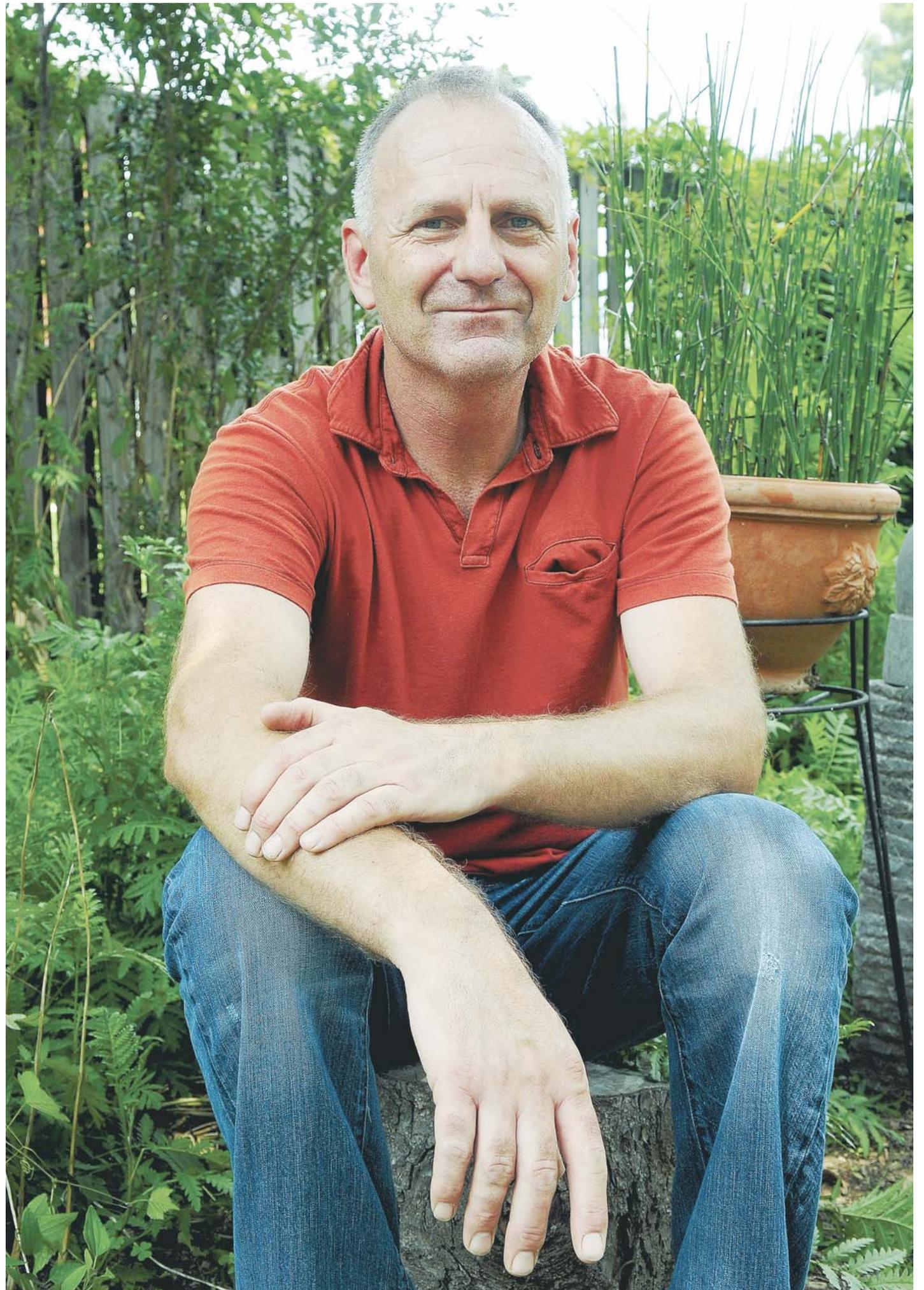


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# Guest House Addition for Daughter in Med School

