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Randy Tumber, APLD, CLD, CHT, ISA has been in the landscape design / build industry for over 40 years. Some of his areas of expertise include: overall project and site planning; creating natural-looking water features; working with natural stone and native habitat restoration.

Randy's construction company became widely known for excellence in specializing in the design and installation of mature, native landscapes. His work is often acknowledged in the trades and media, including over 120 national and international awards. These include an unprecedented two "Masters of Design" awards from Pool & Spa News, Aqua

Choice Awards, two-time 'Dunington Grubb' winner for Ontario and the Canadian 'National Landscape of the Year' award. He has also enjoyed sharing his experience by writing articles for many magazines and public speaking to audiences throughout North America.

After selling this company, he now focuses his passion on educating and training others in the industry how to accomplish these goals with their clients. Randy quite purposely steers away from many of the current trends in the landscape industry. His naturalistic designs are built to reflect a statement of permanence and timeless elegance.



“The judges loved the water feature, and there was no real debate about it. Great stuff, as always. Tumber is the stuff of legend in the industry, and I’m not just saying that.”

Scott Webb
Executive Editor
AQUA Magazine

“Every time I drive up I bless him for his vision - it looks so right...”

Catherine, Client



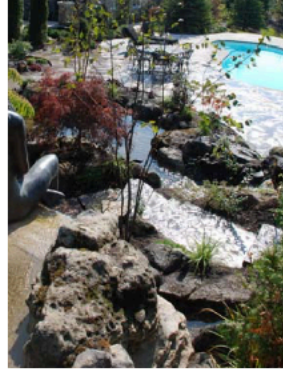
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romantic rendezvous in the pool.
A well-designed entertainment space centred on a swimming pool can change the way you spend your time at home. This is true for more than just the summer season, as a well-thought-out installation with masterfully implemented landscape lighting becomes a beautiful focal point all times of the year. It can even be mesmerizing in wintertime.

Overwhelming options
When considering a pool, you will quickly find that the many choices are overwhelming. Your choices are Vinyl, Fiberglass, Concrete or a Natural Swimming Pond.

POOLS

A liquid investment

written by Randy Tumber

It's a sunny, Saturday afternoon. You finish your morning errands and stop to feel the warmth on your face. Where do you yearn to be? If you're like me, you would like to be at the closest beach, lake or cottage. Why? Because for humans, there is nothing quite like the experience of relaxing close to a body of water.

If the beach is not handy, you may find yourself contemplating owning a piece of water in your backyard in the shape of a swimming pool. Nothing says "summer" like sitting poolside with friends enjoying a Corona. In recent years, many families have decided to feather their family nest with this investment.

Imagine the possibilities: 7:03 a.m.: wake-up session in the pool, 5:37 p.m.: after-work dip in the pool with the kids or better still 10:29 p.m.: a

Now let us simplify things and dispel some of the myths. The pool industry has come a long way. The reality is the bad raps that many pool companies get are often the result of bad practices carried over from decades past. Choosing a progressive company that is concerned about ongoing education means they will likely apply new materials, hydraulic principles and energy-efficient equipment that reduce maintenance and energy consumption.

Questions regarding contractors?

- WSIB Clearance Certificate: does the company provide it?
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Hot Tubs

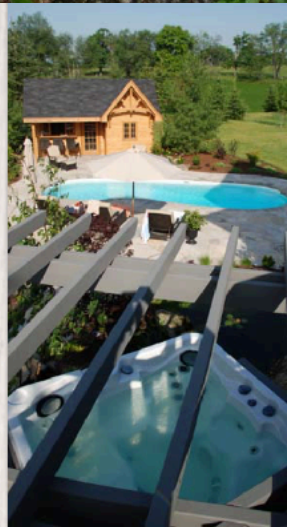
Sensual spas summon summer rejuvenation

written by Randy Tumber

The very thought of spring and its activities may be enough to get your blood pumping. This can be prompted by the sights, sounds and smells of the season — as well as from a rejuvenating soak in an outdoor hot tub.

Even the ancient Greeks and Romans understood the benefits of hydrotherapy and relaxing in warm water. Bath houses began as a luxury item for the ruling classes and quickly evolved into a social ritual every afternoon for the common people.

More recently, hot tubs were the exclusive fare of health retreats and high-end resorts. You may remember the glamour of your first spa experience set in a luxurious setting. But following the ancient pattern, the allure of these pleasures has rapidly become accessible to the middle classes, even being installed in-home to create spaces that have a similar sensual and social appeal as a spa. In-home spa options



may now be overwhelming. What type, size and location?

We hope this spa overview will prove helpful, provide some insights and give a convincing argument for you to design your very own.

