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On-Trend Landscaping

Keep the outside of your home looking fresh with these landscaping trends from the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

PRETTY IN PINK

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PERGOLAS

Today's pergolas are more than just an outdoor structure. They come with some luxurious features like roll down shades, space heaters, lighting and sound systems and even outdoor beds.

Made of wood or easy-care composite, you can make a pergola a real outdoor centerpiece.

FUNCTIONAL DESIGN ELEMENTS

Think of an edible vertical garden on a trellis that's also a privacy fence, a retaining wall with built-in seating.

The more clever the design, the better. Edible gardening is a great way to accomplish this, as is thinking up rather than out in your design.

GO, GO GADGET ... LAWNMOWER?

Robotic lawn mowers and programmable irrigation systems make lawn maintenance easier than ever. Also look out for programmable, customizable lighting systems that can make your home truly unique.

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Use metal traditionally in

furniture and garden accessories, but also think outside the box for decorative outdoor art and water features. Just make sure to choose materials that are cleared for outdoor use.

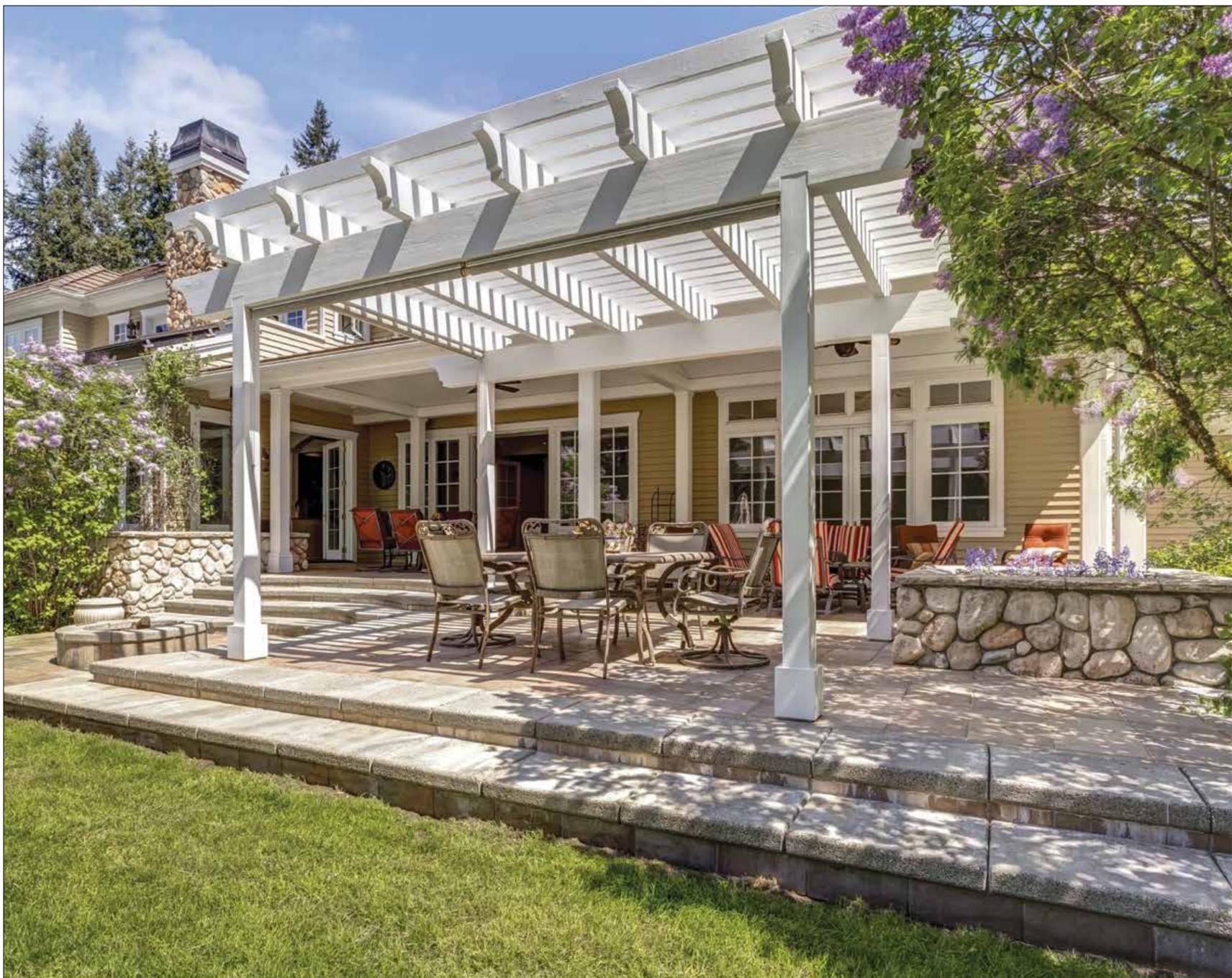
WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

The NALP says 40 percent of pollinating insects, particularly bees and butterflies, risk global extinction. As awareness grows, more and more people are planting gardens that are friendly to passing pollinators. Ask your local garden center for help in

planting sustainable, insect-friendly gardens.

COMPOSTING

With sustainability trends comes composting. Composting is a natural process of recycling organic materials, like kitchen scraps, into a rich soil additive. Home composting depends on how much area you have available and other factors, but it can be an easy and rewarding process in that you generate less trash and get lush gardens. Ask your local garden center to set you up with the right tools to get you started.



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REAL ESTATE 101



Ponder a Patio Project

Adding a patio made Kiplinger's list of "11 Features That Will Sell Your Home Faster." The list focuses on projects that can give homeowners the biggest selling edge and return on investment when they're remodeling a home to sell. At a cost of \$963 per 120 square feet for a concrete patio, according to Kiplinger's, a patio project is a solid remodeling choice. Read the full list at <https://bit.ly/2VWohwZ>.

HOMESWISE GLOSSARY

Joint tenants: two or more persons who hold title to real estate jointly, with equal rights to share in its enjoyment during their respective lives with the provision that upon the death of a joint tenant, his share in the property passes to the surviving tenants, and so on, until the full title is vested in the last survivor.

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