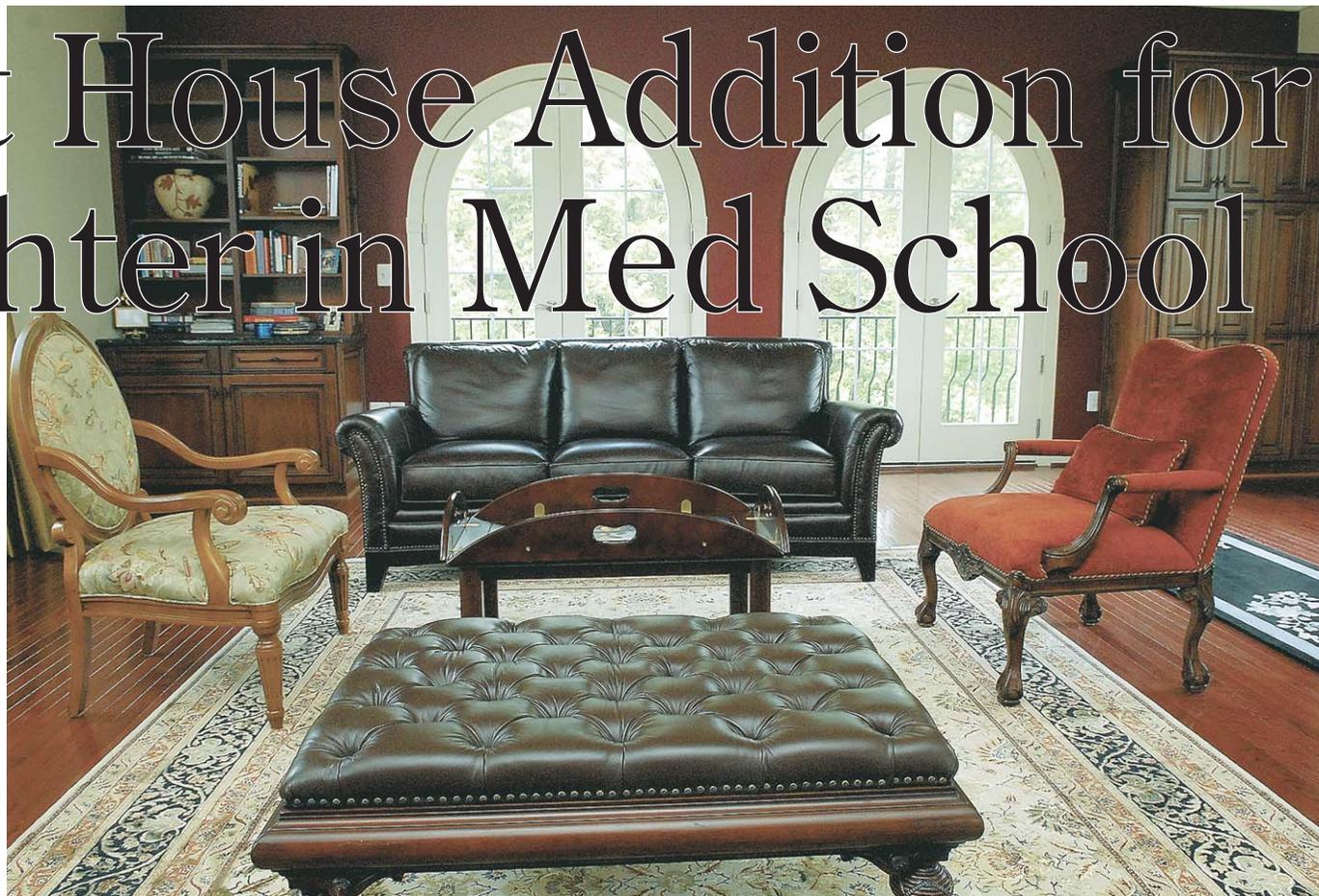
BY JOHN BYRD

Vijay and Sayeeda Chaudry have been quietly ensconced in their spacious Mediterranean-style home for almost 20 years, so deciding to add guest quarters over the garage in time for their daughter's wedding presented a distinct change of pace for an otherwise relaxed household.

"We wanted an apartment my daughter and son-law could live in while she was finishing medical school," Sayeeda Chaudry said. "But we were also having the wedding at the house, so everything needed to be guest-ready in about six months."

Given the architectural challenges and the tight timeline, Sayeeda said she was pleased with the results, which also won Michael Nash Kitchens and Homes a "Contractor of the Year" award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Among many visible merits, the top-level addition to the Chaudry's L-shaped home is perfectly reconciled with the ornate existing facade. The design marries engineering and infrastructure solutions with well-articulated elevations and an interior scheme that is architecturally appropriate, highly functional and warmly inviting. The new suite also provides the privacy of a separate residence. The new elevation repeats the arch-and-



The living area of the guest suite with French doors that open out above the pool deck.