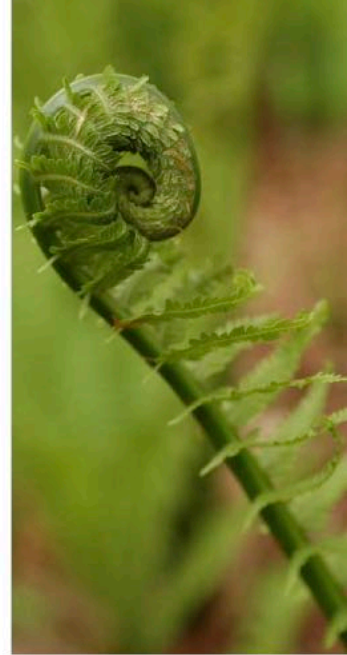
Sometimes called "hot tubs" and sometimes called "spas," their popularity has soared in recent years. This is largely due to the fact that they offer so many benefits, both physiological and mental.

Benefits: Owning a hot tub may get you out into the fresh air more often, especially at times of inclement weather. We feel from our many hours of research and development that it may be difficult to quantify the positive effect this relaxation technique offers. The sheer romance of being immersed in a relaxing setting while soaking the stresses of the day away with your best friend or mate and a glass of wine is immeasurable.

After swimming, Roman bathers might enjoy massages during which oils and perfumes were



The Spring Fern



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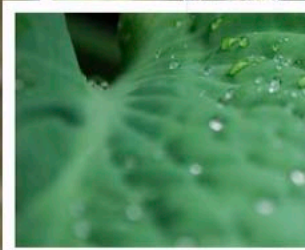
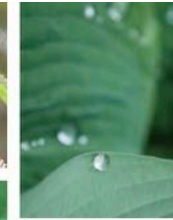
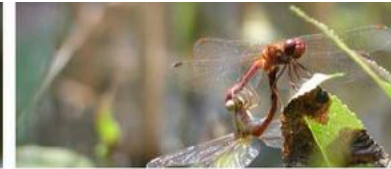
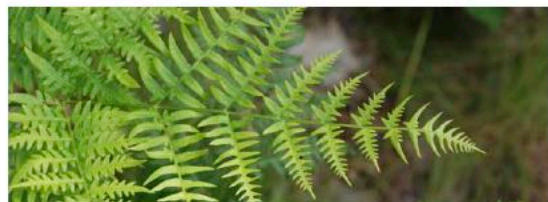
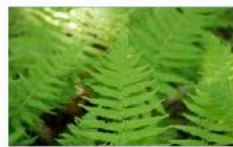
Art In Nature Series: Ostrich Fern

What can simultaneously delight a local foodie, peritologist and a Bishop? A *Matteuccia Struthiopteris*—otherwise known as an Ostrich (or Shuttlecock) fern.

Are you watching for any signal of the symphony of spring to begin? Plant lovers including myself hope for the first appearance of an Ostrich fern head, which creates the same excitement as seeing crocus or tulips. This darling of native plants has a truly diverse appeal.

Ferns are not of major economic importance, yet they have exerted their influence through the years as an inspiration in art and design, as a rite of the season for those who gather them in early spring (and Bracken and Cinnamon ferns) as fiddleheads for food or plant them as ornamentals in natural landscape design. They have also been featured in mythology, medicine, and today many such as the Boston fern are kept as houseplants or used for cut foliage.

They grow as rhizomes with 'feelers' or lateral stolons that spread out to become new crowns and often are colony-forming in the right setting. The Ostrich fern grows taller than most in North America to 100-170 cm tall and 20-35 cm broad with long-tapering fronds to the base but are short-tapering to the tip, so that they resemble ostrich plumes, hence the name. The fertile fronds are shorter, 40-60 cm long and turn brown when they ripen in autumn, and persist erect over the winter and release the spores in early spring.



Rainwater Harvesting in the Landscape

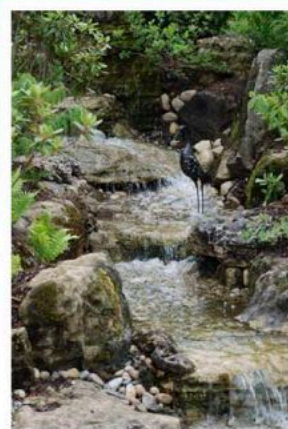
greatest undervalued resource – while many of us reading this have the cheapest water in the civilized world.

The demands on our limited amount of fresh water are quickly outpacing supply. In fact, water restrictions and metered usage bills have already been a reality for many of us for years. Because our supply is finite, it is necessary to not only conserve water but also find ways to capture it for reuse in some of our everyday applications that don't require "potable" or drinking quality water. Why?

