



Not Your Basic FOUNTAIN

Unique water features
enhance outdoor rooms

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Whether it bubbles, babbles, gushes, rushes or drips, there's nothing quite as refreshing as the sound of water on a hot summer day. Although you normally wouldn't dip into some of the examples you'll be seeing here, a little foot dangling certainly wouldn't hurt. Be careful of the fish though ... there might be some toe nibbling.

Our thanks to the J. Dabney Peeples Design Associates/The Collins Group for the wonderful selection of water features that will appease your senses and provide stimulation to add a touch of water to your outdoor environment.

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The pool is on an axis to the screened porch and the view to the Blue Ridge Escarpment beyond. Water sound is created at the spa near the screened porch and again at the end of the pool when the water flows through Charleston Earthquake medallions into a lower basin.

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This quatrefoil shaped fountain is placed on a center-axis to the main garden and the house. The coping is acid stained concrete and is at a height to provide additional seating.



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This small, secluded fountain was designed to be viewed from only one window. It's stucco with a brick cap and watertable with a cast iron basin. Lush plantings surround the fountain and provide a softening effect.





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PREVIOUS PHOTO:
A large classically inspired fountain is the centerpiece of a massive bluestone terrace. The fountain coping is cut bluestone on a basin of whitewashed brick.



Fountain alcove with wisteria arbor. Bluestone coping at seat-height for sitting. Within fountain basin are three submerged seats for children to sit and let water stream on their heads. Three bronze spouts are mounted on marble tiles. The trough (below middle spout) is hand-chiseled granite.



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The site for this fountain was a large blank wall adjacent to a prominent area on the terrace. Without compromising the integrity of the house this area now provides interest, light and sound.

The sculpture of a girl sits quietly as the water animates this small, intimate space in a side garden only 15 feet wide. Three is the key number for this fountain: three levels, three different animations of water in three different shaped basins.

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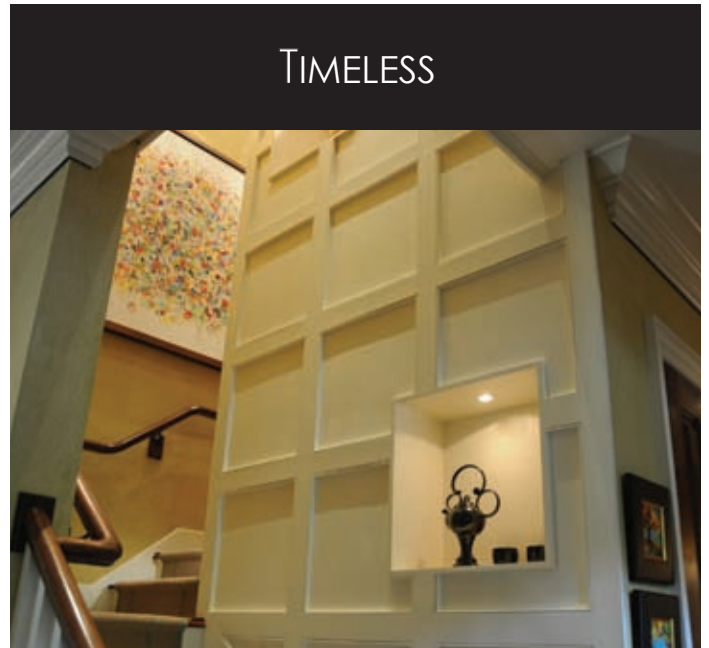
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Two parallel walkways formed an awkward space that planting alone could not satisfy. A springhead originating at the deck and cascading down the slope to a basin near a lower deck gives interest throughout the garden walk.

This organically inspired water feature suggests nearby mountain streams.



