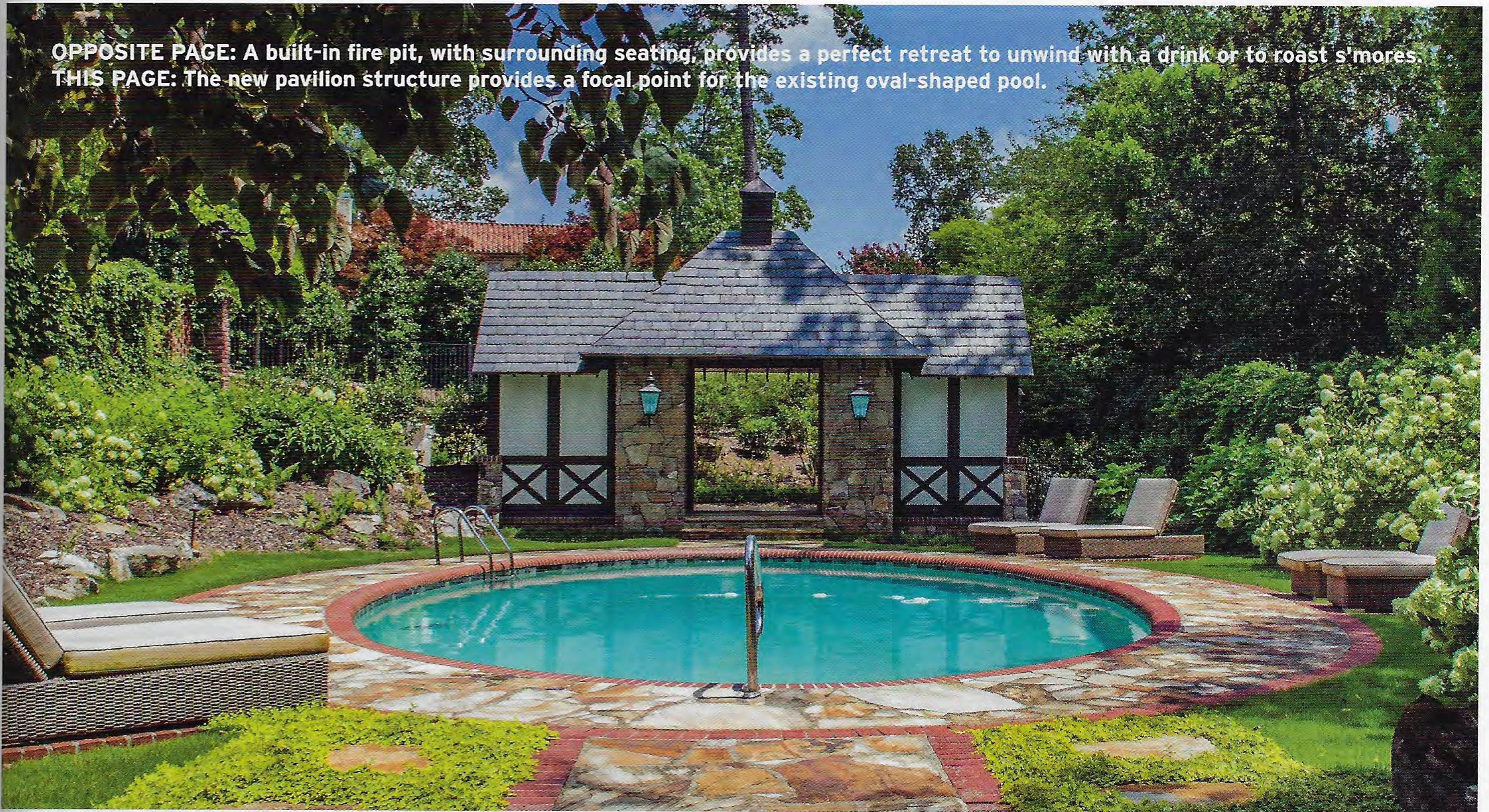




Get in tune
with nature in
this inviting
outdoor living
space.

OPPOSITE PAGE: A built-in fire pit, with surrounding seating, provides a perfect retreat to unwind with a drink or to roast s'mores.
THIS PAGE: The new pavilion structure provides a focal point for the existing oval-shaped pool.



SPRINGTIME IN THE SOUTH BRINGS an abundance of reasons to move meals and activities to the great outdoors, and at this Mountain Brook residence, the homeowner decided he wanted space for exactly that. Enter Birmingham-and-Chattanooga-based design duo Hannon Douglas, general contractor Kenny Baker of KB Design & Construction, and landscape specialist Falkner Gardens.

“Our client sought a building that would support outdoor entertaining, provide much needed seasonal storage, and create a focal point for the existing swimming pool area,” says Doug Davis of Hannon Douglas.

Together with design partner Hannon Kirk Doody, the designers brainstormed ideas and drew up plans to help the homeowners reimagine their backyard with the removal of a dilapidated gazebo and the transformation of a cumbersome ravine at the end of the pool area.

Says Davis of the structure that replaced the gazebo, “The design for the pavilion is influenced by the 1920’s English Tudor architecture of the main house and hearkens back even further to ‘garden folly’ structures found in gardens throughout Europe.

“We worked to create outdoor living areas suited to each season—chaise lounges for enjoying the summer months by the pool, a cozy circle of lounge furniture around the fire pit for cooler months, and outdoor dining close to the main house for year-round use.” —Doug Davis of Hannon Douglas

General Contractor Kenny Baker sourced an antique slate roof which perfectly matches the roof of the main house, and the stone and brick water table complements garden walls and structures found elsewhere on the property.

The charming pavilion also serves as a gateway to an eye-catching and inviting entertaining area. Here, the homeowner and his guests can enjoy conversations and cocktails, s'mores and campfire songs around the firepit, or a leisurely game of Italian lawn bowling on the custom Bocce court.

"We wanted to create a destination," says Peter Falkner, II, of Falkner Gardens. The elevated patio is among the improvements to this property, and the landscape team surrounded it with boxwood parterre gardens, limelight hydrangea, and chaste trees.

Altogether, the backyard makeover gave the homeowners exactly what they wanted—an extension of their living space, in an inspiring al fresco setting. And with the plethora of plants and trees maturing each year, the charm of this outdoor oasis continues to grow. ■



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: An outdoor dining table from Restoration Hardware with chairs by Ballard Design provides a spot for meals on the terrace near the main house. An existing ravine area was terraced and filled to create a Bocce court with an elevated sitting area above. Cedar rafter tails and moss rock masonry lend aesthetic appeal to the pavilion structure that acts as the anchor for this grown-up version of a backyard playground.