The guest suite at the Chaudry residence.

column design motif framing the front door by introducing paired gables, each featuring stilted arch windows and Tuscan columns.

The apartment's interior extends several front elevation design elements — most notably the arches and columns, which are used to delineate the living area from the sleeping quarters in an otherwise open floorplan. Ascending 12 feet



The master bath with walls of marble.

each, a pair of tray ceilings with recessed lights help distinguish the apartment's two primary chambers. Cherry wood built-ins, crown-molding, French doors and Adam-style window and door frames provide formal accents.

The luxury master bath features warmly hued marble walls and floors, granite countertops and a large frameless shower. The space



A small kitchen area with a dining bar.

was also designed to accommodate a stacked washer and dryer.

One enters the new apartment from a glass door that accesses a five-by-six foot foyer finished in *rojo allacante* marble. Wood stairs with forged iron railings climb to the apartment — or you can choose an alternate foyer door to the main house — privacy elegantly maintained in either case.

All in the Family

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/CONNECTION

Country Club Hills: a place to raise and launch six children through college.

# Officer's Quarters

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE

When a West Point classmate who had lived in Northern Virginia found out Roy Easley was being assigned to the Pentagon, the classmate got out a map of Arlington County and traced an area north of Glebe Road and south of Military Road. He told Easley to try and buy a house in one of those neighborhoods.

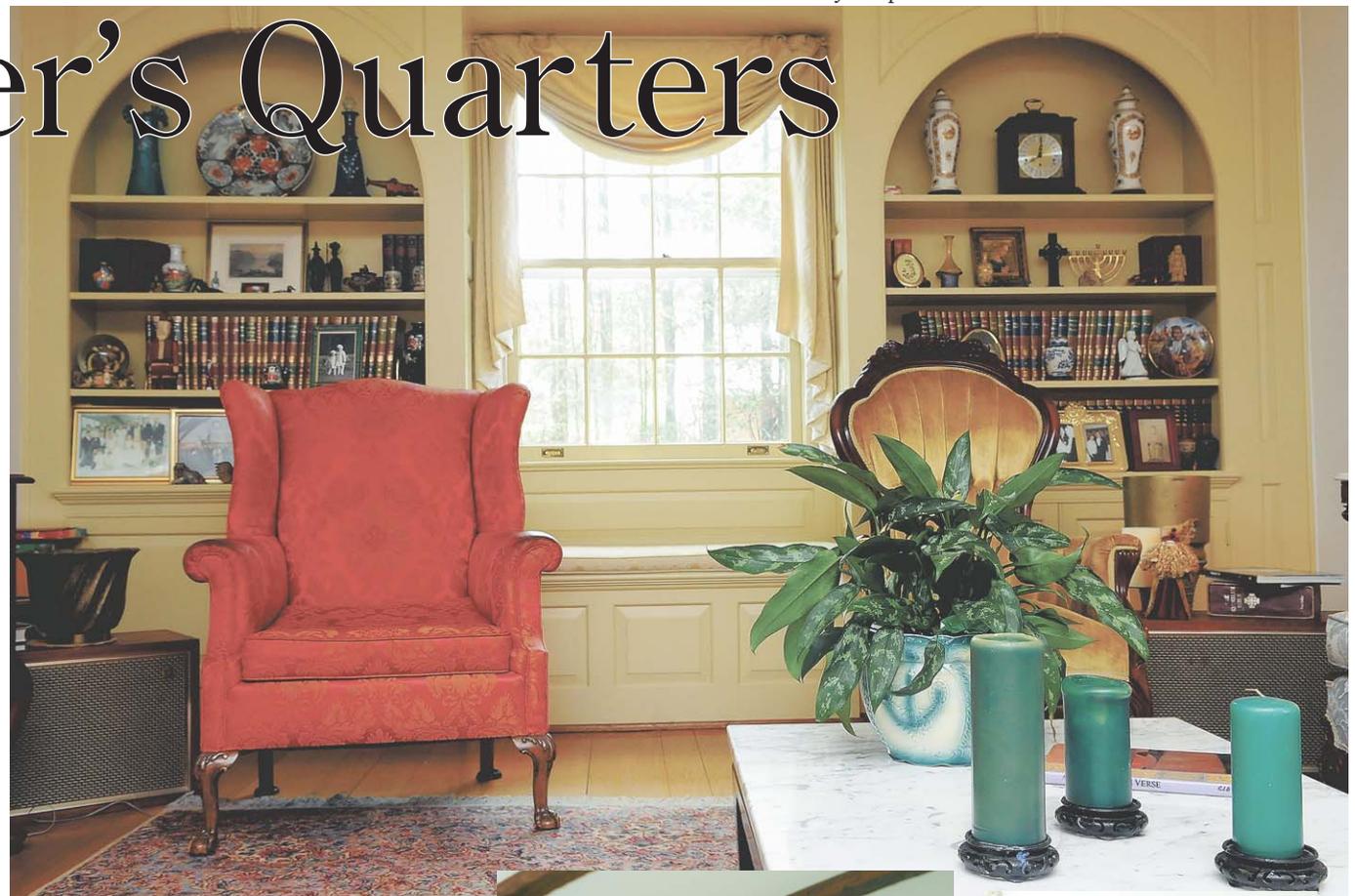
So in 1964, Easley moved his family into a federal style colonial home on N. Albemarle Street in Country Club Hills. He stayed 45 years.

