



garden & outdoor room showcase

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It will soon be time to throw open the doors

and move outdoors again to enjoy New Jersey's temperate climate. You'll enjoy it all the more if you have outdoor spaces designed specifically for lounging, walking, playing, napping, dining, and whatever else your warm-weather-loving soul desires. We bring you examples of porches, patios, and garden rooms to inspire you.

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The stools are waiting, the lights are on, and the bar is open at Pat and Liz Boyle's vacation home in Spring Lake. The couple wanted an outdoor room where they and their guests could enjoy the seaside air in an elegant setting. They shared their wishes with John Lederer of Lederer and Wright Partnership and Suzette Donleavy of Well-Designed Interiors. The result is an expansive mahogany deck featuring an outdoor bar. The bar, attached to the garage for ease of electrical and plumbing connections, is guarded by tapered white columns in keeping with the Shingle style of the home. Donleavy made sure the space is weather-worthy, thanks to a tough stainless steel bar with granite countertop, stainless appliances, marine-varnished mahogany cabinetry along the back wall, weather-resistant fabric on the cushions and, for when heavy storms hit, a hurricane shutter that descends from the ceiling. Amenities include a television, sink, refrigerator, ice-maker, and dishwasher. A stained glass panel above the wood cabinetry proclaims "Pat's Pub." Pat Boyle had the panel made by Bissey Glass, a company that Donleavy previously engaged to make a family crest inside the home (see April/May 2005, pages, 54-69).

Sources: architect, Lederer and Wright Partnership in Bay Head; design, Well-Designed Interiors in Shrewsbury; counter, Dovetail Designs in Toms River; granite countertop, Bedrock Granite in Edison; stained glass panel, Bissey Glass in Point Pleasant; light fixtures, Urban Archeology in New York City; hurricane shutter, Jersey Cape Door Corp. in Rio Grande.