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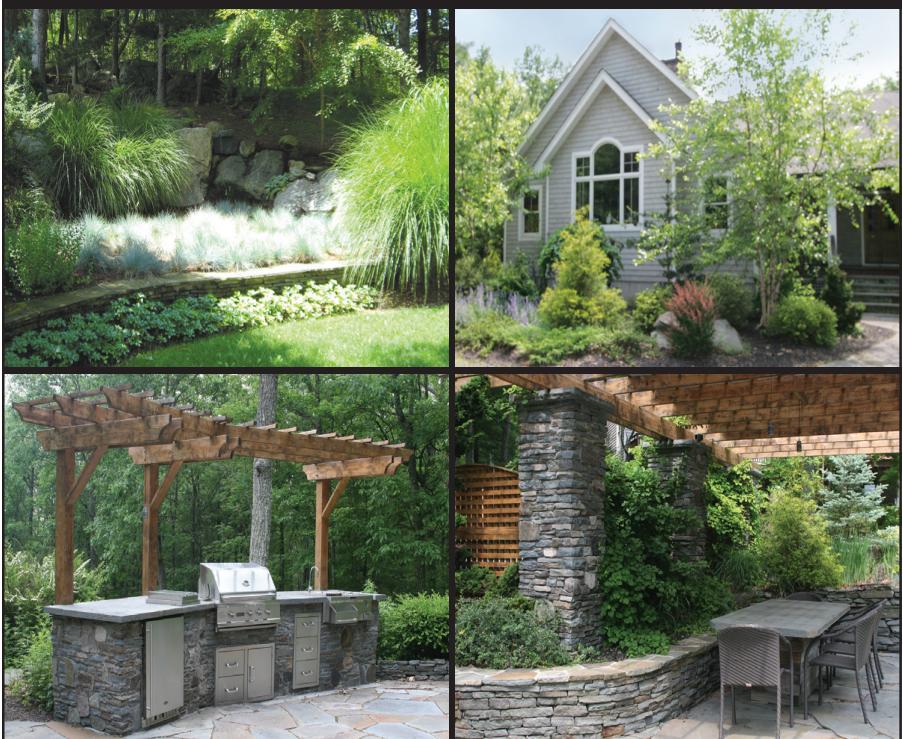


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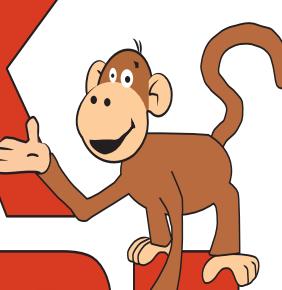


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This comfortable porch, complete with an antique wicker chair, is the perfect place for catching a cool summer breeze.



RR photo by Jane Anderson

The view from a bungalow front porch.

## Editor's letter:

Dear readers,

As summer winds down, what better way to chill out than on a breezy front porch? We are lucky, in our neck of the woods, to have tons of lovely homes with traditional porches on which to sip lemonade and chat with neighbors.

In this issue, we explore and celebrate the traditional front porch. Jude Waterston's story on food to enjoy on the porch is mouthwatering. Barbara Winfield offers expert advice on dressing up your porch to make it a true outdoor oasis, and Sharon Peduto takes it a step further with ways to add greenery and flowers.

We tour a gorgeous Honesdale home with a front porch that's on point. And if you're hankering to dine alfresco, we've got that covered too, with a selection of local restaurants where you can enjoy a breeze with your branzino.

So savor these last days of summer, and get out onto a porch wherever you can find one. This is my view as I write this letter—blessed to be in a beach bungalow on a perfect day.

All the best,  
Jane Anderson, section editor

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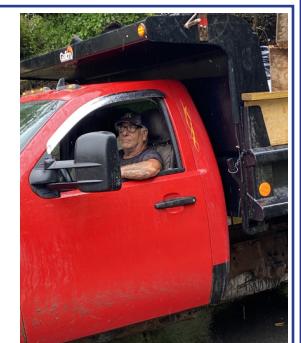
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# RELAXING

## *on the porch*



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There is nothing fussy about this corner of the porch, which features painted wood floorboards, an indoor/outdoor area rug and a rust-colored vintage slatted-wood table. These decorating elements, combined with simple accessories, come together to create a casual country air.

