

2013 GO-TO GUIDE

great Backyards

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DISPLAY UNTIL JULY 29, 2013

new england spirit

Recreating the themed blue and white
gardens of Nantucket



PROBLEMS: Integrating the space between the back and side yard terraces; accommodating grade changes; developing the right plant palette

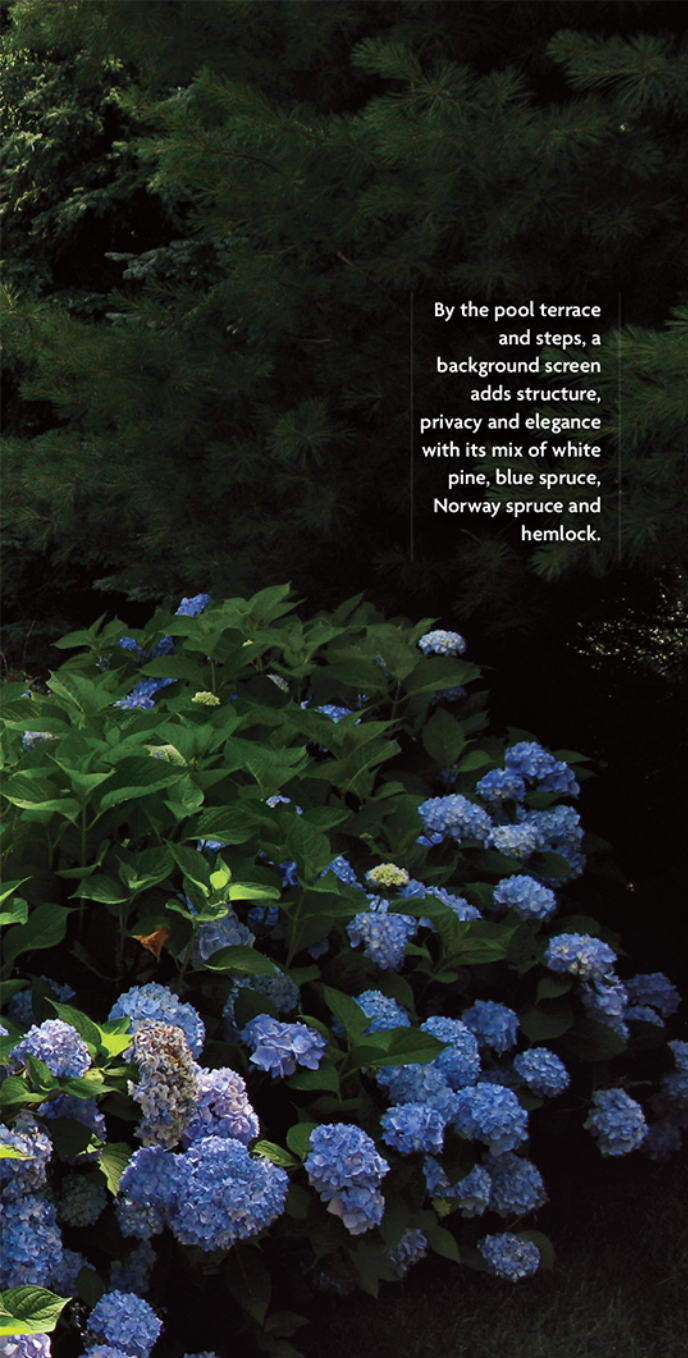
SOLUTIONS: Right plant materials and stonework create desired aesthetic

KEY PLANTINGS: *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' (Annabelle Smooth Hydrangea); *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Bailmer' (Endless Summer Hydrangea); *Nepeta* spp. (Catmint); *Veronica* 'Sunny Border Blue' (Sunny Border Blue Speedwell); *Salvia* 'May Night' (May Night Meadow Sage)

ZONE: 7a

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Eva Chiamulera, ASLA, Austin Ganim Landscape Design, Fairfield, CT, austinganimlandscapedesign.com

To transform a Connecticut site, landscape architect Eva Chiamulera worked with contractor Shoreline Pools to install a fieldstone seat wall and bluestone terrace to accommodate the site's grade changes. Eva's planting program replicates the feeling of the casual blue and white gardens of Nantucket. In addition to blue and white hydrangeas for color, she also inserted grasses for a rustling sound and boxwood hedges for year-round greenery and structure. A new spa adds another water delight.



By the pool terrace and steps, a background screen adds structure, privacy and elegance with its mix of white pine, blue spruce, Norway spruce and hemlock.



Rustic-style fieldstone steps lead up from the bluestone terrace.

blooming shrubs for all seasons

For long-lasting blooms, combine these lilacs, roses and hydrangeas.

- ▶ **COMPACT** Bloomerang® Purple Lilac (zones 3-7) produces fragrant blooms in spring and reblooms during the summer and early fall.
- ▶ **COLOR-CHANGING** Little Lime™ Hardy Hydrangea (zones 3-9) is a dwarf hydrangea with flowers that start lime green, turning shimmering white as the season progresses. Hints of pink emerge with frost and the flowers later dry in place to a light tan for winter.
- ▶ **PETITE** Red Drift® Rose (zones 4-10) provides a great front of the border complement to the pair; at only 18" high this cherry red groundcover rose blooms repeatedly from spring until fall.



The pool has a wide 2' bluestone coping for a finishing edge, with grass on three sides for a soft, cool carpet all around.



Garden design and photos by Eva Chiamulera