

# Deluxe Opportunities Make Living Your Dream Possible

*Now is the time to settle into the lifestyle you deserve*

Perhaps you've always felt that luxury was out of your reach; that it's not possible to be both practical and indulgent; that your dreams need to wait until tomorrow. But now, more than ever, is the time to experience the lifestyle you deserve. Today's premiere offerings are designed to fit your specific needs and are created with exceptional value and quality in mind. From urban havens to coastal getaways, this is the home you've been looking for.

## Urban and Suburban Retreats

Providence is known as Rhode Island's Renaissance City, and it's no wonder—this capital city teems with cultural and historic attractions. From the festive Federal Hill to pleasant WaterPlace Park, the city offers critically acclaimed entertainment and arts, a sophisticated nightlife, and world-class dining options.

And now, for those who want to be in the center of the action, **Westminster Plaza** (401-663-3989, [www.westminsterplaza.com](http://www.westminsterplaza.com)) offers elegant condominiums in the heart of the dynamic metropolis. This centrally located property is part of Providence's ongoing revitalization, a historic Art Deco building with stunning views of the downtown and a gorgeous rooftop garden. You'll be living the high life in these deluxe units, entirely renovated with gourmet kitchens, hardwood floors, imported cabinetry, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and more. The oversized windows and lofty ceilings allow for stylish urban decorating, and security is assured with tower access directly through a keyed secure elevator and lobby. Due to flexible zoning, spaces can be used for office/work purposes, residence, or a combination of both,



A lake-side home at Meredith Bay

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with the ability to customize some rooms. This grand six-story former bank building faces Kennedy Plaza on one side and Westminster Street on the other, so you'll be only steps away from shopping, recreation, and educational opportunities.

rooftop—will house not only slick new condos, but also high-end shops, galleries, and restaurants, all developed and conceived by Boston culinary talent Barbara Lynch. The Fort Point neighborhood is a place of amazing vitality, says Lynch, who is applying



A 6th floor interior at Westminster Plaza with views of Downtown

her signature style to FP3's upscale dining spots. For FP3 residents, this revitalized streetscape of art, culture, and business not only includes easy access to modern conveniences, but also concierge services, convenient nearby parking, and a shared terrace with striking views

You'll never lack for things to do, from open-air markets to parks, museums, zoos, theater, malls, and live music venues. Westminster Plaza is convenient to the interstate and public transportation, as well as T.F. Green Airport. Enjoy nearby Rhode Island wineries, beaches, and historic Newport. At night, as the sunset glows against silhouetted buildings, retreat to your own spacious dwelling in the cityscape of your dreams. At Westminster Plaza, you're part of an urban oasis that will leave you energized and refreshed.

of downtown Boston and Boston Harbor. A stroll through the lobby reveals dramatic gallery space for showcasing Fort Point's arts community through revolving art displays.

All this culminates, of course, in FP3's living spaces, especially the penthouses. Prices range from \$500,000 to just over \$2 million. Urban living was never such an optimal mix of elegance and convenience, and FP3 is ideally situated with easy access to Boston's financial and theater districts, public transportation, and major roadways.

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FP3's luxury loft condos are the new hot spot in Boston's bustling Seaport District. Located in the Fort Point Channel, FP3 (617-350-7410, [www.fp3boston.com](http://www.fp3boston.com)) preserves the charm of Boston's industrial and maritime past, energized with cutting-edge design by architect David Hacin. With 92 homes, including spacious terraces and deluxe penthouse residences, these highly personalized spaces integrate premium appliances and elegant fixtures and feature impeccable Arclinea-designed kitchens and sleek bathrooms. You'll enjoy upscale living with unparalleled vistas of the city and admire a stunning urban landscape as viewed through oversized floor-to-ceiling glass windows. The high ceilings and gleaming wooden floors show off the contemporary features of the buildings, which include two fully renovated structures and one new construction.

The handsome brick buildings—which are topped by a stunning glass



A terrace and an interior at FP3

FP3 is open for occupancy and models are currently available for viewing. Exclusively marketed by Diane Maloney of The Marketing Group of New England.

Green living hasn't necessarily equaled luxury—until now.

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The Macallen Building

**The Macallen Building** (617-482-3394, [www.themacallenbuilding.com](http://www.themacallenbuilding.com)) is Boston's first residential green building, built with the most advanced environmentally responsible design. The building is energy efficient and its architecture makes the most of textures and motifs borrowed from nature. The bright, sun-filled rooms glisten with natural and recycled materials that include bamboo flooring, recycled natural fiber carpet, and cork, linoleum, and recycled steel and quartz. Fresh air is ducted to every unit for best indoor air quality, and windows are heavily insulated to reduce utility bills and outside noise. The green manifesto behind the building's development means that resource efficiency and environmental sensitivity are behind the integrated planning, from the lovely landscaped plaza with two-lane lap pool to the abundant natural light.

This is no cookie-cutter space—outside is a sloped green roof, a habitat for plants that cool the building in the summer and insulate it in winter. Inside, there are over 30 individual floor plans, many with private outdoor space. Modern urban dwellers can customize their own space, with the choice of open lofts, studios, or one-, two-, or three-bedroom units. Custom kitchens feature Bosch appliances and gas cooking; coffered ceilings span the living rooms. Unique duplexes and triplexes feature private outdoor spaces, and the pre-wired rooms are compatible with the latest in audio, video, and communications.

Best of all, living in a green building means being able to make smart choices about health and exercise. You can work out in the ultra-modern private gym, designed by professionals at the Boston Athletic Club, and walk along the nearby tree-lined Harborwalk. Macallen is part of the historic Fort Port Channel, where lush parks extend down to the lively waterway, and bustling city sites are a short stroll away. Perhaps it's time to think lux green, and re-imagine an improved living experience in a place that's not just a building, but a comfortable home designed with care and innovation.

At **Walden Woods** (508-478-2251, [www.waldenwoodsliving.com](http://www.waldenwoodsliving.com)), you'll be able to reconnect with yourself and nature. Visions of the famed naturalist spring to life in this idyllic

development, where thoughtful planning and simple artistry make it possible to embrace the contemplative life. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately," said Henry David Thoreau, and here, surrounded by hundreds of acres of untouched conservation woodlands, you can embrace this uncomplicated philosophy. Located in scenic Milford, this intelligent condominium development allows handsome craftsmen-style residences to dwell amid the wonders of nature. New home sites have been released, including the first available single family home. Meandering sidewalks weave through the peaceful landscape, connecting neighbors. Residents you can relax on a private deck while bird watching or viewing the sunset.

