

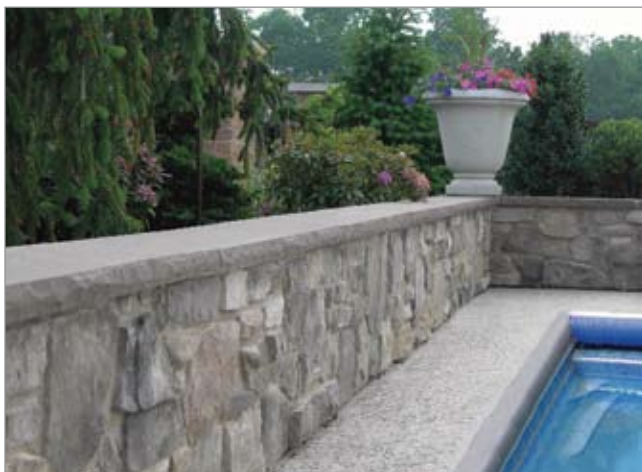
The Great 'Scape

by Mary Beck

Landscaping is a very important part of beautifying your home. Here are a few solutions to the challenges of outdoor space.

Deer Problem

“Rather than using physical barriers or sprays which require repeated applications, treat the problem with plants that deer avoid. Try using the Walker’s Low variety of Catmint, or Nepeta. The aromatic foliage of the soft lavender-blue flowers emanate a mint fragrance repellent to deer. You can even grow and protect your roses,” says Bill Dear, principal of Dear Garden Associates. 215-766-8110 or deargarden.com



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