## *Tips on creating an inviting entrance.*

By BARBARA WINFIELD

Warm weather invites us to get out and enjoy the natural world—and what better way to appreciate the balmy days of late summer than spending them on a porch?

No matter what the style, a porch is designed to extend the living space of a home, functioning as an outdoor room while keeping you connected to nature. But more than just an outdoor room, the porch—usually located in the front, facing the street—defines the character of the house. The front porch also serves as an entrance, the perfect place to welcome visitors or exchange greetings with friends and neighbors.

The late 1950s and 1960s, with the advent of television and air-condi-

tioning, saw the decline of the porch from its prominent place in American culture. Modern home plans no longer included the porch; instead, homeowners began building backyard decks and patios.

But recent decades have seen a revival of porch-building. The classic image of a front porch filled with family and friends on a hot summer evening has long been a symbol of traditional American life. Front porches are now being added to existing homes and once again appearing on new house plans.

Today the front porch—especially since the beginning of COVID—has become the popular gathering place for family and friends, whatever the weather.

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**Decorating the porch**

Whether small or large, a comfortable porch can be a favorite gathering spot, rain or shine, a place to kick off our shoes and relax, and serve as an antidote to our high-stress world. But just because the porch is a place to relax doesn't mean its decor should be subdued.

Accessories are a great way to add color to your outdoor room. Colorful planters, indoor/outdoor area rugs, lighting, birdhouses, lanterns, gnomes, sculpture, ceiling fans, hammocks and vine-covered trellises can embellish any porch.

Furnishings such as rocking chairs (new or antique) are especially popular for whiling away summer evenings. Favorite furnishings also include the classic porch swing, suspended on chains at one end of the porch, or the two-seated glider.

Porch furnishings can also be utilitarian, such as tables made of wood, plastic, metal or glass, and straight-backed chairs from inside.

Of course, you can always rely on furniture designed specially for the porch, made from natural wicker, resin or bamboo, with or without cushions. Popular pieces also include metal sofas and chairs covered in brightly colored and patterned outdoor upholstery.



Photo by Robin Jonathan Deutsch on Unsplash

Twin rockers entice relaxation.



A front-porch swing is a perfect way to while away the day.

### Why do so many homeowners paint the porch ceiling blue?

What started out as a Southern tradition is now a trend throughout the country. Blue porch ceilings first appeared at antebellum plantations in the early 19th century, due to the tradition of the Gullah people, enslaved African Americans in the coastal areas of Georgia and South Carolina. Gullah folklore held that ghosts—known as “haints” (and pronounced “haunts”) in the Creole dialect—could not cross water, and because blue resembles water, ceilings were painted this color to repel evil spirits. To this day, a range of pale blue-green hues is collectively known as “haint blue.”

Many legends also state that blue ceilings will keep bugs at bay, that the ceiling keeps wasps and bees from building nests. Perhaps they believe the ceiling is sky, and so they will avoid the porch area.

Others say the blue ceiling extends the daylight hours: Having a blue sky on the porch ceiling as the sky outside is growing dark, they believe, will make the daylight appear to stay around a bit longer.

Most homeowners choose to paint the porch ceiling blue because it is a calming color, and using it in a place meant for relaxation makes sense.



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Bird feeders and birdhouses.

#### By JUDE WATERSTON

My sister Janet and I were first introduced to our little house in the Beechwood section of Callicoon over 25 years ago. The first thing I noted was the front porch. We walked through the house, and at the opposite end was a pair of large glass sliding doors leading out to (could it be?) a back porch!

We would not have considered a house that didn't have a porch or deck of some sort. We like nothing better than to sit outside at every opportunity we get during the warm summer months. Our house is set back from the road, and both porches afford us a good deal of privacy. This is most useful, as I have been known to remove my shirt, mid-lunch, when the sun suddenly peeks out from beneath a cloud and beats down on me too heavily.

The back porch, from the beginning, has been the secondary one. It is where we have a traditional picnic table and keep the Weber charcoal grill. It's most pleasant at certain specific times of the day, enabling me to position myself so the sun is on my face, while Janet has access to a shady area further down the table. It's quiet, save for the melodious tinkling of a pair of wind chimes, but it doesn't afford us the amazing views and wildlife sightings that the front porch does.