Natural light streams through the windows into your choice of home style: sophisticated single level ranch, traditional townhouse, or dual master townhouse. Sizes range from 1,920 to 2,440 square feet. Each home features quality construction, including gas fireplace, custom cabinets, granite countertops, and hardwood flooring. Options have also been expanded to include open staircases, tile showers, patios, home offices, and more. Outside, a covered front porch and two-car garage make it convenient to accommodate your living style.

At the Trading Post, a cozy community center to be developed, a fully equipped kitchen, large-screen television, and great room will serve as a friendly gathering place. Walden Woods is just minutes away from the Milford trail network and will soon connect with the Upper Charles bike trail, which also offers walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Shopping, arts, and entertainment are also located nearby, via easy highway access to Boston, Providence, and Worcester. Walden Woods is in its first year of sales, with the first of four phases selling out. The welcome mat is always out at Walden Woods, where the change of seasons brings the satisfaction of knowing that you're able to celebrate a home in the woods at any time of year.



A spacious Walden Woods living room

### Especially for Active Adults

Perhaps you remember a time when life was simpler, when friendly neighbors stopped to chat on inviting front porches; when the morning was filled with the sound of birds chirping and leaves rustling in the wind. At **The Village at West Gloucester** (978-764-0055, [www.villageatwestgloucester.com](http://www.villageatwestgloucester.com)), you can once again experience quaint New England life.



A sunken living room at The Village at West Gloucester

Here, in an inviting new luxury community for people 55 and over, you'll embrace the active adult lifestyle in a tranquil, secluded woodland setting. The traditional neighborhood setting is reminiscent of the pleasant, quiet streets of yesteryear, where handsome homes were clustered around a central village green with gazebo.

Fashioned in the style of the finest Cape Ann homes, the shingle-style architecture is replete with detail,

from gabled dormers to elegant columned entries, and carriage-house-motif garage doors. Step inside, and you'll feel at home in a spacious living room with wood-burning fireplace and built-in bookshelves. Take the oak-tread staircase up to the spacious guest suite, or unwind in the first or second floor master bedrooms, which include walk-in closets and a private bath with claw foot, slipper soaking tub. With the option to have from 2,400 to 3,900 square feet of living space,

you'll not feel like you're downsizing, and you'll have plenty of room for cherished possessions and furniture. You can also upgrade with a variety of custom options, including recessed art screen plasma TVs, movie theater room, sun room, skylights in the breakfast room, wraparound front porch, wine cellar, greenhouse, sunken living room, and more.

The best part of The Village at West Gloucester is where it is located. A short distance from beautiful Wingsaetheek Beach and minutes from the historic city port of downtown Gloucester, the village offers easy access to all that the North Shore has to offer. With the Atlantic Ocean as your backdrop, you can sail, fish, or whale watch, or enjoy hiking, swimming, biking, or bird watching at Cape Ann's 18 beaches and nine parks.

Or choose simply to sit on your porch and say hello to new friends and neighbors. At The Village, you'll have the peace of mind that you've been looking for.

Weston is a town unlike any other. Tranquil and secure, yet distinctive and dynamic, this classic New England community boasts the finest residential neighborhoods set

amidst winding country roads. And, now, there's nowhere in Weston like the prestigious **Highland Meadows** (781-893-3335, [www.highlandmeadowsweston.com](http://www.highlandmeadowsweston.com)). Located less than a mile from the center of town on a carefully preserved wooded site, this thoughtfully planned development offers a convenient lifestyle to those 55 and over. The new luxury enclave is a smart alternative to condominium living that makes it easy to transition to low-maintenance living while keeping an elegant and spacious residence and convenient suburban location.

With mature plantings, stone walls, and pleasing streetscapes, Highland Meadows is a prime example of Weston's fine reputation. Lead by Highland Real



A Highland Meadows bedroom

Estate Development and an experienced and dedicated team of builders and contractors, Highland Meadows is being constructed in four phases, with a total of only 69 luxury townhouses and freestanding homes to be built on its 44 acres. With cedar shingles and clapboards, and mahogany decks, brick walkways, the timeless styles emulate Weston's existing neighborhoods with their traditional New England ambiance and immaculate landscape design.

All of the standard features and customized plans are ideal for those 55 and older, such as first-floor master suites, with the added option for a dual bedroom set-up for caregiver or separate sleeping quarters. There are multiple zones for heating and air conditioning, two-car attached garages, central vacuum systems, and gracious first-floor offices. The centerpiece of the Highland Meadows community is The Meetinghouse, a superbly appointed two-story colonial. Inside, beyond the formal parlor, residents can enjoy a fitness center, with rooms for Pilates, yoga, and massage therapy; gourmet kitchen suitable for catering, demonstrations, or classes; and billiards and card room. The patio

with outdoor fireplace opens to views of the tennis court and meadow beyond, and walking trails integrate with the Weston Forest and Trails network.

Highland Meadows pricing begins at \$1.3 million for townhouses and \$1.6 million for single-family homes. Larger signature homes, available at a later date, are exclusive offerings and anticipated to be priced from \$4 million.

Discerning 55-plus buyers will love the life offered by **Seton Highlands** at The Pinehills in Plymouth (888-508-0620, [www.setonhighlands.com](http://www.setonhighlands.com)). Built on 54 acres of lush woodlands, Seton Highlands is a welcoming neighborhood of 123 single-family and duplex-style condominium homes inspired by the Arts and Craft style of architecture. These stunning homes offer maintenance-free and gracious living. You'll enjoy the changing New England seasons in the bright and airy residences, which feature cedar shingle siding and a covered entry. Sit outside on expansive mahogany decks, or relax inside, where vaulted ceilings, gas fireplaces, large windows, and quality finishes await. Priced from the mid-\$500,000s, all homes have two bedrooms and two-and-half baths. You'll have plenty of room, with 2,000 to 3,000-plus square



A bright and airy Seton Highlands living room

feet of comfortable and casually elegant living space. The open layouts include first-floor master bedroom suites, generous closet and storage space, designer kitchens, luxuriously appointed bathrooms, and two-car garage.

Spend your leisure time meeting neighbors, relaxing by the pool, or working out at the

fitness center at The Seton Club, a private club exclusively for the neighborhood. Homeowners also enjoy access to all the privileges of residence at The Pinehills, including miles of walking trails and daily championship golf. Close to home, you can explore the sights of historic Plymouth Harbor

or spend time enjoying the beaches and attractions of Cape Cod, only minutes away. In the evening, nearby Boston offers cultural attractions and entertainment, from the Boston Red Sox to shopping in Downtown Crossing. This is what you've worked so hard to achieve. You can't beat the quality of life at Seton Highlands at The Pinehills.

