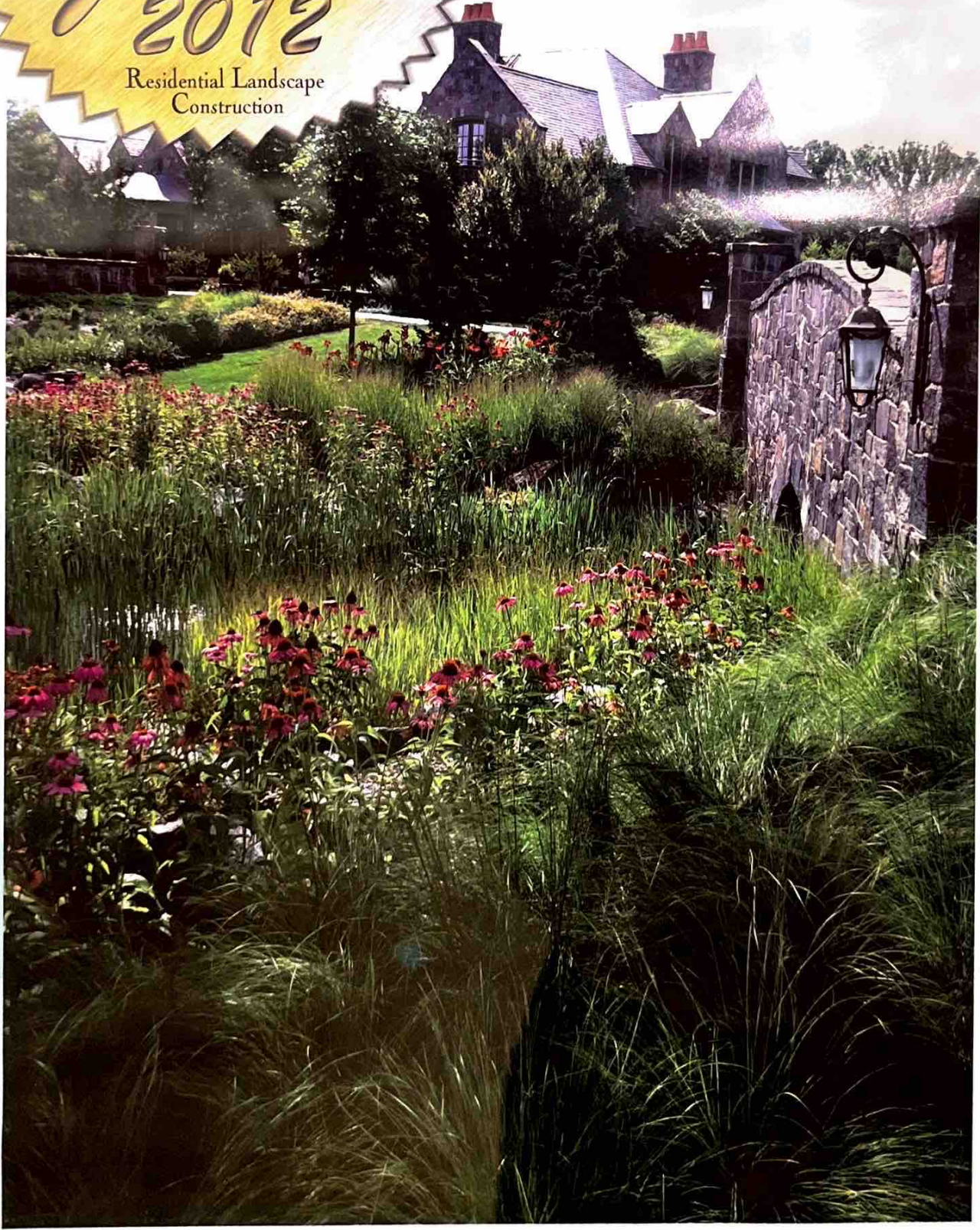
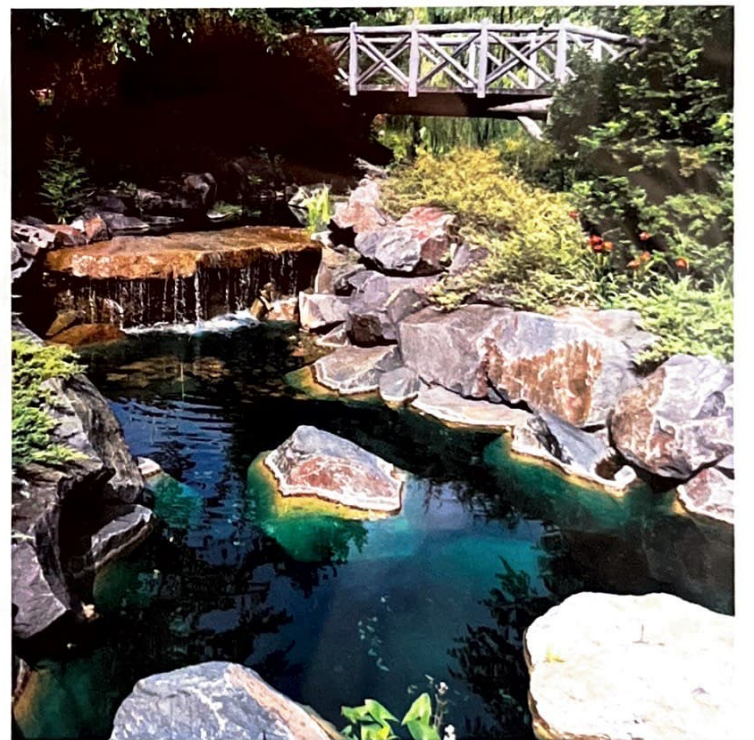
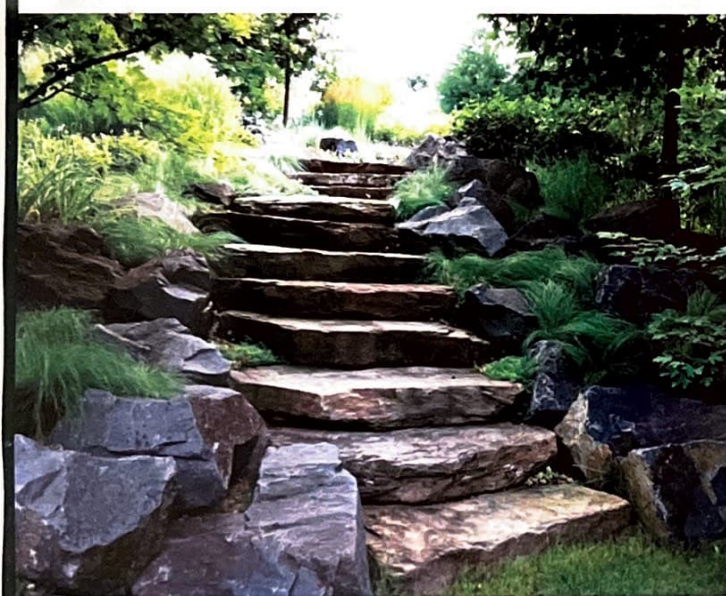
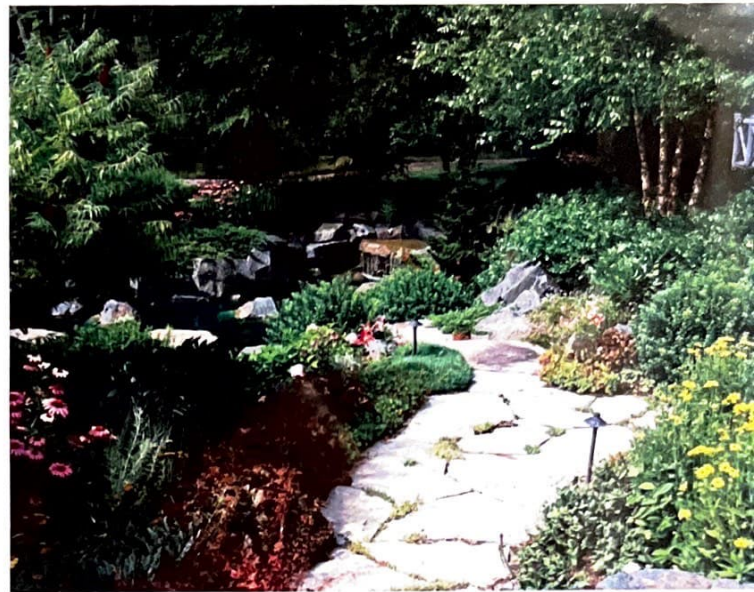


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## Family Home in Harmony with Nature

# Scott Byron & Co., Inc. Lake Bluff

As an active family, the client for this 15-acre site wanted elements of a northwoods retreat with gracious suburban living. The design program called for recreation areas within a garden setting that included a pond with a water feature, sledding hill, hiking/nature trails and outdoor gathering spaces including terraces and a fire pit.

Groupings of flowering trees, shrubs,

and perennials give human scale to the structure of the home without masking the architecture. A perimeter path system provides active recreation as it winds through woodland plantings.

A rustic wood bridge provides linkage to entertaining spaces and over 1,500 tons of Gun Metal Granite boulders that were placed to create the stream and waterfalls. To continue the northwoods theme, the

lower pond was conceived as a "swimming hole" with beach and water activities.

The ponds were also integrated into site drainage to sustainably manage water on site. Hardscape elements, including bluestone, granite cobbles and flagstone were chosen to complement the stone color of the house. A granite and turf labyrinth garden was installed for meditation. ❁