Easley is only the third owner of the handmade brick home, built in the late 1930s.

"I knew I would be settling in Washington permanently. I planned to get out of the army so I could put my six kids through college. ... If I had been planning on moving on, I don't know that I would have invested so much money in the house," said Easley.

Easley would not reveal how much he had originally paid for the house, which has six-plus bedrooms and a full backyard. "Let's just say it was a real bargain," he said with a smile on his face.

Easley could catch a bus right outside his neighborhood and be at the Pentagon in 15 to 20 minutes. He also taught statistics at Georgetown University, which wasn't too far away from his neighborhood, located next to Washington Golf and Country Club and Marymount University.



Built-in book shelves add to the ambiance of the parlor.



The Easley Home in Country Club Hills

Forty years ago, Country Club Hills residents were upper-grade civil servants, lawyers and even a few generals, according to Easley. "Now, the young people have moved in and they are young people with a lot more money," he said.

Easley is selling his home to move to Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean, a facility which caters to retired military officers. At Vinson Hall, Easley will still be near most of his family, since four of his six children live in North Arlington with their families.

Easley will miss the den in his Country Club Hill home. The house's previous owner, an executive at electronics maker Admiral Corp., lined the den's walls with television consoles in dark wood panels like



The family room was paneled with remnants from Admiral TV consoles.

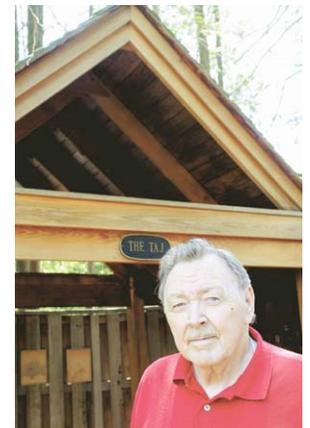
those found on older television sets.

Easley has also enjoyed his backyard and picnic area, where he and his wife have hosted many parties and family events. The couple replaced the eating area's concrete floor with brick and added an attractive wooden shelter over the grill and picnic table.

The house is listed for sale with Karen Close of Long and Foster for \$1.77 million.



A hat for every occasion. The neighborhood has long been known for 4th of July parades and block parties.



Roy Easley outside his picnic pavilion "The Taj."

# The Art of Garden Architecture

BY MIKE DICICCO

The Great Falls home of Charles and Betsy Owen is spacious and classical, but a mansion of another sort surrounds the house, one comprising a maze of “rooms” created by walls of vegetation and changes in altitude.

In each “room” of Domaine St. Charles, as the garden is called, a variety of attractions draw the eye, from the little flowers hardy enough to be stepped on that are planted between cobblestones to a pair of sphinxes to the classical fountain statue visible through a passage into the next “room.”

“A view transcends from

one garden room to the next,” Charles Owen said. The key is “integration between architecture and garden art.”

“The idea is to trick the eye into thinking the space is larger than it is,” he said. Indeed, the two-and-a-half acre property can be daunting for the navigationally challenged.

Rounding a corner on a stone staircase, one comes upon a volleyball court — the Owens’ daughter plays on a team. Further along is a semicircular stacked-stone pool accompanied by a built-in Jacuzzi and a pavilion.