### Escape to New Hampshire

Imagine luxury living on Lake Winnepesaukee. Surrounded by pristine mountains and wooded shorelines, the crystal clear waters of this spring-fed lake have long been a popular year-round retreat. Add an extraordinary mountaintop community overlooking the lake, and you have the opportunity of a lifetime to live at **Meredith Bay** (888-559-4141, [www.MeredithBayNH.com](http://www.MeredithBayNH.com)). This exclusive residential and resort enclave is the first gated luxury community on Lake Winnepesaukee developed in the region in the past 10

years. Meredith Bay features select home sites where you can customize the house of your dreams and embrace the natural beauty of this breathtaking area.

Located on a mountainside, Meredith Bay offers panoramic views that extend across beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee to Mount Washington and the White Mountains. From single family residences to town homes and condominiums, Meredith Bay's master-planned gated community includes several distinct villages with residential options to suit your lifestyle and needs. Home sites start in the mid-\$100s, and architectural and landscaping covenants ensure only the highest standards are maintained throughout the development. Take any of the conveniently located walking paths, and you'll wind up directly at a private marina and beach club. The marina offers boat slips and launch, and cabana units provide comfortable waterfront accommodations. After a swim in the

the community is only 90 minutes from Boston, with convenient access from local airports. Living in the heart of New Hampshire's spectacular Lakes Region, you'll never have to leave, because you'll already be home.

At Eastman, you'll feel like you have it all. This warm and friendly New Hampshire community is not only a wonderful place to live but also an exciting recreational playground. Located in the scenic Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee region two hours from Boston, **Eastman** (603-863-4240, [www.eastmannh.org](http://www.eastmannh.org)) is unsurpassed for natural wonders. The four-season neighborhood is tucked into 3,600 spacious woodland acres surrounding a sparkling lake. There are hideaways for more than 1,000 homes, 336 condominiums, and 200 secluded home sites for future development. Whether situated beside a shaded wooded grove or next to a rolling golf course fairway, Eastman homes blend into their tranquil surroundings. Imagine waking up to the sound of chirping birds instead of the rumbling of traffic. You'll be soothed by the glistening waters of Eastman Lake, where a private sandy beach and boating beckon.

Go swimming, boating, or kayaking, or try your hand at fishing. Nearby, Eastman Golf Links, an 18-hole championship golf course, offers spectacular views and a challenging round of play. And, of course, there are hiking trails, tennis courts, and 17 miles of cross-country ski trails. Afterwards, when it's time to come in from the sun or snow, enjoy a hearty meal in the cozy Bistro Nouveau's main dining room or welcoming tavern. Located in The Center at Eastman, the lively hub also houses a pro shop or ski and snowshoe center, as well as fitness room and snack bar. But no matter what your favorite



Adirondacks at Meredith Bay



An aerial view of Eastman in New Hampshire

pool, warm up in the hot tub or on the spacious tanning deck. Enjoy the four-season lifestyle—skiing or snowboarding, snowmobiling, fishing, hiking, and foliage viewing. The vacation never ends, because

pastimes are, the best part of Eastman is the friendly residents, who enjoy clubs, outings, and other community events. Eastman is located in Grantham, NH, minutes from Vermont and close to

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Surfside Narragansett

Hanover and Lebanon, NH. Whether you're a family, second-home owner, or retiree, at Eastman you can get out and about or simply enjoy being at home among woodlands and wildlife. Either way, you'll feel you've arrived at a special place.

#### Oceanfront Delight

If you've always longed to live in luxury by the ocean, look no farther than **Surfside Narragansett** (866-788-3484, [www.liveatsurfside.com](http://www.liveatsurfside.com)), one of Gilbane Development Company's premiere properties. The Victorian coastal architecture, with charming latticework and intriguing turrets and cupolas, invites you to the best of waterfront living with lush gardens and panoramic ocean views. Nestled in the heart of Narragansett, RI, directly across from Narragansett Beach and a short drive from Boston, Providence, and New York City, Surfside offers eco-friendly, Energy Star-rated, two- and three-bedroom condominiums and private townhouses that invite the ocean breezes in. From your private balconies or stone wall terraces, you'll have breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Canonchet. Enjoy cooking in thoughtfully designed kitchens with high quality appliances from Viking, Asko, and Bosch, and entertain in luxurious style with Restoration Hardware finishes, tile baths, custom cabinetry, granite and marble countertops, wood floors, and central air conditioning.

Stroll over to the gourmet market and pick up wine, cheese, and fresh fruit for a sunset picnic on the mile-long, sandy beach, or dine in the new casual/fine dining restaurant, scheduled to open this spring. Walk the brick pathways past delightful plantings, or exercise on professional grade equipment in the onsite fitness center. No detail is left unattended, from the beautiful, hand-sculpted tile mosaic mural facing the ocean to the fine quality craftsmanship throughout the interiors. Surfside's custom-designed model is now open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call for your personal showing, and visit the website to discover a wealth of information about Surfside, including photography showing the development's progress.

#### Premiere Sporting Life

The Gilded Age defines legendary Newport, RI, where the grandeur of opulent mansions beckons with rich history. Stately halls echo with the footsteps of a storied past, where luxury and comfort awaited after a stroll along lovely ocean paths. So it's only appropriate that the **Carnegie Abbey Club** (877-274-5808, [www.carnegienewport.com](http://www.carnegienewport.com)) is located minutes from this famed coastal community. Built with the same lasting values as the neighboring estates, the Carnegie Abbey Club beckons as an exclusive retreat on the Narragansett Bay.

On June 14, The Carnegie Abbey Club will open reservations to the public for the first time on a brand new offering, The Carnegie Suites. The suites are a perfect opportunity to invest in the finest



The signature 18th Green at The Carnegie Abbey Club

private club in New England, with attractive pricing of just over \$1 million for select residences. With three bedrooms and three baths, there is room enough for the whole family. After a day of golf, sailing, and other activities at the club, enjoy sunsets from your private, 300-square-foot balcony overlooking Narragansett Bay toward the Newport Bridge. The suites also include two underground parking spaces and private cabanas for rinsing off after a dip in the pool. Select residences include a roof terrace for entertaining. There are only 24 units available, so this opportunity is quite limited.

Nearby, the majestic Carnegie Tower rises 220 feet above the scenic waterfront, comprising 80

first-class, one- to four-bedroom condominium residences on 21 stories, with covered parking available adjacent to the tower. Luxurious residences are constructed with the finest materials and finishes, featuring fabulous seven-and-a-half foot windows and sliding glass doors that lead to private balconies. You'll know you've arrived in style when you stroll inside, where the marble floors and



Cross country skiing is popular at Eastman

raised-panel mahogany are fashioned after turn-of-the-century lobbies of the world's most famed hotels. A state-of-the-art, whisper quiet elevator whisks you up to the penthouse-style residences, where a private foyer welcomes visitors.

