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LIVING IN NEWPORT BEACH



Brunch is served in the covered patio area just off the main living space and kitchen. Huge arches frame the views of the pool, spa and the ocean.



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Water gurgles from a 16th-century hand-carved urn, right, a soothing garden fountain at the front of the estate. Santa Catalina island peeks out of the mist, below, forming a beautiful sunset backdrop as owner Kimberly Jones plays with son Harrison at the close of the day.



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rchitect Richard Krantz found inspiration for this Pelican Crest estate in the Italian villas of Tuscany, which characteristically integrate the homes with lush gardens and attractive water features.

The Newport Coast property provided design opportunities not often associated with living along the Orange County coastline. The scale of the lot and hilltop location allowed the Newport Beach architect to include elements more commonly found in grand Bel-Air, Beverly Hills or



Montecito estates.

Such elements include a gated entry courtyard, elaborate grounds and a separate structure, referred to as the “pool pavilion,” which offers a bathroom, a full kitchen and fireplace. An iron trellis frames an attached outdoor seating area where guests can be treated to elegant ocean-view dining.

“The iron-trellis structure on the pavilion makes a soft transition into the landscaping,” Krantz said. “The scaled-down classical forms



The view from the master-suite balcony takes in the pool with its mosaic, a spa and lush patio area. The adjacent pool pavilion and outdoor dining area command a panoramic ocean view. Soft white fabric, left, decorates the iron trellis structure on the pavilion.

Hayden, 4, plays in the pool near one of four olive urns imported from France, below. They are planted with kumquats and sit at the four corners of the pool. Grilled chicken with cucumber, right, goes well with a refreshing citrus drink and fresh fruit.





and details relate well with the house and differentiate it from a generic garden gazebo.”

The distinctive architecture integrates with the pool and garden design, created by landscape architect Daniel Stewart.

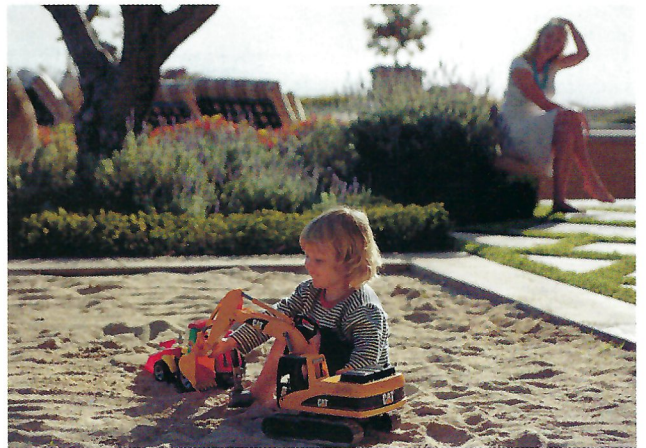
“The pool acts as a classical reflecting pool that magnifies and romanticizes traditional Roman ties to water,” Krantz said.

Its vibrant blue luster captures the color of the ocean beyond. Decorative tiles in a Greek key pattern were used at the water line.

Homeowner Kimberly Jones has added personal touches to the grounds since she moved in a year and a half ago. Her collection of 25 rare antique olive jars, which date from the 17th to 19th century, enhance the entry, flank the pool and dot the surrounding landscape.

“They’re all very unique in their shapes,” Jones said. The oldest jars have stamps that indicate the estates where the olives were picked.

She collected 10 of the jars several years ago in Provence. Others she acquired a couple at a time from salvage shops while traveling.



Kimberly Jones watches from a distance, above, as son Harrison, 3, plays in his own little world in the sandbox. The bar area includes seating, top.



The patio, above, is set for a perfect evening by the spa, including candles and champagne. A cheese snack awaits, right, as the perfect appetizer before a sunset dinner.





The patio area, left, faces the spa and pool pavilion, which houses a full kitchen and bath. The outdoor dining area, below, is set for an evening dinner. The iron trellis offers a spacious feel, with a magnificent view of the stars above at night.



Patrick's Landscaping in Laguna Beach created a formal, European-style landscape using the antique jars as accents.

"It's a large property, but it was kept fairly simple, which in turn shows off the architecture and the jars," said Patrick Curran, owner of the landscaping company.

Mature olive trees, white roses and neat rows of lavender complement the old olive jars, which have been strategically placed throughout the yard. Meyer lime and lemon trees enhance four of the more decorative pots next to the pool.

Jones and her two sons, Hayden, 4, and Harrison, who turns 3 this month, take advantage of

the elaborate outdoor living areas daily. The temperature of the saltwater pool is kept at 80 degrees for the children's comfort.

Hayden takes to the pool, while Harrison particularly enjoys the sandbox, which was added by the previous owners to entertain their visiting grandchildren.

A personal chef serves lunch on the gated veranda when the weather is warm. In the evening, Jones often invites friends to dine al fresco.

"It's very tranquil up here," Jones said.

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