

# DIVINE DECKS

by Jerry Roche, editor

Orlando, Fla., where the former Circus World asphalt was covered with gunbarrel jarrah wood when the amusement park's theme was changed. Lotz, managing director of Timber Holdings Ltd., says that 500,000 board feet of jarrah was selected because of its high-traffic capability. The contract was valued at \$900,000, Lotz notes.

The jarrah has been drilled and screwed into aluminum frames to anchor it. Installation of the boardwalk took about three months. More jarrah is on the way to the San Antonio, Texas, area next year when Boardwalk & Baseball owner HBI Inc. opens another B&B park adjacent to Sea World and Cypress Gardens West.

**Y**ou want big? We lead off this feature on wooden patios and decks with what Brian Lotz believes is "the biggest deck of its kind in the nation." This is Boardwalk & Baseball near


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**T**he goal of this project, the Callan residence in Silver Spring, Md., was to provide the clients with a swimming pool deck. Garden Gate Landscaping of Silver Spring took on the task, and won a National Landscape Association Residential Landscape Award.

One of the specifications was to allow access from the first floor of the house to the rear yard. Additionally, the clients expressed an interest in having areas for entertaining and color which would not need a lot of maintenance. The clients also wanted privacy from their neighbors. The problem of standing water created by a low, level topography was solved with an extensive drainage system and the use of a dry well along the rear property.



**T**his is another NLS Residential Award winner, the Trotter residence in Dix Hills, N.Y., as constructed by Atlantic Nurseries, Dix Hills.

The landscape contractor was called upon to create a setting within an atrium, enclosed on all four sides by rooms of the house. A water feature was to be incorporated into the garden. Plants that could be hung with Christmas lights and ornaments during the holiday season were also important, as was some kind of seating.

Clear stain was used on the cedar so that it would contrast slightly with the white siding on the house. The sides of the granite work were also veneered with the cedar. The water feature was designed to allow water to cascade from the uppermost level through an intermediate level to a reflecting pool. Great care had to be taken to prevent damage to the interior of the living room and windows during guniting of the reflecting pool.

All plant materials were chosen for their narrow growth or dwarf habits. And Alberta spruces were used for their Christmas tree-like appearance.

**T**he Eckstrom family of Melville, N.Y., was having trouble with its backyard recreation area. Problems included rainwater washing into the basement and dying plant material. Enter Schlick Landscaping of nearby Greenlawn. Under the supervision of owner Ronald Schlick, the old 2,000 sq. ft. redwood deck was ripped out. The area was re-excavated to put the swimming pool on a different level than the Eckstrom's house. A drainage system that included a French drain was re-designed and a hot tub was added. You can see partial results here, a view of the new hot tub area that employs wood fencing and a wooden pergola which helps separate the spa area from the rest of the deck and swimming pool area.

Schlick representatives say that the Eckstroms are finally happy, despite having to pay for the job twice—once for the original job and once for the remake.