Most homes have a fireplace, reflected in gleaming Brazilian cherry hardwood floors. You'll be able to cook a gourmet meal in a professional-level kitchen with the ultimate in appliances, including wine

course, as well as a pool pavilion with lap pool, outdoor spa, and children's wading pool. Work out in the private gym and fitness center, or catch up with correspondence in the business center. Prices for the tower range from \$950,000 to \$7 million.

Just a golf-cart ride away are the club's Scottish-links style golf course, yacht club, equestrian center, spa, and clubhouse. Both Carnegie Tower and Royal Cottage residents enjoy exclusive membership in Newport's ultra-exclusive premier private golf and sporting club, The Carnegie Abbey Club. Members enjoy athletic pursuits, including tennis, equestrian, yachting and swimming, with the centerpiece of the club a waterfront golf

course designed by Donald Steel, one of the great names in modern golf architecture. The services at the club are second to none, ranging from room service to transportation to chartered yachts. And you won't want to miss meals prepared by the Club's Olympic gold medal winning certified chef.

Newport has also long been home to an active yachting community. The Carnegie Abbey Club offers members



A sunny porch view at Meredith Bay

cooler, oven with warming drawer, and automatic espresso and cappuccino maker. Custom European-style cabinets are modeled after a yacht interior. A master bath completes the pampering, with marble countertops, floors, and wall. A natural stone deck surrounds a jet tub where you can relax in warm, bubbly waters. There is concierge service, of

yacht slips for boats up to 200 feet, a rarity in New England waters. While the first 41 slips are sold, reservations are being taken on the next phase of the Carnegie Yacht Club. Don't miss the endless possibilities of the finest family sporting club in the Northeast—sail across Narragansett Bay into the legacy of the Carnegie Abbey Club. ■



An Italian Villa

Photo courtesy of 2007 CMurillo

## Extraordinary Adventures Made Easy

### Customized trips ensure traveler satisfaction

Planning the perfect vacation can be stressful. Coordinating all the elements, from airfare and hotels to tours and restaurants can overwhelm even the most organized traveler.

"We're finding that people are interested in discovering extraordinary destinations, but they're looking for advice for the best way to do it," says Nancy Greenfield, director of Leisure Sales at Garber Travel, which has offices in Boston, Beverly, Chestnut Hill, Lowell, Marlborough, and Worcester, as well as Portsmouth, NH, and Woodstock, VT (800-FLY-GARBER, garbertravel.com). "We have a team of expert destination specialists at Garber Travel, all of whom have traveled extensively and have an average of 16 years experience booking trips."

Whether you're looking for a special cruise or an exotic trip that involves heli-hiking, diving in the Great Barrier Reef, or exploring in Ecuador, it is possible to customize your vacation. "Our staff's first-hand experience provides our clients with unique insights

into the best places to see, the best ways to get there, and the most rewarding overall experience," Greenfield says.

That first-hand experience also means Garber has good relationships with the vendors they deal with, so that if there is a customer service issue, it's taken care of immediately. "Travel has changed," says Greenfield. "Airport schedules can be fluid, weather can create complications, but when you work with Garber, you have someone working for you, who stays on top of any changes and keeps you informed. It's all about service."

To accommodate the increased interest in exotic vacations,

Garber recently opened the International Travel Center in Beverly (950 Cummings Park, Suite 101X, 800-748-6728, northshore@garbertravel.com). "That office specializes in villa

rentals, trekking, safaris, sailing in the Mediterranean, barging on canals in Europe, wine and food trips," says Greenfield.

"Really just about any vacation you can imagine, we can put together for you." ■



Tahiti

Photo courtesy of 2007 Pam Hartman

## Flexible Ownership Offers a New Way to Vacation

### *Oceanside luxury beckons on Cape Cod and in Bermuda*

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Why own a home for 12 months of the year, when you may only want to visit for four weeks? That's the reasoning behind flexible ownership. Rather than buy a house or condo, you purchase a share in that property, thus limiting costs and allowing you to buy into a substantially higher end market.

Fractional ownership—purchasing deeded property that allows you to buy partial ownership in a deluxe resort—lets you take advantage of personalized services and amenities, but without the maintenance responsibilities. “With fractional ownership, you only pay for what you use,” says Howard Nusbaum, president and CEO of the American Resort Development

there's a new a new way to own a piece of this coveted vacation land. At the **Cape Codder Residence Club**, (800-297-2200, ext. 770, [www.capecodderresort.com](http://www.capecodderresort.com)) you can unwind with luxurious resort amenities. Located on the site of the award-winning Cape Codder Resort and Spa in Hyannis, the Residence Club offers fractional ownership, flexible getaway time in spacious, lavishly appointed two- and three-bedroom properties. “Fractional ownership combines the luxury services and features of hotel pampering with the contentment and security of owning a second home for just the time you need and for a fraction of the price,” says Debbie Rutland, director



The Cape Codder Residence Club

Association (ARDA), “and when you arrive, the sheets are clean, the cable works, and the refrigerator is stocked.”

Two new exclusive beach properties are offering fractional ownership opportunities, the Cape Codder Residence Club on the Cape and The Reefs in Bermuda.

If you dream of purchasing a second home on the Cape,

of sales for the Cape Codder Residence Club, where a whole new way of vacationing awaits.

Privileges include an indoor water park, whirlpool and saunas, adult-only swimming pool, deluxe spa, fitness center, on-premises restaurant, and more. “As an owner, you will enjoy the hassle-free, leisure lifestyle you deserve with state-of-the-art furnishings, including

granite countertops, high-definition televisions, and whirlpool baths,” says Rutland. You’ll also have vacation exchange opportunities with other partner resorts. Businesses often purchase fractional

sparkling infinity-edge pool, deluxe owner’s lounge with pool table and bar, fitness center, and rooftop putting green. Your work-a-day worries disappear as a dedicated concierge coordinates dinner



A spacious kitchen at The Reefs Club

residences as a benefit for employees, clients, or company retreats. This is an intelligent alternative to whole ownership condominiums or repetitive hotel stays. Rutland says, “Your dedeed one-tenth ownership is your home away from home with no worries or work, so that you can enjoy the beauty and fun of ole’ Cape Cod.” Prices start in the mid-\$100,000’s.

Another unbeatable opportunity for owning a piece of paradise is at **The Reefs Club** (866-399-9568, [www.reefsclub.com](http://www.reefsclub.com).) The vacation paradise of Bermuda is a short flight away from the East Coast, but worlds away when it comes to tropical wonders. From the sun-kissed, pink-sand beaches to gleaming turquoise waters, the welcoming island offers an unbeatable romantic destination. The Reefs Club, a private residence club, offers fractional ownership of new beachfront homes, situated at the island’s world-class hotel, The Reefs.