The front porch is magical. There is a white-washed bench with a pretty floral cushion; four chairs complete with back and seat cushions; a nice-sized glass-topped dining table; a glass-topped coffee table that sits in front of the bench, and variously sized matching end tables. Around the perimeter of the porch are a few potted plants: deep burgundy begonias; nasturtiums sprouting their delicate, colored flowers; pink double impatiens; yellow-orange dahlias, and pungent Thai basil.

From my seat at the dining table, I can

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Jude at the picnic table.

see my small vegetable and herb garden, which abuts the porch. Currently it is an explosion—a jungle—of growth. I am witness to the first tomatoes ripening and turning color on the vine. I have a perfect view of the herb plants spreading upwards and outwards. Sweet basil, lemon thyme, chives, rosemary, tarragon, flat-leaf parsley, spicy globe basil and dill all inform my daily cooking. There is nothing more disheartening to me than the demise of my herb garden in the fall. My food loses a spark of flavor I can't replicate with dried herbs. I am bereft. But for now, the garden is bursting at the seams.

Janet sits across from me, and her view is an enviable one. I watch her as her face lights up with utter delight. She is in a state of constant discovery. Her chair faces an eclectic collection of birdhouses, feeders and a shallow bronze bird bath. Janet is the birder in the family, and though I'm enamored with the beauty, comings-and-goings, and the amazing show these feathered creatures put on, my sister knows them more intimately. Some will only eat suet. Others peck away at tiny sunflower seeds, expertly cracking them open to reveal the meat inside and dropping the shells below, where we have at least two inches of them padding the earth and discouraging any kind of plant growth. She knows which birds dismiss the hanging feeders and take to the ground for their nourishment. For those she sometimes sprinkles seeds or leftover bread on the railing of the porch. It's gone in minutes.

So enraptured by the birds is Janet that I sometimes feel left out. Certainly, they get more attention than I do. "Oh, there's a wren going into the house over there," she'll announce. "We have so many woodpeckers today." "Oh, my god, I just saw the indigo bunting!" she'll exclaim. "Look at how beautiful the red-breasted grosbeak is," she'll say, and I try to twist



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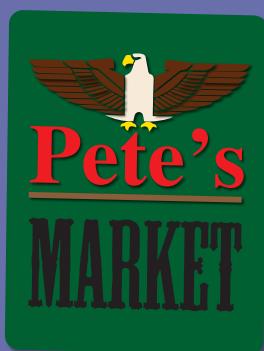
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in my chair, but it's always too late. It's flown away.

Porch food can be anything. We often have breakfast there if the weather permits. Lunch is a given, usually with an umbrella open to keep Janet in the shade and allow me to soak up the sun. Perhaps our favorite porch meal is an Asian cellophane (glass) noodle salad, served at room temperature. The noodles are tossed with the tangy Vietnamese "vinaigrette" called nuac cham, along with a slaw of crisp, finely julienned vegetables, and a protein such as grilled or broiled chicken or pork—or tofu for a totally vegetarian take. It's light, flavorful and utterly delicious. A chilled glass of white or rose wine or a cold beer is a perfect accompaniment to this unique meal.

The front porch is where we entertain guests. We like inclusive, small-group conversation and rarely have more than two or three friends over in the evening for drinks and nibbles. Janet brings up a boom box from the basement and plugs it into an outlet just under the porch. I pore through hundreds of CDs and choose a bunch of artists and groups that we and our friends grew up listening to: Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, '70s soul music, Dionne Warwick, Cat Stevens, the Band.

Janet also plugs in the string of tiny blue Christmas lights strung across one porch railing, and we settle down to cocktails, food and talk for a couple of hours as the sky darkens and the night air becomes less oppressive after a long, hot, humid day.

The coffee tables on the porch are laid with cloth napkins, tiny individual cocktail forks, and colorful plates for the guests to balance on their laps. The food is always ample, so no one will have to go home afterwards and think about dinner.

For years we dreamed of a small screened-in covered porch. Unfortunately, we have no living relatives who might bestow an unexpected fortune on us were they to die. But who are we to complain? We have two porches and spend our summer days between them.

But the front porch will always be the best place in which to spend our time. In summer there really is no place I'd rather be.