According to the E.P.A. the average American family of 4 uses approximately 400 gallons (1500 Litres) of water per day, 120 gallons (450 L) of which are used outdoors, where drinking water is totally wasted. Of the remaining 280 gallons (1066 L) used indoors, approximately half needs to be potable. With a little change to our thinking and habits, huge improvements can be made to lower the impact on the 1% of fresh water that is actually available for us to use on this blue planet.

Have you changed your usage habits? Looking back, I used to leave the water tap running the whole time I was brushing my teeth and when I was rinsing the dishes, but the facts show changing these habits does not obfuscate our responsibility to do more. One obvious choice is to better utilize good ideas like rainwater harvesting so we can more easily make the transition to better conservation. This practice is common or mandatory in many parts of the world such as Australia, Germany, Belgium and California and is sometimes the only source of water.

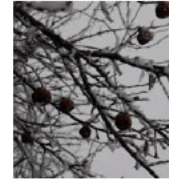
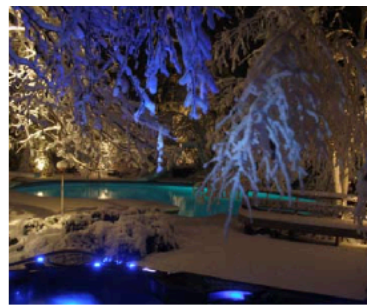
"Rain is the biggest resource we have and we can make it available all year round if we have sensible storage opportunities," says Stephanie Blenker of the Stockholm International Water Institute. Finding eco-solutions that have additional benefits means we are more likely to implement them, because in this part of the world we are still creatures who make decisions based largely on immediate and personal



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photography by Jason Jayne

In many areas, the record-breaking rainy spring put a real damper on our usual seasonal activities. But for those into collecting rain, the harvest was great! More and more people fit this category, as we are now quite informed about the impending environmental issues affecting perhaps our

Art in Nature Series:
Ode to Frost & Ice
Unexpected Discoveries



written by Randy Tumber, APID, C.D., CHT

What do you like about the onset of winter? The expected cold and associated inconvenience may not qualify, but perhaps the winter sports, activities and foods do!

Or, if you are like me, it may be the simple, unexpected natural world discoveries and their often hidden beauty that are the best. These seasonal surprises in the ice and snow can be revealed to you if you focus on being aware of your surroundings; a challenge in this busy, modern-day life.

Don't the astonishing geometrical patterns that you awake to on the bedroom window seem ironic since they are created in the natural world—where the usual shapes are the very opposite of straight lines and sharp corners?

The beautifully intricate frost patterns are simply the freezing of water molecules reacting to a variety of catalysts in the environment, like dust or a grain of pollen. The typical feathery shapes branching off the linear spider-silk lines depend on numerous factors like surface temperature, air pressure and temperature, humidity and even imperfections of the surface.

Once addicted to the effects of frost, ice and snow you may wonder how you can encourage these elements in your winter landscape? Basically, by planning for these natural reactions to your established horticulture and any type of feature with water.

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A dip in the pond

No chlorine or chemicals are necessary in a natural swimming pond — the plants do all the work. BY BRIAN SLEMMING

There's something refreshing about swimming in natural water, whether in the sea, lake, pond or river. For those who prefer to cavort in fresh water, away from lane markers and the smell of chlorine, there is an alternative to heading out to the local swimming hole. Welcome to the world of natural swimming ponds, where the magic of growing plants makes it possible to enjoy a safe dip in clean, fresh water.

Natural swimming ponds first appeared in the

mid 1980s in Germany and Austria. Since then they have become increasingly popular in Italy and Spain. Although firm numbers are difficult to obtain, the common speculation is that Europe now boasts between 25,000 and 30,000 swimming ponds. They have been constructed in private gardens for family use, in hotels and, particularly in Germany, by municipalities for public swimming. The German municipal facilities are used year-round, summer for swimming and winter

Layering Effect

Strategically placing plants of varying sizes in a landscape design can create a beautiful effect. Here are some examples of how it's done.

By Randy Tumber Landscape designs are three-dimensional spaces, and in order to “feel right” the foreground, middle-ground and termination point must be utilized properly. I call this process layering because it brings that third dimension into play.

Plants play a critical role in layering a space. In addition to helping frame a desired view, the right specimens, properly placed, will better integrate the major elements in a yard. For example, in my area there are a lot of two-story homes -- Victorian style, Georgian, that sort of thing. Visually, it's a long, straight drop from the eaves down to the ground. But if you were to put a spruce tree at the corner of the home, it adds a nice, graceful transition from the tall building to the ground.

This layering effect must be completed while also making the most out of the plants' more functional roles, such as blocking a view, sheltering against the wind or creating a sound buffer.

Here are some examples of how we've created layering on one project with the use of small, medium and large plants.

