

NICK WILLIAMS DESIGNS

WHAT 'S HAPPENING

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB HOSTS THEIR 39TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR APRIL 29, 2012

On this tour you will visit five beautiful residential gardens, including one designed by Nick Williams. Attendees will be treated to a variety of stunning home gardens where highlights will include the integration of well-designed hardscapes and thoughtfully laid out planted areas. Additionally, you can experience "California living" outdoor rooms, where the concept of the "patio" has been taken to an entirely new level!



Nick Williams "Outdoor Retreat"



Photography by John Alden, JA Photography

Tickets for the five-garden tour are \$20.00 for adults, with children under twelve going free. Proceeds from this event will support local gardening projects and student scholarships.

For tickets or more information, visit
www.westlakevillagegardenclub.com

WESTLAKE GARDEN CLUB VISITS A NICK WILLIAMS "OUTDOOR RETREAT"

Do you love to garden? You will be pleased to know that many others do as well. The Westlake Village Garden Club was organized in 1969 with a mission to offer resources, education, and networking opportunities to all of its members, while promoting the love of gardening, floral design and civic and environmental responsibility. One of over 6000 such clubs throughout the nation, the **WESTLAKE VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB** is closely affiliated with seven similar organizations in the Channel Islands district of Southern California. A nonprofit organization, they operate exclusively for charitable purposes and for the lofty goals of conservation and education for both adults and youth.

OUTDOOR RETREAT



Westlake Garden Club



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The **NICK WILLIAMS GARDEN** featured on the tour will take you through a variety of backyard environments. We like to call this home **"THE OUTDOOR RETREAT"** featuring: a fully furnished outdoor sitting and dining room; two outdoor fireplaces to add warmth and create central focal points for the space; an outdoor kitchen area with pizza oven, tiled bar and seating for 4 or more; two outdoor fire pits also creating focal points for social space; sheltering arbors to filter light and enhance ambiance and mood; water features including tranquil ponds shaped and accented by stone; free-standing designer fountains and an elegant spa area for year-round relaxation.

The property was designed in stages to lead you from one outdoor segment slowly inward, through the French doors, merging this interior space with the natural setting around it in a wonderful series of landscaped transitions. Nothing has been left out of this amazing design, including a beautiful pond in the middle of the yard that can be viewed from all of the other designed features.

The garden club and information concerning this spectacular five-garden tour is also featured in the popular **WESTLAKE MAGAZINE**, which can be viewed online at www.westlakemagazine.com. It features articles on food, fashion, travel, real estate, lifestyle, special events throughout the Westlake Village area.



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"OUTDOOR RETREAT"

Features:

A beautiful outdoor sitting room, fully furnished with couch, comfortable chairs and dining area.

A second outdoor room built for entertaining, complete with fireplace and an outdoor TV.

The two outdoor fireplaces add warmth and create central focal points for the space.

Off the master suite, a wall was added to create a private patio, complete with its own fireplace and outdoor TV.

Outdoor kitchen and cooking area with pizza oven, barbeque, refrigerator, a tiled bar and seating for 4 or more.

Two outdoor firepits creating focal points for social space.

Sheltering arbors to filter light and enhance ambiance and mood.

Water features include a beautiful tranquil pond accented by stone, set center stage in the back yard that can be viewed from all areas of the yard

Free-standing designer fountains and an elegant spa area for year-round relaxation.

Low Voltage Outdoor Lighting from the popular Nick Williams Collection of outdoor lighting.



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The journey through this tranquil and beautiful outdoor retreat begins in the front yard where a wall was installed to create a secluded and private patio area that is accessed by a series of French doors. A fountain and cozy fire pit was added for all who enter to experience and to visually enjoy the ambiance of this quiet setting.

Wander into this garden and you will soon find yourself in a comfortable outdoor room. The stonework floor is perfect in all climates, and the designer rattan couch and chairs beckon you to sit and relax amid the greenery, or just doze off by the outdoor fireplace that is the central focal point of the room. This lovely stone patio has been accessorized with a comfortable couch, chairs and dining set.



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Lush garden views present themselves in all four directions, and you will soon feel you have landed on your own private island retreat--in the middle of paradise! Here you will see interesting freestanding stone fountains, rising like tall skyscrapers amid the lush, reedy vegetation. The stone fountains add both the movement and sound of water to the scene, and blend wonderfully with the overhead vines, tropical ferns, and graveled stone that borders the main patio. Reeds and ferns are a big part of the plant landscaping here, giving the whole scene a tropical feel. A gently curved stone wall is accented with a small fire pit that beckons you to sit in the evening hours for quiet conversation. Elsewhere on the property you will find a soothing spa accented by three natural boulders where you can soak your troubles away, night or day.

Hungry? Stroll past the pond and spa to the outdoor kitchen and you can almost smell fresh pizza cooking in the oven. The handcrafted green tile bar invites you to sit and watch the chef, take in the aroma, or enjoy a beverage or glass of wine as your host prepares a culinary treat. The outdoor kitchen here is complete with an oven, barbecue and refrigerator. After dinner, wander through the garden, which also features the elegant outdoor lighting fixtures of the *Nick Williams Collection* for enjoyment day or night.

This home has a series of French doors that open onto these lush grounds. The property was designed in stages to lead you from one outdoor vignette slowly inward, through the French doors, merging this interior space with the natural setting around it in a wonderful series of landscaped transitions. You can stand right inside the home, look out through these doors, and be treated to the outdoor vistas as your eye is led out into the patio, through the garden, and to the grounds beyond.

Farther out in the yard is yet another outdoor room, complete with a widescreen TV for summer evening movies and entertainment. Nothing has been left out of this amazing home, including a beautiful pond in the middle of the yard that can be viewed from all of the other designed features. In the evening, the specially designed low voltage Candle walkway light by Nick Williams adds ambience and mood to the setting while making it a livable and enjoyable space.

BEFORE



AFTER









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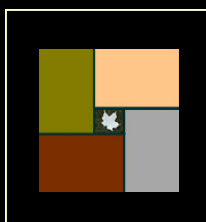
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