### Vietnamese Glass Noodle Salad

Serves 2 as a main course

Glass or cellophane noodles are also known as bean thread vermicelli. They are sold in tight white bundles and resemble wiry white knitting yarn.

This is the basic vegetarian version. I always add a protein, such as grilled or broiled boneless sliced chicken thigh, tenderloin of pork, skirt or hanger steak. Tofu would make a terrific addition for vegetarians.

Though it's not traditional, I like to add a bit of sweet chili sauce and grated ginger to add a little zip to the nuac cham.

#### For nuoc cham dressing:

Makes about 1/3 cup

3 tablespoons Asian fish sauce

Juice of 1 lime

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon water

1 1/2 teaspoon sugar

1/4-1/2 teaspoon chili garlic sauce

1/2 teaspoon freshly grated ginger

1 teaspoon sweet chili sauce

1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and stir until salt and sugar dissolve.

#### For rice noodle salad:

2 bundles cellophane (glass) noodles

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1/2 large red, orange or yellow bell pepper

2 medium carrots

1/4 of a head of green cabbage

1/4 of a head of red cabbage

1/2 English hothouse cucumber

1/4 cup chopped roasted, salted peanuts

1/2-3/4 cup finely julienned or chopped mint, Thai basil and cilantro

Place the noodles in a shallow bowl and cover completely with boiling water. Let sit for about 4 minutes.

Using a large pair of scissors, slice the noodles in half. Drain and rinse under cold water. Drain again and pat dry. Place the noodles in a large bowl and drizzle with the

sesame oil. Toss well and set aside, covered with cellophane wrap.

Peel the carrots and cut each into thirds. Slice the carrot thinly, then julienne each strip. Do the same with the bell pepper. The julienne should be quite fine.

Cut the cucumber into 2 or 3 pieces and stand each piece on end. Slice off a strip or two, turning the cucumber as you go and discarding the inner piece that contains seeds. Julienne each strip of cucumber.

Slice the cabbages as thinly as possible.

To assemble the dish, place a pile of glass noodles onto the bottom of two large shallow bowls. In sections, place a pile of carrots, then bell pepper, then cucumber and then cabbage on top of the noodles.

If you have prepared a protein, make a well in the middle of the noodles and vegetables, and pile the protein there.

Pour the nuoc cham evenly over the two bowls. Scatter the herbs evenly over the salads. Place a pile of chopped peanuts in the center of each bowl. Serve immediately.

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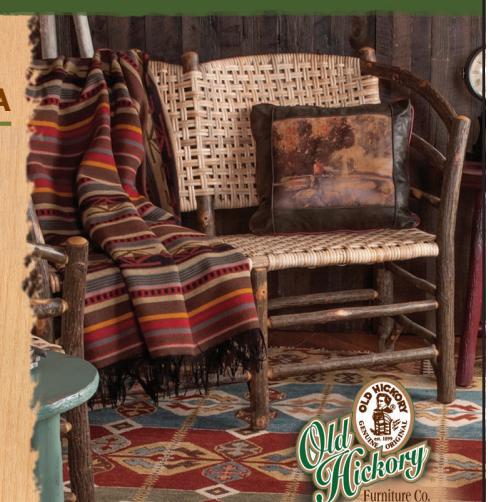
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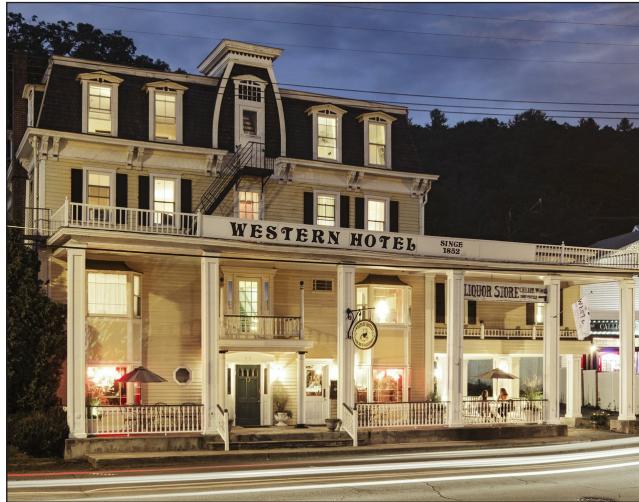
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# A sip or bite, with a side of late-summer breezes

By JANE ANDERSON

**REGION** — Food always tastes better alfresco, especially if you're sitting on a front porch with a view. Here are just a handful of lovely places in our area that will satisfy that craving.