Nearby is a bocce ball court and what Owen calls the “tree house,” a tower that commands a view of the garden.

Having grown up in Paris and Madrid, Owen said he was trained in the classical arts as a child, and his father taught him about gardening.

“I always say I bring a French influence to the American landscape,” he said. Owen said he tried to “bring together formal garden structure with Cotswold whimsy.”

The garden includes six water features, from classical fountains to a natural stream. “The water feature is another key thing because I’m on busy street so the sound of the water helps to dim the sound of traffic,” Owen said. He lives off Georgetown Pike.

Owen’s company, Fine Landscapes Ltd., and his shop, Maison et Jardin, provide the sort of furnishings, garden ornaments, plantings, cabanas, pools and other supplies that he used to build his garden.



Charles Owen in the garden with an empire styled garden sphinx.



A view from the casino and the pool.



The long view to the garden temple.

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“A little getaway” for a young daughter is set back in the garden.

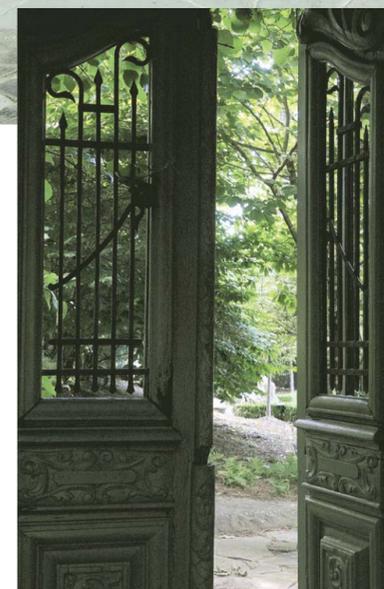
In the Garden



A hedge of roses frames a back courtyard.



Wrought iron grills embellish the windows of the casino.



French antique doors open onto a patio.



The Four Seasons adorn a green, enclosed by a hedge of boxwood.



A pair of French garden urns at the gates of the garden.



Boston Ivy climbs the front entry to Domaine St. Charles



A view to the north.

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## Arlington

- ❖ 1409 Nash St N (a 3BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) attach/row hse on 0.03 acres in Bromptons At Monument Pl sold for \$2,315,000 on May 06, 2009
- ❖ 4115 Randolph Ct (a 6BR, 6 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.42 acres in Arlingwood sold for \$2,000,000 on May 22, 2009
- ❖ 4401 35th St N (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.25 acres in Broyhill Forest/Hills sold for \$1,600,000 on May 21, 2009
- ❖ 3009 1st Rd N (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.19 acres in Ashton Heights sold for \$1,595,000 on May 28, 2009
- ❖ 3118 Kensington St N (a 5BR, 5 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.23 acres in Crescent Hills sold for \$1,360,000 on May 13, 2009
- ❖ 2235 Upton St N (a 7BR, 6 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.15 acres in Lee Heights sold for \$1,270,000 on May 19, 2009
- ❖ 3307 John Marshall Dr N (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.24 acres in Minor Hill sold for \$1,250,000 on May 28, 2009
- ❖ 4931 33rd Rd N (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.16 acres in Country Club Manors sold for \$1,250,000 on May 26, 2009
- ❖ 4727 32nd St N (a 5BR, 4 FB, 0 HB) detached home on 0.37 acres in Country Club Hills sold for \$1,165,000 on May 28, 2009
- ❖ 1510 Colonial Ter (a 3BR, 3 FB, 1 HB) townhouse on 0.05 acres in Highgate sold for \$1,100,000 on May 15, 2009
- ❖ 808 Cleveland St N (a 4BR, 3 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.12 acres in Lyon Park sold for \$1,050,000 on May 27, 2009
- ❖ 937 Danville St N (a 5BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.21 acres in Lyon Park sold for \$1,050,000 on May 21, 2009
- ❖ 714 Irving St N (a 4BR, 2 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.22 acres in Clarendon sold for \$1,030,000 on May 29, 2009
- ❖ 3921 Dumbarton St N (a 4BR, 3 FB, 1 HB) detached home on 0.86 acres in Country Acres sold for \$1,011,000 on May 01, 2009

## Sold: Million-dollar Homes

In May, 78 home in the area sold for \$1 million or more.