Perched above one of Bermuda’s most charming beaches, The Reefs Club offers a rare opportunity to have a second home in Bermuda, complete with all the gracious amenities and services that guarantee a carefree stay. A flexible and generous reservation policy enables owners to use their residences as often as they wish. Amenities include a

reservations, golf tee times, and on-site spa appointments. You’re steps away from gourmet restaurants and an inviting beach with snorkeling and swimming. Enjoy a cocktail, then take an afternoon nap in your choice of two- or three-bedroom residences with unobstructed ocean views. Like its hotel counterpart, The Reefs Club pampers with elegantly appointed interiors that combine sophisticated luxury with classic Bermudian style. Dual master suites include plush bedding and linens, and terraces open up to sunset views. Soak in an outdoor whirlpool spa on the veranda as you listen to the gentle surf below. With pre-arrival grocery shopping, it’s easy to make meals or just a cup of coffee in the fully equipped gourmet kitchen.

Scheduled for completion next year, the Club offers ownership from \$350,000. You’ll want to make sure to bring your Bermuda shorts for excursions that include boating, kayaking, hiking, biking, and surf and jet skiing, as well as shopping and exploring cultural attractions. Bermuda also features 200 miles of untouched reefs and over 350 documented ship wrecks, making it perfect for divers. At The Reefs Club, you can own the ultimate Bermuda lifestyle, and share your love of the island with friends and family. ■

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# Furnishings to Make Every Home a Castle

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Redesigning or even refreshing the look of your home is about more than just finding a comfortable sofa or functional dishwasher. It's about creating living rooms that make you want to relax there; kitchens that are warm and inviting and make cooking and cleaning up enjoyable; bedrooms, baths, and family rooms that reflect your individual personality; and backyards and patios that become extra rooms for you to play and entertain in.

The hallmark of **Stickley, Audi & Co.** (323 Speen St., Natick, 508-647-0173; stickleyaudi.com) is enduring quality. From the elegance of its Historic Mission designs to its new looks for family rooms and home offices, stylish elegance is the priority.

"We're in what many consider a fashion industry," says Aminy Audi, president of Stickley, Audi

centers in different styles and woods. We also added a casual group of tables with antiqued finishes."

The sleek and contemporary Metropolitan Collection includes a 56-inch Gathering Table with boat-shaped top and a 16-inch self-storing leaf; a practical 52-inch Kitchen Island; and a 64-inch Open China Deck. A graceful 71-inch high Metro Etagere has graduated shelves and openings accessible from all sides.

To mark the 150th anniversary of Gustav Stickley's birth, the company has created several noteworthy additions to its Historic Mission Collection. The 53-inch-high Commemorative Gus Bookcase is a reissue of a 1901 Gustav Stickley design. An original sold in December 2007 at Sotheby's in New York City went \$361,000. The flared tops of the vertical mullions



A hexagonal table by Stickley, Audi & Co.

& Co., "so we want to respond with designs and fabrics that address today's lifestyle. For example, recently we introduced a variety of entertainment

reflect the shape of the corbels, lending a truncated arch effect to the top row of windows. A charming Gus Tabouret Table features a hexagonal top inlaid



A cream sectional by Circle Furniture

with tile. The medium-sized Chapel Street Rocker with its distinctive arms is a reissue of a L. & J.G. Stickley original, circa 1910, now housed in the Stickley Museum.

“Our production facility is a perfect blend of modern technology and old world hand craftsmanship—from the selection of the lumber all the way to hand sanding, hand finishing, and many processes in between,” says Audi. “Every aspect bespeaks quality and attention to detail. Stickley drawers are so sturdy one can literally stand in them. The pieces are all dated and signed.”

If your taste tends toward the contemporary, **Circle Furniture** ([circlefurniture.com](http://circlefurniture.com)) offers smart new renditions of the classics. One of today’s hottest items is the sectional sofa. “Many people are intimidated by the sectional,” says Circle Furniture’s Sarah Cooney. “Consumer fear is easy to understand when you recall your best friend’s enormous brown corduroy sectional stuck in the basement in front of the Atari game system,” says Cooney. “But those days are gone.”

Circle Furniture, with showrooms in Acton (425 Great Road, Rte. 2A; 978-263-7268), Cambridge (199 Alewife Brook Pkwy.; 617-876-3988), Danvers (75 Newbury St., Rte. 1; 978-777-2690), Framingham (235 Worcester Rd., Rte. 9;

508-875-0707), and Hanover (Junction of Rte. 53/123; 781-878-0686), wants to help customers find what Cooney calls “sectional healing.”

“The sectional of today is the perfect solution to pulling a room together,” she explains. “It creates a cozy ambiance that provides a natural gathering spot in any room and becomes a place to hang out with friends or family and get down to real living in comfort. It works with any style and whatever fabric you can imagine.” Whether you want to spread out your paper on a Sunday morning, curl up with your kids and watch a good DVD, share your popcorn on a hot date, or lounge around on a Saturday night drinking wine with friends, the sectional can offer versatility beyond compare.

Summer should be a time of easy living, says Kay McGowan of **Mohr & McPherson**. To get there, it’s helpful to have a place to put things away, to organize and simplify your home, without stinting on a sense of elegance and style. Mohr & McPherson fills its showrooms (356 Boylston St., Boston, 617-421-9500; 151 Alewife Brook Pkwy., Cambridge, 617-520-2112; and 75 Moulton St., Cambridge, 617-520-2000) with distinctive furniture that’s both functional and beautiful.

An antique Japanese *iso dansu* (clothing chest), raised by a metal stand, is a light, elegant

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way to store possessions while adding beauty to a room and keeping things within easy reach. The chests are clean



An Indian Day Bed courtesy of Mohr & McPherson

and handsome, appropriate for any room. “We have just received the most beautiful collection of antique Japanese chests,” McGowan says, “most with stands, several in classic styles, and all priced very well. They are becoming more and more popular in the East Coast market. The Japanese aesthetic is function-based and traditional, yet modern in design. These pieces also have beautiful sand cast iron hardware, adding depth to the look and feel of each piece.”

Once you’ve found a place for everything, you need a comfortable place to relax. The Shesham wooden day bed with cotton cushions hails from India and can be accented with unique pillows made of vintage rug remnants from Afghanistan. “I have just put one of these day beds in my back sunroom,” says McGowan. “The summer is all about a cozy spot in the fresh air to curl up and read or talk long into the night. A day bed on a sun porch creates the perfect ‘lazy summer day’ retreat at home.”

You can find the best of 20th century modern design at **RESIDE**, located in Cambridge’s Huron Village area (266 Concord Ave., 617-547-2929; resideinc.com). RESIDE specializes in finding unusual, original, and out-of-production furnishings and home accessories from the best designers of the mid-century era. RESIDE can reupholster and refinish pieces to your specifications, adding a wonderfully unique touch to your home. Accent your finds with custom-made throw pillows, vintage lighting, rug, and original artwork and photography by local and emerging artists. Browse through RESIDE’s unexpected selection and show off your personal flair with the sleek look of vintage pieces.

