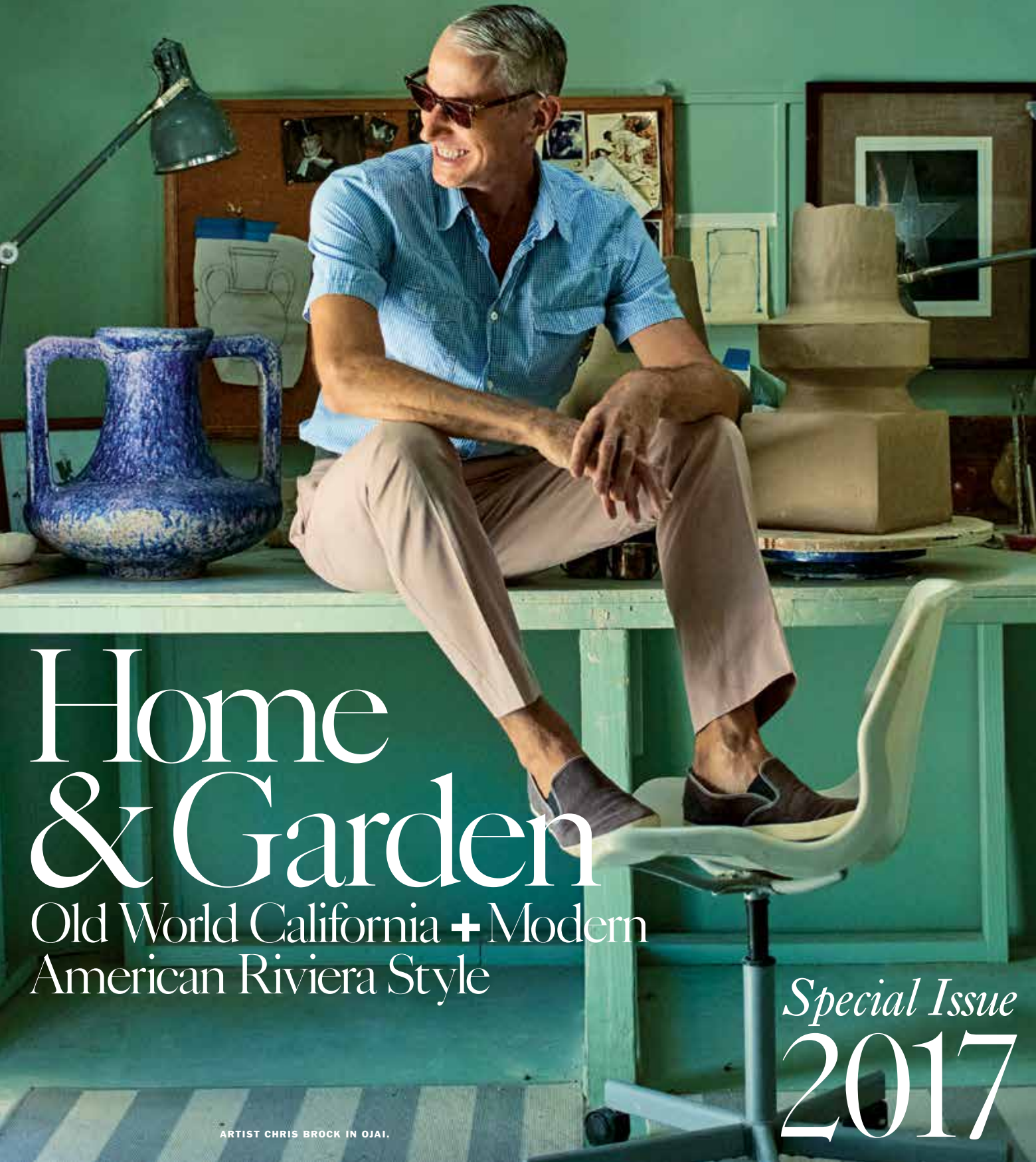


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Rooms *Without* Walls

Sunken Garden



The Santa Barbara lifestyle is synonymous with indoor/outdoor living, so when a couple from the Bay Area bought a historical Carleton Winslow-designed home, their remodel included connecting the kitchen and family room with spaces in the expansive yard where they and their junior high-age daughters could relax and entertain.

Melding traditional architecture with a contemporary edge, Kirsten and Darrell Becker of **BECKER STUDIOS** created an outdoor conversation area with a fire pit that evokes a sunken living room. The inviting U-shaped seating has a teak backdrop covered with charcoal-colored cushions and pillows made of Perennial, an outdoor fabric. The concrete tile floor in a custom gray, white, and black pattern visually links the space to the covered, heated, open-air dining area, where beehive pendant lamps hang over the Millworks dining table. An outdoor kitchen for barbecues is nearby.

Says Kirsten Becker: "The girls take laptops out in the afternoon and do their homework. They have movie nights and family concerts there. The space is well used." 412 E. Haley St. Ste. 3, Santa Barbara, 805-965-9555. J.T.

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Top to bottom:
The custom **CONCRETE TILE FLOOR** unites the **OUTDOOR LOUNGING SPACE** with the **COVERED DINING AREA**.

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Private Paradise

When Jodi Goldberg, the creative mind and spirit behind **JODI G DESIGNS**, first envisioned her Montecito garden, she aimed for the harmony and serenity of a tropical Balinese retreat. However, the reality of Southern California's drought restrictions recently caused her to rethink the landscape in imaginative ways that nevertheless retained her design aesthetic.

She began by removing the extensive lawn and replacing it with light-colored gravel that blends with the existing pool and the surrounding river rocks. The result is a beachscape that she enhanced with two sculptural metal chairs set under an umbrella newly thatched with a man-made fireproof material from Bali. She also replaced thirsty flowering plants with drought-tolerant grasses and sited potted succulents and stone statues throughout the garden. And by creating a path lined with lanterns to her meditation palapa, she added a purposeful entrance to that intimate space. "It was scary to change the look and feel of the garden," she says, "but I love it even more than before." 805-453-1119. J.T.

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Top to bottom: A spot to dine alfresco; Goldberg designed the furniture in the **MEDITATION PALAPA**.

We Love...

GLOSTER's futuristic Cradle Lounge (\$8,995) defines a personal space big enough for two while remaining open to the environment. The powder-coated aluminum frame, designed by Henrik Pederson, has teak slats and comfortable cushions in a variety of fabrics. 310-274-2461. J.T.

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