**The Tusten Cup**—OK, it's more of a *side* porch, but you can't deny that it's got a killer view of the bridge over the Delaware. The smiling staff serves up killer coffee, too, plus it's got great breakfast (Happy Camper: Two eggs, fried onions, sweet red peppers, cheddar and baby greens in a spinach wrap for \$8.75) and lunch selections (Sgt. Pepper: Two eggs, chipotle mayo, pepperjack cheese, sweet red peppers, and crispy onions on ciabatta for \$8), plus fun upstate merch and provisions.

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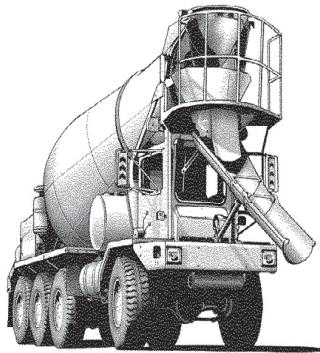
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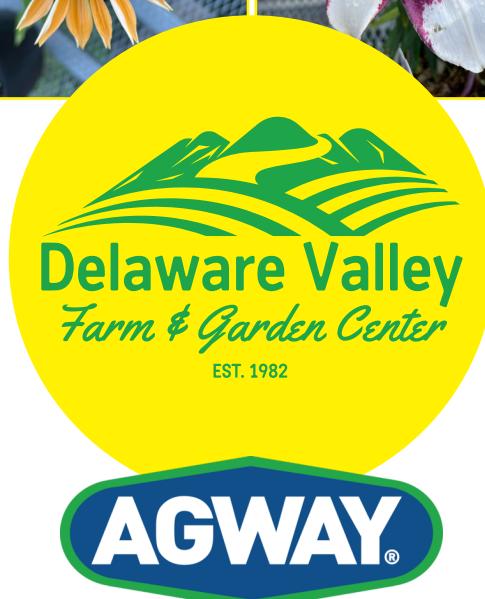
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By SHARON PEDUTO

From farm to formal, your porch can be transformed quickly just by using container plants. Breathe life into your newly constructed contemporary, Victorian wrap-around, or small front porches with containers that can be moved around to follow the sun (or to follow your whim). Whether the porch has sun or shade, adding perennials and annuals in pots can change drab to dramatic.

Containers can be tall, short, round, square, huge or small. The possibilities are endless, with the extra bonus of being able to move them and/or leave them for next year. Perennials can be left for next year right in the pot.

**Don't skip drainage**

Regardless of your style, certain guidelines help ensure healthy container gardens. According to house experts at the Spruce, drainage is important.

Too much water in containers causes root rot. Once roots are gone, you can't get them back.

Small rocks, gravel or broken clay-pot pieces were traditionally used at the bottom of containers, but are no longer considered good for drainage purposes. Drill holes in the bottoms of containers to prevent root rot.

For large containers, you can use upside-down plastic containers or put used plastic bottles at the bottom of containers—but still use as much soil as possible.

The benefits of creating drainage this way are twofold. You'll use less soil overall, and your containers will be much lighter than they used to be.

Remember: You still need holes in the bottom.

Annuals such as geraniums in medium-size pots don't require a lot of preparation. Put them in larger plastic pots with holes and plop them into containers.

**Let there be light**

Fundamentally, porches are for shade—but they still get sun in some areas during hot summer months. Research how much light your particular choices of plants need before buying. Light, or lack of it, can make a huge difference in the survival of your plants.

Light levels help to determine where your plant or groups of plants should go. Don't keep shuffling your plants around. Make your life easier by grouping plants that have similar light and watering needs.

**The dirt on potting soil**

"Potting soil" is a generic term. All professional gardeners agree that you shouldn't skimp on potting soil. Buying soil with slow-release fertilizer helps, but add liquid fertilizer as needed. Keep your container plants healthy. The healthier the soil, the happier the plant.