Once you have the right furniture to decorate your rooms, you may want to

add a warm and decorative touch with a rug or carpet from **Landry & Arcari**. At Landry and Arcari’s two showrooms

(333 Stuart St., Boston, 63 Flint St., Salem, 800-649-5509), there are thousands of rugs to choose from. Styles range from antique Persians to the company’s own line of contemporary Tibetans and everything in between. But, says Jeff Arcari, “some clients want a rug designed in a particular artist’s style or are looking for just the right colors to match their furnishings.” The solution, he says, is simple. At Landry and Arcari, you can custom design your hand-knotted rug. You may select one of Landry & Arcari’s designs but have it made in your exact size requirements. Alternately, you can use an existing Landry & Arcari design and change one or more colors to fit your décor



A Landry & Arcari Rug

requirements. If you like, you may also create a new design of your own. Just provide a picture or a fabric sampler. Landry & Arcari’s designer will work with you to select the colors to

transform your idea into a rug design. In approximately five months, you will receive your rug and it will cost you no more than a rug “bought off the shelf.”

Since starting its own rug production in India, Pakistan and Nepal, Arcari says Landry & Arcari has been able to create unique rugs using hand-carded and hand-spun wool colored with natural vegetable dyes or the finest modern dyes. Since it is involved in every step of the process, from selecting the raw wool to shipping the rug to a customer’s home, Landry & Arcari can ensure the highest standards of quality control. The combination of the personal design touch and high-quality materials means

that with Landry & Arcari you can create the heirloom rugs of tomorrow.

Creating the whole look is also a priority at **Kitchen Views Custom** (kitchenviews.com, 617-244-VIEW), where the emphasis is on putting together a combination of pieces—cabinetry, appliances, hardware, and countertops—to create a room that is both functional and fun. Their new Kitchen Views Custom showroom (60 Needham St., Newton) features 17 state-of-the-art displays, each one designed by a member of its award-winning design team.

“As baby boomers move into town or adapt their homes to life as empty-nesters, the new trend is ‘universal design,’” says Suzi Kaitz, vice president and general manager at Kitchen Views. “Universal design incorporates ergonomic elements to allow people to age in place.”

The custom showroom features shelving in kitchen wall cabinets that can be “pulled-down” to reach from a seated position. A fully accessible vanity with a distinct Asian flair is another showroom “wow,” with a countertop and sink fabricated out of concrete.

“The products in the new showroom also use a high percentage of eco-friendly designs, from recycled glass countertops and ‘green’ cabinetry, to stylish cork flooring and Benjamin Moore’s low VOC Aura paint,” Kaitz says. A wide selection of cabinetry provides the look and feel of luxury, while building smarter and greener. Kitchen Views’ exclusive Irpinia custom line offers cabinetry that can be

manufactured with no added urea formaldehyde from box to door to finish. A second line, Omega Custom cabinetry, earned certification in the groundbreaking Environmental Stewardship Program administered by the KCMA (Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturer’s Association).

In addition, the availability of a variety of door styles made from bamboo, lyptus, and local maple enables Kitchen Views Custom to offer yet another means of using renewable assets.

Kitchen Views also has cabinetry for the media room, bath, bar, and mudroom in a variety of styles, woods, and stains. A new line of cabinetry, manufactured by Corsi, highlights an incredible color palette and the unique design of Logan Inset cabinetry.

Additional Kitchen Views showrooms,



Ingenious corner drawers by Kitchen Views

featuring semi-custom and standard cabinetry are down the street in Newton (15 Needham St., inside the National Lumber store; 617-244-8020), Berlin (25 Central St.; 978-838-0810), Mansfield (71 Maple St.; 508-339-8020), New Bedford (120 Welby Rd.; 508-990-8020), and Salem (33 Mason St.; 978-744-8800).

Sub-Zero, the inventor of luxury built-in refrigeration, has always been a pioneer in food preservation. From the late 1940s, when founder Westey Bakke began working with Otis Birdsong in the fledgling frozen food industry, Sub-Zero has placed as much value on the function of its units as its design.

Now in its third generation of family ownership, Sub-Zero continues to care deeply about the proper preservation of food. Premiering this fall is the revolutionary new Sub-Zero Built In (BI) Series, a line of refrigeration products that takes the science of food preservation to a whole new level. **Clarke Luxury Appliance Showrooms** in Milford (300 Fortune Blvd., 800-842-5275) and South Norwalk, CT (64 South Main St., 866-838-9385), are the exclusive New England distributor for Sub-Zero, and will be displaying the new BI series this fall.

Working with food scientists and culinary experts, Sub-Zero discovered that certain food items, such as fruits and vegetables, are not in perfect harmony when stored in close proximity. For instance, certain vegetables emit ethylene gases that can shorten the shelf life of

skinned fruit. Conversely, the odors from some fruits can impair the freshness of certain vegetables. The new BI Series from Sub-Zero will utilize a proprietary air scrubbing technology, which will constantly—and silently—remove these harmful gases and odors, plus any bacteria or viruses, which hasten ripening and can compromise the freshness of foods.

The BI Series will also introduce Sub-Zero's new microbiological carbon water filtration system, which removes harmful particles, viruses, and bacteria to provide the safest water and ice cubes in the industry.

Sub-Zero has always used separate cooling systems for its combination refrigerator and freezer models. It's called Dual Refrigeration. With Dual Refrigeration, two compressors provide separate airflow for the refrigerator and freezer. This allows for proper moisture in the refrigerator while avoiding "freezer burn" in the freezer. It also prevents transference of odors, so ice cubes never taste like salmon. This iconic Sub-Zero feature will, of course, remain on the exciting new BI Series.

**Miele**, Inc. was founded more than 100 years ago with the promise of "immer besser," a



A Miele vacuum cleaner

Miele's range of consumer appliances includes laundry systems; rotary irons; dishwashers; built-in convection, speed, and steam ovens; cook tops; ventilation hoods; coffee systems; refrigerators; and vacuum cleaners, and can be seen at the Miele New England Design Center, 555 Washington St., Wellesley). Most recently, two Miele vacuum cleaners, the Miele S 5280 Callisto canister and the S 163 Universal upright, earned Consumers Digest Best Buy awards.

"We've always felt that our high standards of quality, performance, and filtration added up to a great value," says Paul McCormack, senior marketing manager for Miele, Inc. "The Consumers Digest rating means there's absolutely no doubt."

Although you may take vacuum cleaning for granted,

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A luxurious kitchen by Clarke

German phrase meaning "forever better." The family owned appliance company (miele.com, 800-843.7231) has built on that goal ever since, making quality, performance, and environmental standards its top priorities.

