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## Redwood Patio Brings West to East

Western outdoor living becomes a way of life for those living in Eastern and North central states with this outdoor redwood living room designed by George Nakashima for his world famous home and studio at New Hope, Pennsylvania.

Nakashima refers to himself simply as a "woodworker," but to many who appreciate craftsmanship and uncompromised design he is the "world's finest wood craftsman." With this spectacular outdoor setting, Nakashima once more demonstrates his glorious talent for artistry in wood.

NAKASHIMA'S home overlooks a lovely wooded valley among the hills of Bucks county. Here Nakashima, raised on the Pacific coast, wanted to erect an outdoor living room which would capture the casualness of the west yet be useful and suitable to harder eastern weather conditions.

His land would blend with the environment; offer facilities to attract the family and friends outdoors even on days of threatening skies, and yet remain open enough not to lose the fresh, ever-changing moods of nature.

THE DESIGN features two cantilevered piers of reinforced concrete. The supports eliminate the necessity of using posts which might interfere with the view or give one a sense of being "closed in." The graceful shingled roof imparts a light, serene feeling. It is airy yet strong; protective yet unobtrusive. The entire design reflects Nakashima's ties with the Orient and the West.

Nakashima chose redwood as the basic material because he has "loved redwood all his life." As one who knows the spirit and quality of wood through years of cutting, planing, turning and sanding, Nakashima calls redwood the natural wood of outdoors. In his hands



Casual western living moves east with this redwood patio shelter.

it becomes fused with nature's colors, shapes and forms.

REDWOOD is left unpainted by Nakashima in this setting so that the natural warm russet tone of the wood will, with time, change gracefully to a soft drift-wood grey.

Stone around the patio is natural to the New Hope area. It is placed as a low border. Red flower pots go along the top of the casual, mortared stone edging, bringing color and greenery close at hand. The floor is white gravel.

A DUTCH OVEN cooks meat and vegetables by both smoke and heat.

Note the table and bench details. The table is designed so that it serves the dual purpose of a table and seating area. Natural color stain pillars—which are easily cared for—are the "seats." A toiled wood back rest is as airy and serves as the graceful roof.

Nakashima designed the out-door living room as a project "bringing the west to the east."

Designed by Mrs. F. L. Cavan and Mrs. F. E. Fleming.

COMING EVENTS to be sponsored by the Foxcroft Garden Club holds first Fall Gathering

FOX-CROFT—Mrs. Charles Schwein of the Detroit garden center presented a lecture-demonstration, "The Art of Dried Arrangements," at the first fall meeting of the Foxcroft branch of the Women's National Fall and Garden association, Sept. 8.

Some 50 members watched with interest as Mrs. Schwein worked numerous dried materials into winter conversation pieces.

Hostesses for the Sept. meeting were Mrs. John Cutler, chairman, Mrs. D. C. Somers, Mrs. C. F. Blum, Mrs. Paul Billings and Mrs. G. L. Heberman. The tea table centerpiece of fall flowers was arranged by Mrs. F. L. Cavan and Mrs. F. E. Fleming.

Even though you have a small back yard right up against your neighbor's property, you can still have plenty of privacy with a decorative fence. Solid fences six or eight feet tall, capped with top board, look chic. Posts should be treated where they are set in the ground. Best fence material is long-lasting cedar or Douglas fir. You can paint them to suit your taste.

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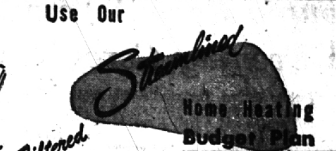
### Outdoor Family

In the past ten years, the American family has moved outdoors almost as much as it has moved indoors. The trend toward outdoor living has had profound

effect on home design. Most families want outdoor patios, barbecues and play areas. Probably the most popular outdoor feature is the wood-decked patio. These decks give a luxury cruise-ship atmosphere to even the tiniest yard. Tough, durable Douglas fir seems to be the most popular material either in 2x4 or 2x6 size with spacing to allow water runoff.

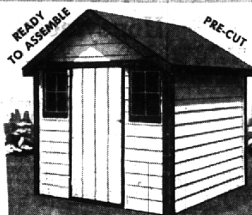
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