**Planting**

Planting techniques vary according to your style. Country and cottage pots can be a mix of plants and herbs placed in pots. Don't worry about plant height—once they've grown, the plants will look as though they organized and planted themselves.

On the other hand, a modern container-garden design is more symmetrical.

The technique mostly used in container planting is "thriller, filler, spiller."

A thriller plant is the main focus of the planter. For example, a vine with flowers like clematis will grow tall with a small trellis.

Next, use a filler of medium height, such as chocolate mint (bonus: you can cut it back a few times during the growing season and enjoy the yummy cuttings). It will grow around or in front of the tallest plant.

The spiller, like creeping Jenny, spills over the sides of the container.

**The container-garden porch**

Make an inviting entrance to your porch by placing small or medium filled containers on your steps.

If there's enough sun, plant miniature roses in containers. They work with any style. In the fall, you can remove the roses from the containers and plant them in the garden.

For a more contemporary appeal, plant rose trees in containers on each side of your entrance.

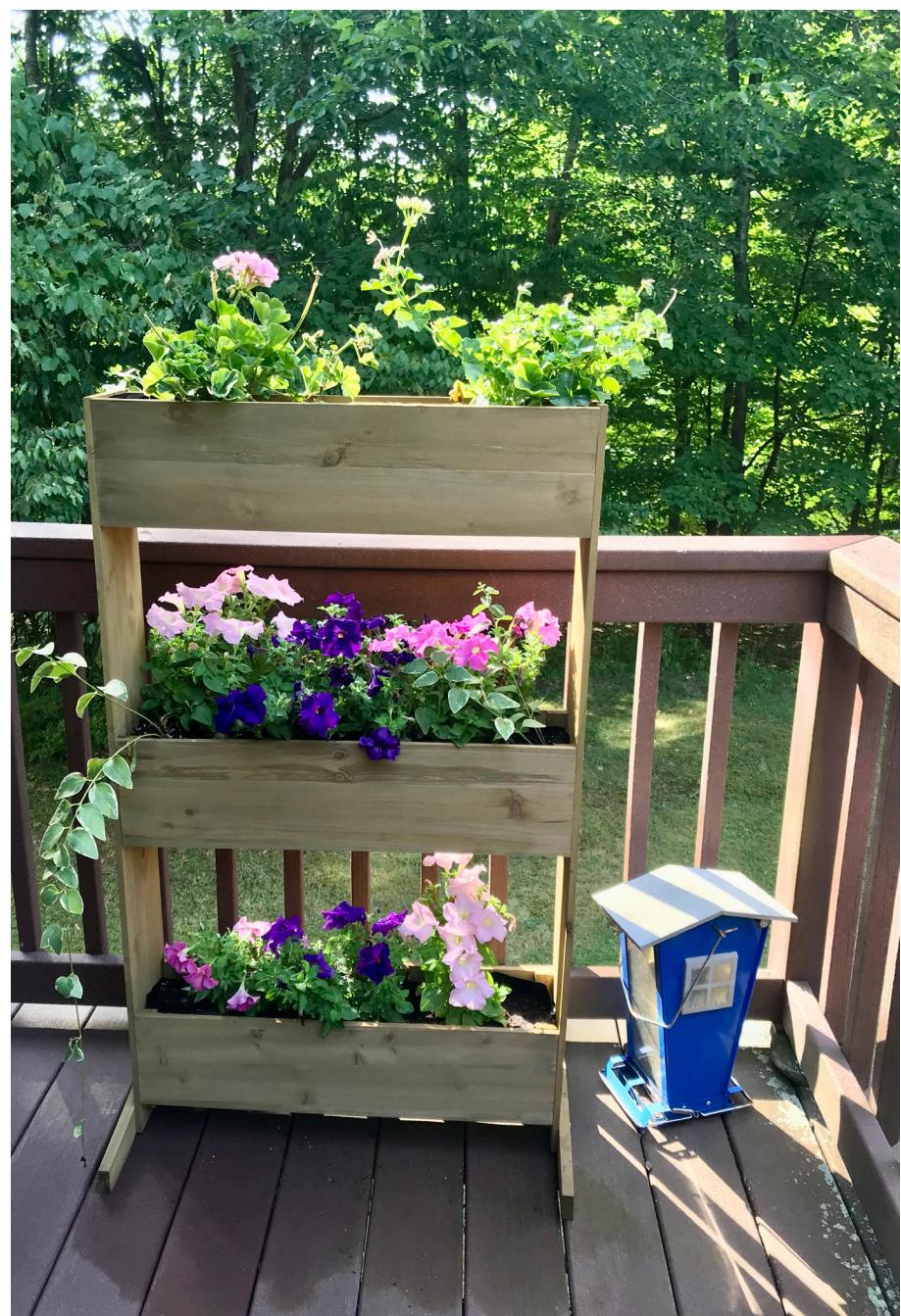
**Protective tips**

Some large containers can crack if left in the elements. In the fall, put them as close to your home as possible. Next year, add some new soil and nutrients, and mix them into the existing soil.

By spring you're bound to see some perennials you'd planted sprouting green again.

Hanging baskets are beautiful; however, they require watering at least twice daily. They'll die of neglect if you go on vacation without having a neighbor water them.

Whatever you do, don't forget to smell the roses!



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The magnificent porch at 151 Cottage St., Honesdale.

# Updated tradition is the heart of this Honesdale home

By JANE ANDERSON

HONESDALE, PA — Front-porch living is the star attraction of this home, along with a multitude of other gorgeous details that beg you to sit and stay awhile.

The house was listed by Davis R. Chant, Realtors.

The porch stretches the width of the house, and is decked in white balusters and spindles. Curvaceous white columns and sage-green brackets support the high porch roof. The roof itself is lined with decorative cutouts and tinier spindles that mimic the ones below, and a peak in the center of the porch roof sports an intricate design.

A dining set, seating area, and lounge could easily be

staged in this space for a collection of outdoor “rooms” in which to enjoy summer breezes. Verdant vines trail from hanging baskets hooked to the upper spindles—those, along with the house’s perch high above Cottage Street, invite a treehouse feel.

Carefully designed perennial gardens flank the wide porch staircase, with a bluestone path leading to more stairs down to the street.