Miele certainly doesn't. Easy-to-use sound dampening features allow the vacuum to operate in virtual silence, and special air filters reduce indoor air pollution by retaining the dust, dirt, and allergens collected from

floors and furnishings. Miele's S5 series has been awarded HEPA certification by the DMT Air Quality Testing Institute for "excellent air quality." This means the entire vacuum, and not just the filter, conforms to the most stringent standards for filtration (EN1822).

Miele is also concerned with durability. Miele's unique Vortex Motor System™ is engineered to last for an average of 20 years of residential use, and to provide the same superior suction in year 20 as it does in year one. And their high metal content and clearly marked plastic components are ready for recycling once the product's useful life is complete, reducing landfill waste and conserving raw materials for future generations.

While cabinets and appliances are essential to a comfortable kitchen and bath, lighting doesn't often get the attention it deserves. But at the new **Frank Webb's Bath and Lighting Center** in Methuen, unique lighting fixtures abound.

"There are exciting new products we're spotlighting for kitchen sinks, baths, and showers, as well as medicine cabinets that have unique lighting features," says Danielle Frank, manager of Frank Webb's Bath Center in Bedford, the headquarter showroom for FW. Webb, the Northeast's largest plumbing supplier (frankwebb.com, 888-550-9322). "The new showroom showcases these unique plumbing products plus offer a complete lighting center with fixtures for every room in your home."

Frank suggests homeowners consider KWC's Eve kitchen faucet, which combines beauty, light, and function. The softly flowing stream of water is illuminated with an LED light band to give new light to anything you're washing. Said to be inspired by KWC designer Michael Lammell's nearsighted grandmother, who was never able to fully clean her garden vegetables, the Eve offers instant light when you press the concealed button on the faucet. The Eve is also available in a smaller size for a wet bar or bathroom sink. Frank Webb's also offers the KWC Hansaclear Lux Handshower, a two-function hand-held shower with a color-illuminated shower head. "Both Jacuzzi and Acryline offer underwater lighting called chromatherapy in their whirlpool tubs," said Frank. "This is a way to provide a calm, healing feeling in your bath."

Jacuzzi's integrated color-lighting system operates through light sources installed in the wall of the tub. By providing vibrant beams of light and color that mingle with thousands of bubbles, Jacuzzi says your spirits can actually be lifted through use of 256 colors, each with its own frequency and energy.

There are also lots of enlightening ideas in storage. "The Robern M Series mirrored medicine cabinets have added a model with a beautifully concealed nightlight," Frank says. This LED light, which is soft on the eyes, is discreetly located in the finger pull of the door. The light sensor automatically turns on in low-light conditions. "It's great when you enter the bathroom in the middle of the night to get a glass of water."



Lighting inside medicine cabinets by Frank Webb  
Photo courtesy of Frank Webb Bath Centers

This summer, many homeowners are turning their attention to their patios and backyards. When it comes to your outdoor living space, **Unilock's** paving stones continue to be the leader and set the trends. There's no other paving stone product line that allows you to realize your dreams for your outdoor project like Unilock. Whether your project is a driveway, front entrance, backyard patio, outdoor kitchen, or living space, Unilock (1-800-UNILOCK, unilock.com) provides you with the tools you need to bring your landscaping ideas to life.

Extend the boundaries of your home by creating an outdoor living area that you can actually use. Warm up to the fire on a romantic evening or have dinner with friends by the kitchen island with a complete kitchen and fireplace ensemble. Create an entire living space by incorporating paving stones and wall products. Have a kitchen with a BBQ, sink, and fridge with your own eating area. Take your outdoor living space from ordinary to extraordinary with designer paving stones and walls from Unilock.

Designing seat walls into your backyard retreat will not only create coziness but

provide additional seating for friends and loved ones. Combining walls with several Unilock paver styles gives you the ability to create a custom design. Only Unilock provides you with a wide range of products that allow you to create without boundaries. It provides worry-free projects by providing installations from the best contractors in the business. The Unilock® Authorized Contractor Program is designed to help homeowners choose a professional contractor who will provide a quality installation of Unilock products, which are manufactured in Massachusetts. Products come with a lifetime guarantee.

The **Boston Design Center**, on the Boston Waterfront (Drydock Ave.; 617-338-5062), boasts 87 showrooms representing the most extensive and innovative choices for customized interior furnishings in New England. With over 1,200 luxury product lines encompassing textiles, furniture, wall and floor coverings, lighting, antiques, kitchen and bath design and contract services, designers and architects can find everything to meet their clients' needs.

The newest company to join the design center is **JANUS et Cie**, whose exquisite signature interior and exterior furnishings, accessories, and textiles transcend the boundary between outdoors and in. "The overall trend is for people to make their outdoor spaces reflect the style of their indoor spaces, effectively increasing the size of their home," acknowledges Wendy Rhiger of California-based JANUS et Cie. "We've turned to the creation of decidedly sophisticated pieces, plush seating, and fabrics enhanced with dyes that withstand the elements. We've really moved beyond basic outdoor fabrics with the JANUS Textiles collection of jacquards, chenille, special weaves, and many other options."

While requisite patio essentials, including the classic chaise lounge, remain outdoor fundamentals, JANUS et Cie embraces the staple's beautiful



Outdoor Barand Grill by Unilock

there, but the designs have become very contemporary, lightweight, and stylish," says Rhiger.

JANUS et Cie founder Janice Feldman, in her quest for impervious materials, developed JANUSwood, composed of 100 percent recycled HDPE plastics extruded into lumber for JANUSwood furnishings. "Our goal is to provide beautiful, functional products made from sustainable materials through environmentally responsible methods," Feldman says. "By promoting the use of products that minimize the environmental footprint and offering highly durable and functional designs, we know we can make a difference."

JANUS et Cie's collections are constructed from a range of sustainable materials, including the Dedon Fiber®, the original synthetic woven fiber noted for its quality, durability, and beauty. Developed by Dedon®, the fiber answers the call for an environmentally friendly, recyclable alternative to natural fibers traditionally used in wicker furniture. Plantation grown hardwoods culled from sustainable forest are also used in JANUS et Cie's collections.

"People think of JANUS et Cie as an outdoor resource," says Rhiger, "but we also have extensive interior collections that reflect our interest in natural fibers, leather, and special woods. We're excited to be able to display all of our product lines at the Boston Design Center."

For luxurious outdoor living this summer, **Cabot House** (cabotouse.com)

is featuring the elegant furniture of Brown Jordan. Since 1945, the company has created distinctive designs for furniture and accessories that enhance traditional, transitional, and contemporary environments both indoors and out. Today, the Brown Jordan portfolio features more than 30 collections in a

range of design styles that can be seen in Cabot House showrooms in Framingham (220 Worcester Rd., 508-872-5900), Burlington (66 Mall Rd., 781-273-2600),



Colorful Janus Umbrellas

metamorphosis. "People think of chaise lounges as having wheels and reclining backs. These functional elements are still

Weymouth (266 Main St., 781-331-6000), and Auburn (771 Washington St., 508-832-7678).

