

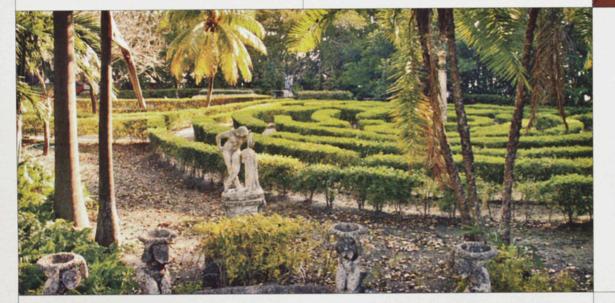


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PERMANENT VACATION

BELL + AQÜÍ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC

Miami-based Bell + Aqüí recently created a resort-inspired garden for a residence in Miami Beach. The main water feature (a detail is shown above) spills into a concealed basin through a bed of black Mexican beach pebbles. Using careful irrigation planning and mindful plantings, the garden is sustainably sound. ba-la.com





EAST COAST

BLAKELY AND ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, INC.

Elements of Design: Using plant material that conveys a Far Eastern aesthetic but thrives in Florida's tropical climate, Blakely and Associates in Lake Park devised a lush landscape with water features and teak and ipe decking for a North Palm Beach residence (above). The coping and walking surfaces incorporate the 50 tons of granite boulders and irregular-shaped black granite the firm imported. Luminary Effects consulted on the lighting design, which includes incandescents, natural candlelight and mercury vapor for moon lighting. Rewarding Revamp: Blakely and Associates first designed the outdoor space in 1985 and oversaw the recent redesign, both times being awarded Best in Category by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. blakelyla.com

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HISTORY REPEATING

VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Time Travel: Step back in time at the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Coconut Grove, built in 1916 as a private estate for noted agriculturalist James Deering. Now designated a National Historic Landmark, the property encompasses a native forest and 10 acres of formal gardens, including the Maze Garden (above). Secrets Revealed: On April 27, the museum will present Inside Vizcaya: Unearthing Vizcaya's Gardens, a behind-the-scenes exploration of landscape architect Diego Suarez' and designer Paul Chalfin's concepts for the original house and grounds. vizcayamuseum.org

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FOR THE BIRDS

MCGUIRE FURNITURE

The recently launched Bowmont Outdoor Collection by Barbara Barry for McGuire includes this sculptural, glaze-finished-clay and cast-bronze birdbath, crafted by artisans in the Pacific Northwest.

Bowmont Outdoor Birdbath, \$1,953; mcguirefurniture.com