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4115 Randolph Ct (a 6BR, 6 FB, 1 HB) in Arlingwood sold for \$2,000,000 on May 22, 2009.

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9611 Pembroke Pl (a 5BR, 4 FB, 2 HB) in Vienna sold for \$1,250,000 on May 28, 2009.



1427 Julia Ave (a 5BR, 6 FB, 2 HB) in Salona Village sold for \$2,000,000 on May 27, 2009.



4401 35th St N (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) in Broyhill Forest/Hills sold for \$1,600,000 on May 21, 2009.



3004 Applebrook Ln (a 4BR, 4 FB, 1 HB) in Oakton sold for \$1,400,000 on May 29, 2009.

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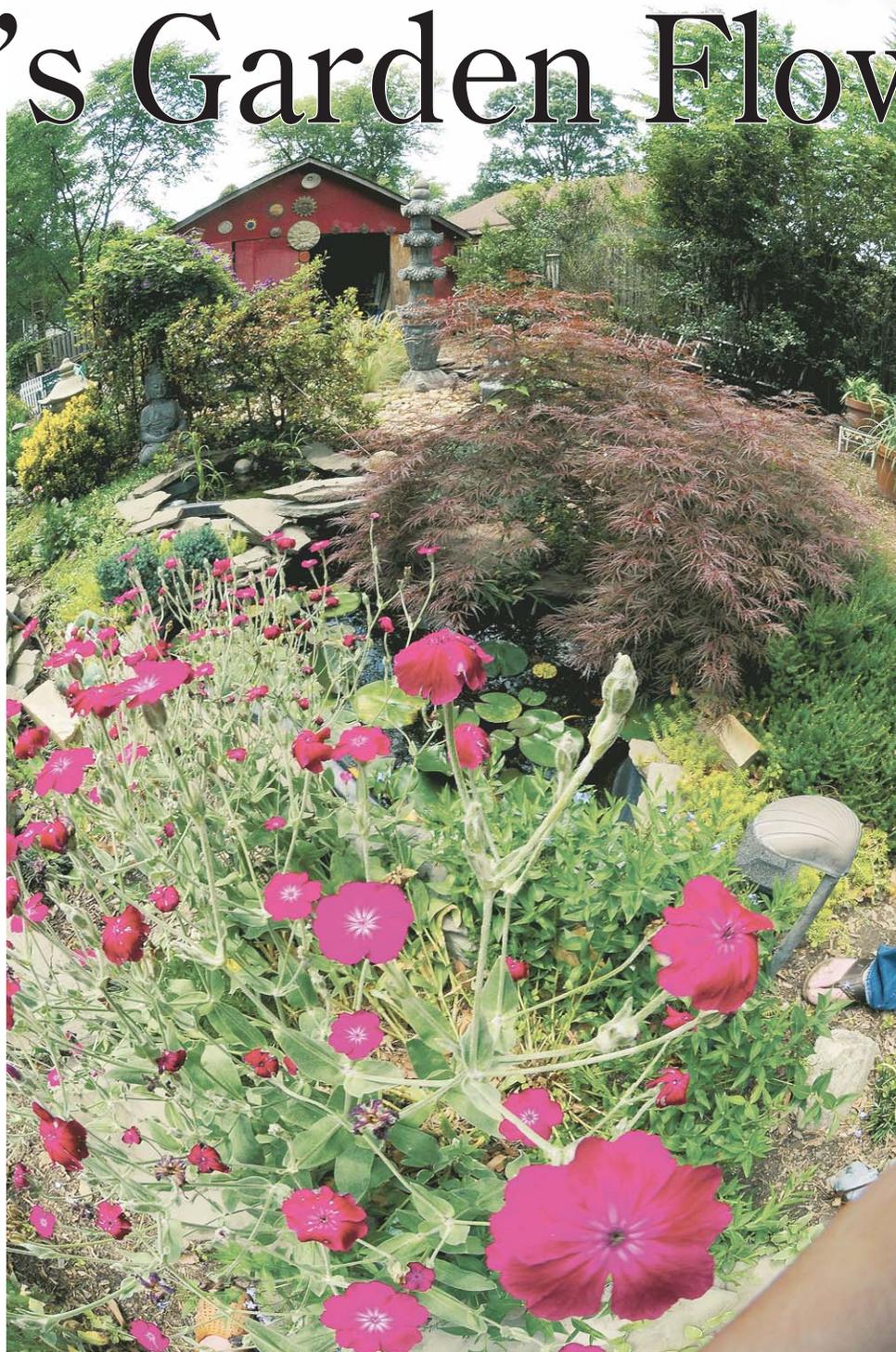
# 8 Java's Garden Flowers

When he is not seeing that the coffee at his Arlington shop is brewed to perfection, Java Shack owner Dale Roberts may be found with a trowel in hand working in his garden off Washington Boulevard.