Enter the house via the sage-and-brown front door—notice the beautifully carved Eastlake door hardware, complete with a swinging keyhole cover, on the way in—and you’re greeted by a center-hall stairway. Above your head

is a frosted-glass pendant that looks like a flower bud. It’s original to the house, which was built in 1900. It’s just a hint of the other treasures inside the house.

Bear right into a dining room that’s brightened by an oversized picture window that looks onto the porch. On the adjoining south-facing wall, a nearly floor-to-ceiling bay window allows more daylight to pour onto the original wood floors. A three-light chandelier hangs over the dining area, and a row of cleverly designed recessed lights illuminate the wall between the dining area and kitchen.

A white-trimmed doorway opens into a surprisingly large kitchen. Wooden cabinets and solid-surface

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The dining room at the Cottage Street house offers plenty of light and a view of the porch.



The firepit is part of the outdoor living space.



The entrance hall welcomes you in.



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The kitchen is nearly as wide as the house, and has room for a chest freezer, pantry cabinet, and another door that leads out to a small covered patio concealed by a stone wall.

**TRADITION**

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countertops wrap around three sides at one end of the room. Like the dining room, sage green softly colors the walls. The kitchen is nearly as wide as the house, and has room for a chest freezer, pantry cabinet, a wide bench, a door to the full unfinished basement (which has Bilco doors to the outside) and another door that leads out to a small covered patio concealed by a stone wall.

A half-bath/laundry room has gray wainscoting on the lower half of the walls, with more of that beautiful sage above.

Return to the center hall and bear left instead of right to enter the living room. It's a cozy space that's big enough for a sectional and several other furniture pieces. Lots of (sage) wall space invites tons of pictures to hang, and two big windows assist the overhead fixture in brightening the room.

The stairs leading to the second floor are sturdy with a thick handrail. At the top, twin round newel posts anchor the spindled railing. The hall up here is roomy and bright, with original hardwood flooring and a big window facing the front of the house. At the opposite end of the hallway is a full bath with a single-sink vanity, tub/shower combo, and a floor-to-ceiling linen cabinet.

The four bedrooms up here are big and bright. Three of them have closets—an unusual feature in a house of this age. The doors all have that burnished, dark-wood sheen and ceramic doorknobs that old-home enthusiasts simply love. The rooms are all carpeted, but the original wood floors sleep beneath them. There's a full, walk-up attic that's perfect for storage, a playroom, or expanded living space with some renovation.

