed to support commercial service licensing and education, the course is also aimed at elevating the work of residential service companies with WU's unique brand of quality instruction.

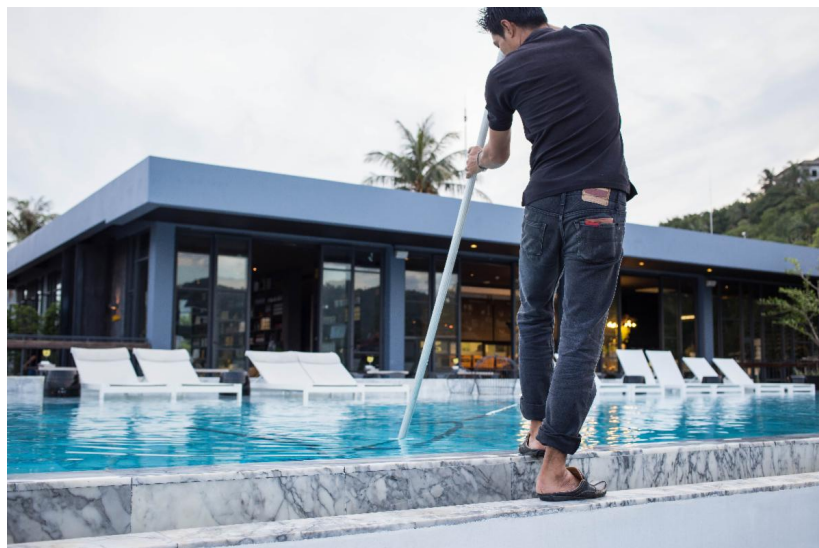
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## Words of Wisdom for New Service Technicians (special commentary)

Independent pool service is a solitary task – an often-lonely profession built on sweat equity, business savvy and skill. Veteran technician, Robert H. Foutz Jr., has made it his

business to educate fellow technicians in classrooms, print and conversation. Here he shares nuggets of wisdom for young technicians entering field.

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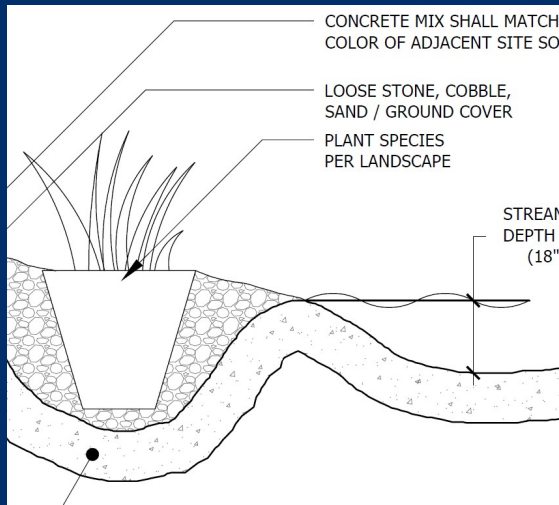
### A Dynamic Systems Approach to Waterproofing

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## Beneath the Surface



### A802-C: Natural Edge Planter Pocket

Combining plants and water is one of the key elements in creating watershapes that look natural. How to handle those places where water, plants and earth come together can be tricky, especially if you don't plan ahead for the presence of planting pockets. This simple detail offers a clean and easy way to manage those visual and functional transitions.

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### Aquatic Glazing International Underwater Pool Windows

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## WATERSHAPES WORLD BLOG

### Drought Busting

Over the past two years, *WaterShapes* has devoted considerable coverage to the drought, and for good reasons that have become familiar to anyone who's been paying attention. Still, there is some cause for optimism with the arrival of recent drought-busting storms.



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## DIRECT CONNECTIONS



### Construction 3731: Crack Prevention

Bill Drakeley reveals the causes of pool shell cracking, and strategies for prevention and remediation, including answers to basic questions such as how concrete cracks, why it cracks and the ways that cracking is driven by mix design and placement procedures.

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## OPEN WATERS

### "Bedsheets" of Dunes and Water

Sand, water, sky and the occasional patch of mangroves conspire to create one of the most breathtaking and unusual places in the Southern Hemisphere, along Brazil's Atlantic coast – a place where water is shaped by the forces of wind and the earth below.

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## Print Archive

[April 2001 \(Vol. 3, No. 3\)](#)

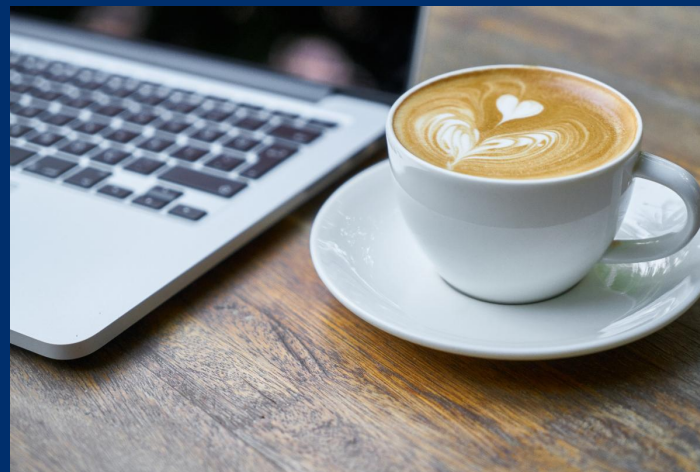
*WaterShapes* greeted April, 2001 with an issue featuring Melanie Jauregui on

inspired clients; Suzanne & Ron Dirsmith on frosty fountains; Joe Nolan on the beauty of stone and David Tisherman on deluxe finishing.

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## WATERSHAPES WEB CAFE



### The History of Hydraulics

The science of hydraulics is so intertwined in the modern world it's hard to imagine a time without it. This fascinating article traces the history and indispensable nature of humankind's quest to harness moving water.

*Essential science history for the water geek in all of us.*

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### World's Clearest Waters

For those yearning for crystal clear waters, thrillist.com highlights 10 places that feature some of the most pristine aquatic settings found on earth. From remote beaches to mountain lakes to hidden lagoons, it's the stuff of daydreams.

*Places to fill your bucket list.*

## ON TAP

Learn About Useful Products in the Market



### SplashBotix Introduces SplashValve

**SplashBotix** (Austin, TX) has introduced SplashValve, the fountain industry's first diverter valve flow control device, the company says. The SplashValve is designed to replace solenoid valves, water switches and distributed VFD pumps in show fountains and aquatic play features, enabling fast-acting proportional nozzle-level flow control using the popular show programming language DMX.

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### Millboard Decking Produces Hybrid Decking Products

Millboard Decking (St. Paul, MN) makes decking and siding products that feature a strong polymer core, which provides structural strength while also resisting the elements, requiring minimal maintenance, and are slip resistant. The boards won't warp or rot from moisture decay, algae or harbor insects, the company says, combining the beauty of real wood with the high performance of a polyurethane hybrid.

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