Roberts moved into the 1910 Bungalow in 2001. Stepping out into the yard, he envisioned a garden with many rooms. Beginning with the patio, Roberts replaced the old structure and began designing the garden behind it. A lily pond was dug and terraced with flowers and plants that he remembers growing up with. Mixed with memories, a butterfly garden was introduced.

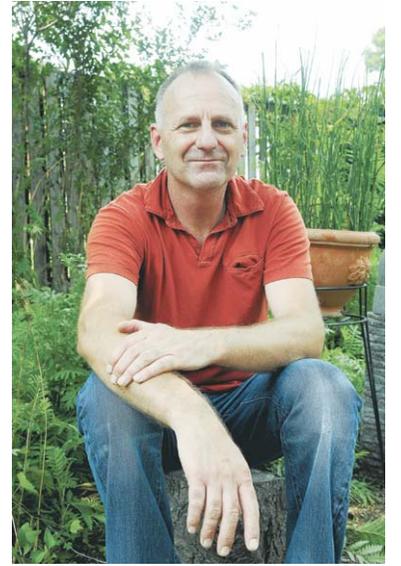
Amidst the flora sits a laughing Buddha, one of many that Roberts has collected or received as a gift over the years. The garden is now home to over a dozen carved and cast figures.

Roberts's garden was given the "Backyard Wildlife Habita" plaque by the National Wildlife Federation. See [www.javashack.com](http://www.javashack.com).



Flowers from his mother's gardens rises to the sunlight at the edge of the pond.

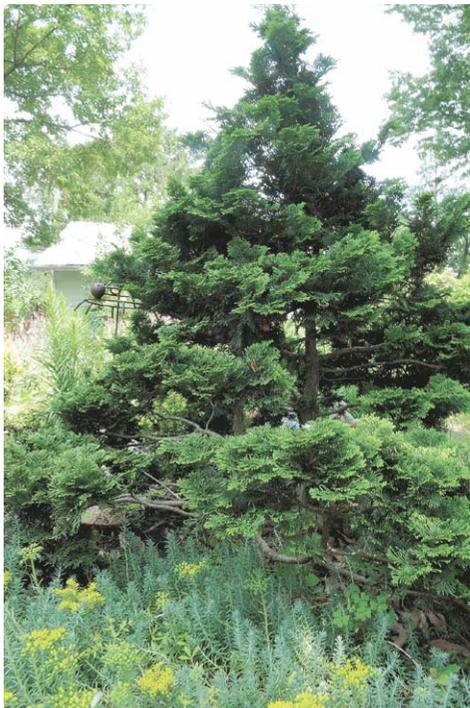
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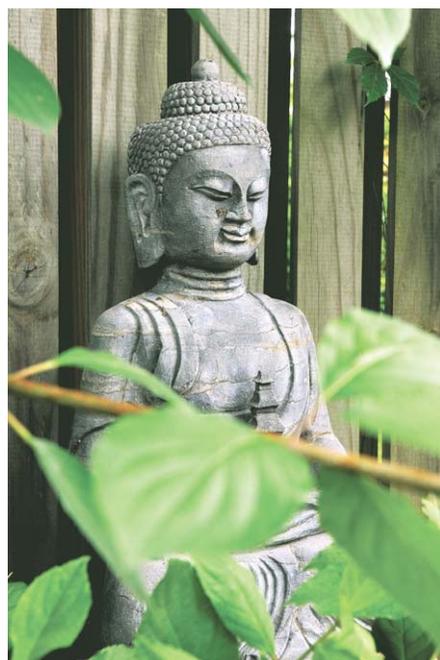
Dale Roberts relaxing for a moment in his garden.



Flowers spring up.



An evergreen anchors a corner of the pond flora.



A Buddha sits in the shade.



A laughing Buddha sits at the edge of the lily pond.



Another of the many Buddhas Roberts has collected over the years