The house's location high over the street enables seasonal views to Riverside Avenue and the Lackawaxen River beyond. It sits on a quarter-acre that's prettily landscaped, with room for kids to romp and a nice firepit area along with lots of blue-stone paths and garden spaces. This move-in-ready house is a lucky purchase for the next homeowner, who will be inheriting a legacy of beauty, history and love.



The magnificent porch at a house on Cottage Street in Honesdale.



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# Brighten up your outdoor space



## *Five fun, easy and affordable ways to make it happen*

By BRANDPOINT

If you love entertaining friends and family outdoors, you're not alone. Transforming outdoor areas into extended living spaces continues to be a huge trend, as anything and everything from smaller balconies to spacious porches and patios creates an opportunity to expand your home environment well into the evening hours with one crucial design element: lighting.

Lighting an outdoor space can make a world of difference in creating ambience, lending additional functionality to a space or improving aesthetics within a space—making or breaking an evening barbecue, party or intimate gathering.

Luckily, lighting choices are one of the most affordable ways you can enhance any area of your home, and outdoors is no exception.

Even small changes like swapping your light bulbs creates the perfect opportunity to have some fun and express your person-

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ality with different colors and design styles.

"Most homeowners don't appreciate the power of stylish yet functional light bulbs to make a design statement both inside and out," said Bethany Wood, senior merchant of light bulbs at the Home Depot. "The Home Depot's exclusive light bulb brand EcoSmart was designed to inspire DIYers to create better, brighter room atmospheres.

It's important to choose light bulb features unique to your lifestyle that'll also allow

you to customize your space, from switching through shades of light to match your mood, saving on energy bills with automatic on/off, helping you complete a task or creating your ideal ambience."

Here are some easy and affordable ways to transform your outdoor areas for effortless warm-weather entertaining.

### **Get the party started**

To create an upbeat mood, nothing is more fun and festive than bright, vibrant

colors, so consider upgrading your entertaining space with a Color Changing Party LED bulb from the Home Depot. You'll bring any indoor occasion to life using red, green, blue and yellow light, with five lighting effect options to choose from.

EcoSmart light bulbs are equipped with user-friendly and innovative features, meaning you can easily switch between colors using a toggle on each bulb, or conveniently cycle between colors with the simple flip of a standard wall switch.

### **Pump up the jam**

A party atmosphere isn't complete without music. Set the tone for an exciting night with your guests and keep them dancing or singing all night long with a Bluetooth Speaker LED bulb. This EcoSmart bulb combines color selectable lighting with Bluetooth technology. Simply connect to your favorite Bluetooth device, without the need for any extra wiring or a hub.



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### Go vintage

Everything vintage and retro style is all the rage right now, but it's not always easy to create the look and be practical at the same time. One fun option is to use strands of Edison bulbs to give your deck or patio a bistro atmosphere.

Or if you want a more intimate old-fashioned look, illuminate the night with the warm glow of EcoSmart Flame LED light bulbs, which create an alluring ambience by simulating a warm and realistic flickering-flame effect without emitting any heat. Better yet, you won't have to worry about

the risk that real flames from candles or torches can bring.

### Enjoy a bug-free shindig

Your light bulbs can even help you keep those pesky pests away from your get-together in a more natural way. Opt for outdoor yellow Bug LED bulbs, which help to repel insects and can be used as an alternative to bug sprays.

### Be ready for anything—even outages

Don't let summer storms rain on your parade. In case your power goes out, Battery Backup LED light bulbs are energy efficient and equipped with a power-failure battery that will automatically turn on in the event of a power failure—and can last up to three hours.

When in regular use, the internal battery will charge, ensuring that you'll always have an option for light during an outage.

You can set up your backyard for all kinds of entertaining with these and many other selections by exploring the wide variety of innovative features and the latest lighting options from EcoSmart. Whether your plans include hosting backyard barbecues or creating a refreshing outdoor oasis, lighting up your space has never been easier.

Check out the curated collection of eco-friendly, energy-efficient EcoSmart options available exclusively in-store at the Home Depot or online at HomeDepot.com.

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