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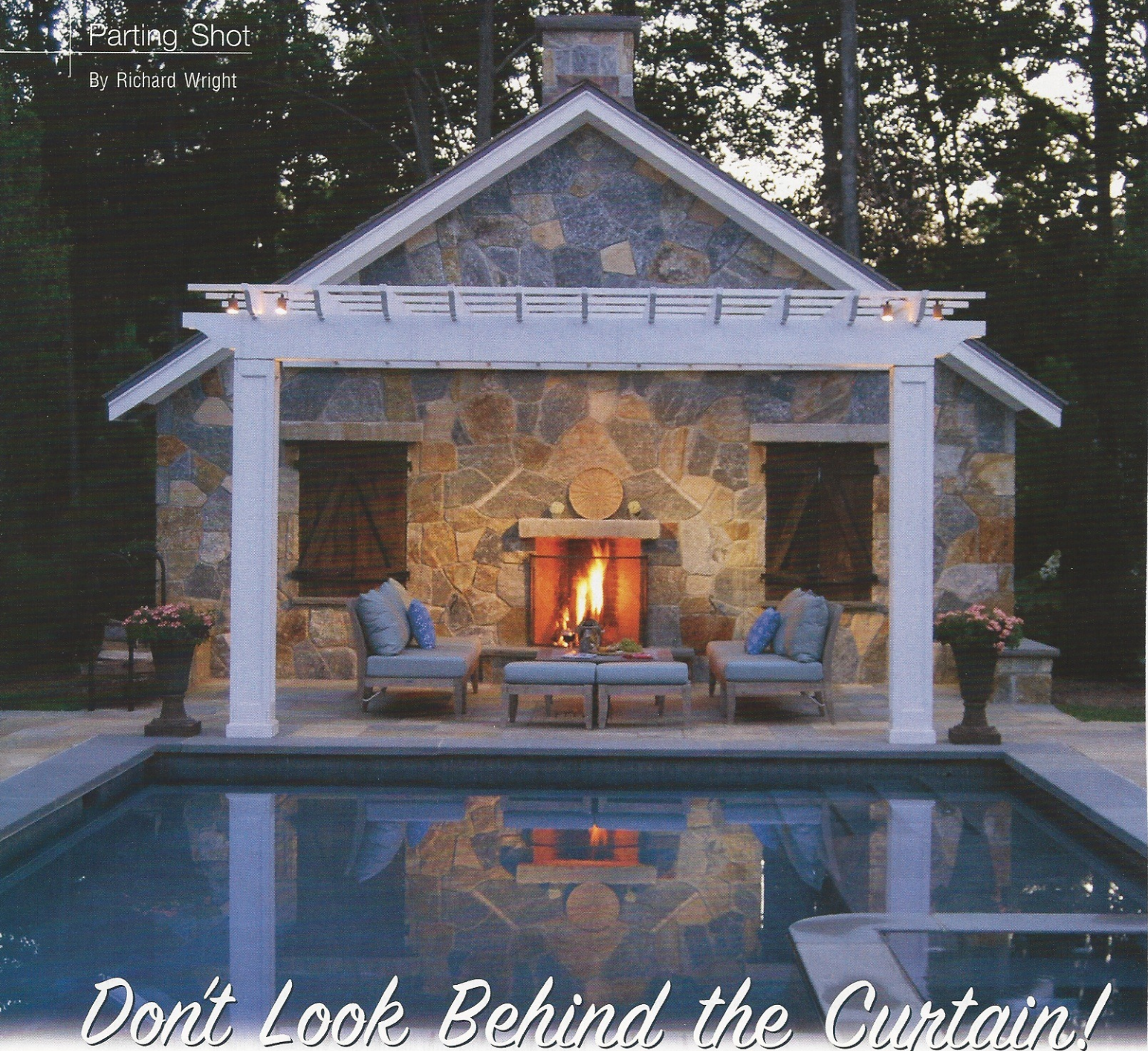
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## Don't Look Behind the Curtain!

In many areas, yards are small and neighbors close, which presents issues of both privacy and noise control. Such is the case in New Canaan, Connecticut.


Brian Cossari, landscape architect for Hoffman Landscapes, in Wilton, Connecticut, found a solution to the problem. He created a lovely stone façade, complete with Rumford fireplace and cedar pergola canopy as a truly unique screening solution on one side of the property. He also designed the structure with enough space left to the property line to be developed

into a full pool house at a later date.

The new cozy outdoor living room it created was designed to include a Rumford fireplace, extending the time the owners can use their yard throughout the year. The fireplace is made from firebrick and terra cotta chimney components, with a surround that includes a particular pair of split stones above the mantel.

The façade's window openings (which can become doors for a pool house) have traditional granite lintels; the custom rustic shutters are made from salvaged recycled barn wood, while iron hinges and shutter dogs allow

them to functionally open and close.

The entire façade is frost protected and has a foundation 42 in. below the finished grade. The footing itself is an oversized five feet wide, with excess steel reinforcement to withstand wind shear. The whole structure has already successfully sustained two severe storms with hurricane force winds. 

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