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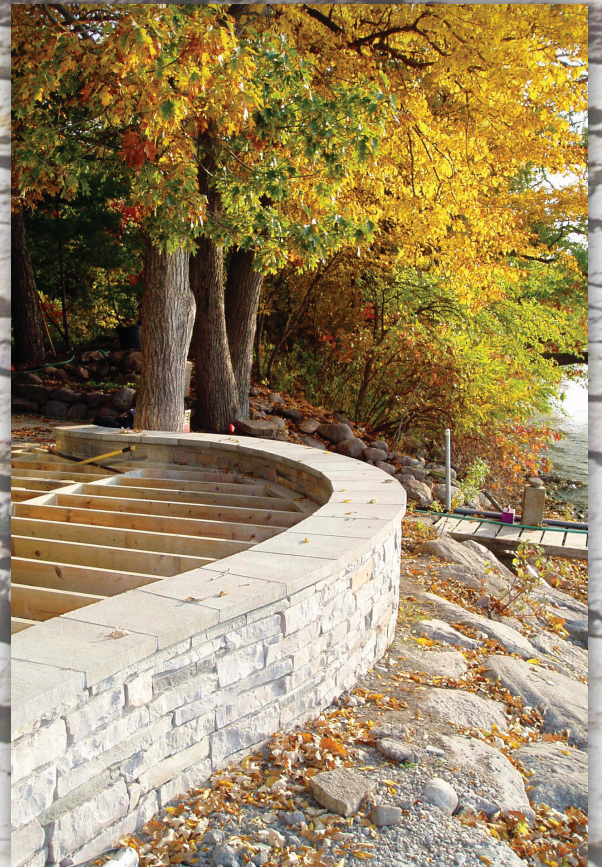
A winter landscape featuring a stone wall in the foreground, a wooden building with a balcony in the middle ground, and snow-covered trees in the background. The scene is covered in a layer of snow, with some evergreen trees and bare branches visible. The stone wall is made of irregular, stacked stones, and the wooden building has a balcony with a railing. The trees are mostly bare, with some snow on their branches. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

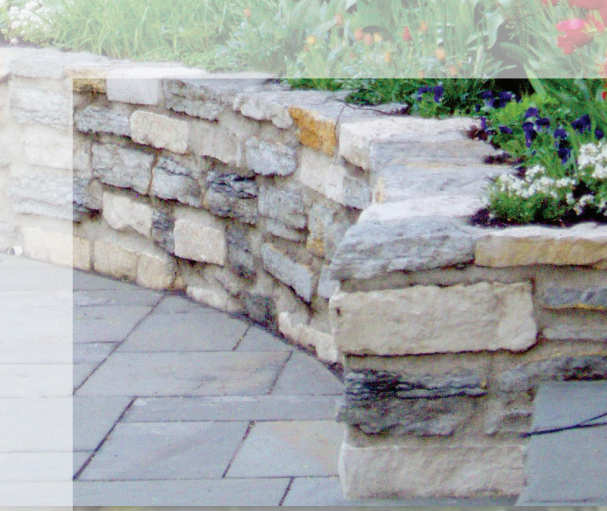
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“Harvey, owner of Edelweiss Design in Edina, went to work on a plan. Everything the couple wanted in a garden, they got, he says, most notably riotous, continuous color ... Architectural lines and material elements simultaneously reflect the garden’s urban location and the home’s French country lines, giving the space an eclectic feel. A sage green fence with decorative arches adds a classic touch and visually opens the yard. The walkway’s irregular stones and sweeping curves are more whimsical, while the abstract fountain is purely contemporary. ‘We wanted something that could stand as an art form,’ Harvey says. A new iron fence on the side of the house extends garden sightlines beyond the backyard to the lake. ‘You get this wonderful borrowed view that gives you a sense of a much bigger space,’ he says.... ‘I wanted them to feel the experience of the garden carried as much significance for them as the rest of the house did,’ Harvey says. ‘This gives them a place they can be proud of and use to extend hospitality to their guests.’ ‘It really captures the ambiance of a Sunday afternoon garden party,’ Penny says. ‘People comment how European it feels and how inviting it is. They hate to leave.’”





Lake of the Isles
Minneapolis





“The grounds metamorphosed as well. The owners were careful to preserve the mature trees surrounding the house, but landscape designers Bob Harvey [and his staff of designers], of Edelweiss Design in Minneapolis, dug up the buckthorn and other invasive species that had taken up residence. They replaced the ground cover with a riot of mostly native plants, as well as screening shrubs and smaller trees. Harvey and [designers] also rearranged existing field-stone retaining walls and added a low, semicircular wall of Wisconsin Chilton stone to frame the house’s revamped entry. Striking walkways of New York bluestone now guide strollers past the vegetation and around the house to a new waterfall feature by a side deck. The walkways beautifully achieve their purpose, which Harvey says was to create ‘a sense of continuity and circulation within the length of a long, narrow lot.’”

Jack Gordon, “Floating Cottage: A Lake Minnetonka ugly duckling becomes a swan” *Midwest Home*, June/July 2006.







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