Brown Jordan's attention to design detail can be seen in the spectacular Day Lily line, which was introduced in 1949 and is now included in the permanent furniture collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The Day Lily collection was re-introduced this year on a larger, more generously proportioned scale. Day Lily features a gracefully

that supports a fabric canopy and multiple curtains, enabling the occupants to draw the curtains close for a private retreat from the sun, the elements, and the neighbors. The double chaise features independent ratchet mechanisms so each occupant can raise and lower the back for optimum comfort. Oversized rear wheels allow the chaise to be moved comfortably by a single person. All of the Brown Jordan lines are designed for maximum style and comfort.



Penshell Vases at Boston Design Center

arching cast aluminum frame with an artful floral arm, cast seat frame, and cast and extruded aluminum back detailing the day lily flower. The collection has been expanded to include coordinating seating that functions as a sectional, as well as an exquisite radius piece (with and without arms) to update this timeless design for contemporary living.

If you prefer the woven look of wicker, Brown Jordan's Eastlake is a conscious blend of art, craft, and technology that combines two of the most durable and weather-resistant materials known to the industry: resinweave and aluminum. The frames are welded, powdered coated, then woven with an extruded resin to simulate the look and feel of real wicker and rattan. This design is popularly fashioned after late 18th and early 19th century natural wicker garden furniture. Cool and comfortable in the hot sun, it will not fade, crack, or peel.

And, for the ultimate in outdoor relaxation, Cabot House is featuring Brown Jordan's Campaign Grande, a double chaise lounge with an optional removable upper frame

After a long summer day, there's nothing nicer than sitting back and enjoying the chance to relax on your deck or patio. But why look out on a dark yard when the experts at **Wolfer's Lighting** ([wolferlighting.com](http://wolferlighting.com)) can help you find the right illumination to create a romantic or whimsical look. From a free lighting plan to expert advice, Wolfer's offers assistance from



Azimuth chaises

planning and selection to placement and installation. Each of the two showrooms, in Allston (103 North Beacon St., 617-254-0700) and Waltham (1339 Main St., 781-890-5995), features Landscape Lighting

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Labs that offer lots of possibilities in real-life settings, so you can experiment with different combinations to see what works for you.

whimsical fixtures, including a frog with a belly that glows, a goldfish that lights up within a fountain, or an oriental figure holding a lantern.”

New concerns about energy efficiency and conservation mean customers need lots of choices around low-voltage LED lighting, says Arnold. “The added advantage is that the reduced wattage also extends the lamp life, so it reduces maintenance,” she says.

Lighting designers are available at Wolfer’s to help with ideas and think creatively about landscape lighting. “We encourage people to go for an element of surprise, staggering or

clustering lights so that you avoid the ‘runway look,’” she says. “We have lots of fixtures in stock and are happy to work with your electrician or landscape designer or just you, to help you reach the desired effect easily.” ■



Day Lily chair and ottoman by Cabot House

“Lots of people like the starry effect of outdoor lighting,” says Susan J. Arnold, a lighting designer at Wolfer’s. “Fixtures can be hidden in bushes to create a shadowy glow or that starry effect, or you can create some wonderfully playful effects with our

## Wallpaper: A Return to Bold

*Patterns, texture add warmth and style*

After years of minimally painted walls in neutral colors, the bold and vivid look of wallpaper is making a comeback.

“Wallpaper has become incredibly chic,” says Michael Valvo, North End-based interior designer and owner of Red M Studios, “but it’s got so much more going for it now. The colors are bolder, the materials create much more texture, and the patterns are just gorgeous.”

Cole & Son has been making hand-blocked wallpaper since 1875, and the company says its customers are returning to the architectural prints of the ‘50s and ‘60s. “We’ve also found an interest in flocking, which gives the wall some extra dimension,” says Sharon Rice of Cole & Son. “The difference now is in the quality of the material used in flocking, which doesn’t fade or crumble.”

One of the most luxurious lines of wallpaper comes from the three-year-old British company, Fromental, which makes handmade wallpaper to order. “The wallcoverings are handpainted on silk

and paper and range from 18th century Chinoiserie to bold super graphics,” says Fromental’s Rachel Gartland. All the designs are panoramic in nature and non-repeating. For the ultimate craftsmanship, the company hand-embroiders delicate butterfly and cherry blossom tree patterns for wall coverings that are works of art on their own.

“For a long time, people turned to painted walls in solid colors,” says Valvo. “But there’s less fear of colors and patterns now, which means there are some amazing combinations. Oversized flowers, toile, and other patterns pop now, where they once faded into the background.”

Wallpaper is also being used as a decorative design element in a room, says Paula Bebarian of Brewster Wallcoverings in Randolph. “Lately, we’ve discovered customers are easing their way back to patterns by using something bold on a featured wall, behind the bed or on one wall in the living room or dining room.” ■

## Blooming Beauty

*Gardens add space, color to home life*

Tastes have changed in home gardening, and the once-popular grassy yard with a bit of shrubbery is blossoming into an additional living space with fountains, stone arrangements, and exotic or simply striking trees and shrubs.

“Even customers with smaller yards, roof decks, or balconies are eager to create a natural environment that adds space and value to their home,” says Amy VanDoren, manager of Landscape Design at Mahoney’s Garden Centers.

Lots of factors come into play when considering a landscaping plan. The traditional elements of landscape design include unity, simplicity, and balance, but you don’t need acres of land to create dramatic effects.

Contemporary concerns about water conservation, interest in using native plants, and the use of more organic fertilizers are adding up to landscaping choices that take up less space, are lower maintenance, and still quite beautiful.

The most important element of landscape design is understanding how much space you have and the effect you’re trying to create, says VanDoren. Talking to a designer can help you stay focused on what you want to do without becoming overwhelmed with how to do it.

“Lots of people want to do more with smaller spaces,” says VanDoren, “and there are plenty of options. Water features, including fountains and waterfalls, became a popular trend a few years ago, and people liked the idea that the water was



being recycled. Now, many companies are making smaller, beautiful fountains that are relatively low maintenance, and can even be brought inside for the winter.”

Many plants are cultivated to grow in smaller spaces, too, says VanDoren. “The Knockout shrub rose comes in five or six vibrant colors and blooms from June-November,” she says. “It’s a wonderful choice because of its long-lasting color.”

When working with a rooftop or balcony, VanDoren says part of the space consideration involves leaving room for the largest possible plant containers. “If you want trees, you need as much soil around the roots as possible,” she says, “so you have to figure out how much space that’s going to take up.” ■



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