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What Makes A Great Deck? Readers Tell

Gardens, Decks & Patios

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR YARD A
Dream Garden
(NO MATTER WHAT SIZE)

**SMALL BACKYARD?
NEED PRIVACY?**

Learn The Tricks Of
The Landscaping Trade

**DECKS—FROM THE
GROUND UP!**

Dream It, Plan It,
Build It By Summer

**6 EASY, OUTDOOR
PROJECTS YOU
CAN BUILD**

For Beginners

**WORRY-FREE
GARDENS**

Lots Of Color, Little Care

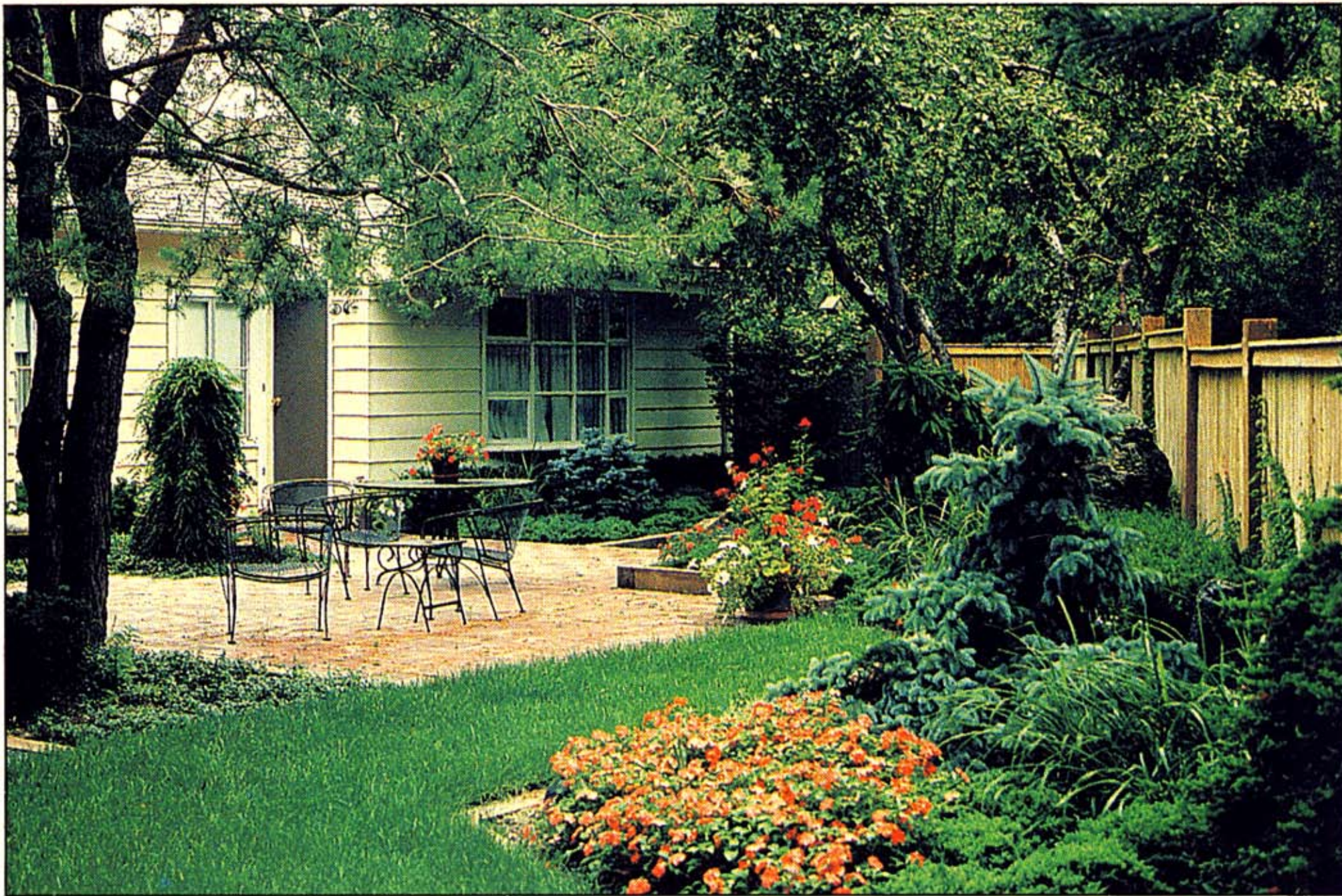
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**RENEW A
DULL PATIO—
IN A DAY!**



Shrubs planted along a property line soften the sharp angles and hard lines of a wood fence.



Shrubs and a lattice-like fence (at right) can be an effective privacy screen on the property line.



TRICKS OF THE LANDSCAPING TRADE

For every site problem there's a solution!

By Gordon Mayer



What kind of solutions do professional landscape designers devise for problems such as unattractive approaches or unusable back or side yards? We interviewed landscape architects and designers to ask them how they approach their clients' sites.

While few do-it-yourselfers can duplicate the landscape designer's technical

Above:

The designer solved the problem of integrating the deck with the rest of the yard by planting ground cover to hide the underside of the structure, adding flowers and a row of rocks outlining the deck, and an edging of more flowers beyond that.

Planting wildflowers and evergreens is one way to jazz up a bland entrance area. If evergreens are used, the planting will retain its color throughout the winter.