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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Unusable turf to child-safe play area

When members of Kristy Kropat's family moved into a University City house, they didn't spend much time romping around on the front lawn.

"The old front yard was not very functional for our two young boys to play in," says the interior designer. "Besides the fact that the yard sloped toward the street without a fence or gate to keep our children from running into oncoming traffic, there was a 10-foot-by-10-foot planter in the middle of the yard with an old tree stump in the center surrounded by plants. This reduced the usable area to a U-shaped patch of grass."

To transform the space into a safe, grassy play area that would also be used by adults, the front yard was leveled and a three-foot-high retaining wall installed. "On top of the wall we placed a three-foot-tall ipe wood fence with a mid-century modern design. The different

height and width panels created a private yet open and airy enclosure to the front yard without compromising the ability to communicate with neighbors."

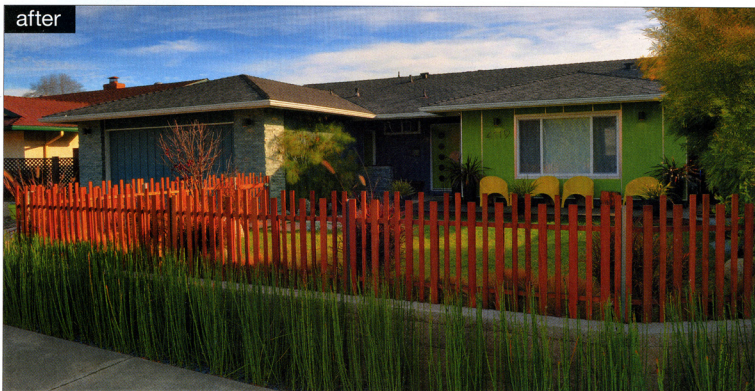
A matching ipe deck, installed by the front window, gave the adults a place to lounge while a closable sunken sandbox at the far end of the deck provided a new play space for the kids. The tree stump was saved and used as a side table placed between the deck chairs.

"At the outskirts of the grass area we placed six carefully selected boulders that can be used as seats or soccer goal posts.

"The front yard now is a fully functional family space to play and hang out. It was like add-

ing an additional room to our house," says Kropat. "The front yard has become a gathering spot for the neighborhood. People walking by stop for a moment to say, "Hi," and on summer afternoons the lawn turns into a soccer field for the kids from the block while the parents enjoy the comfortable chairs on the deck." ∞

Where to find it, page 127



TO MARKET, TO MARKET, page 20

Big Ten: Thomas Lavin, to-the-trade at Pacific Design Center, 310/278-2456
 Boudoir Gardens: Everett Strutz, La Jolla, 858/459-3305
 Location: DNA European Design Studio, Little Italy, 619/235-6882
 Luxe Linen: Kerry Joyce Textiles, to-the-trade at Kneeder-Fauchère, Pacific Design Center, 310/855-1313
 On the Move: Che Bella, East Village downtown, 619/232-3193
 Paris to La: Ralph Pucci, to-the-trade at Pacific Design Center, www.ralphpucci.com
 Pure and Simple: Urban Lighting Inc., downtown, 619/232-6064
 So SOHO: Save Our Heritage Organisation Museum Shop, Marston House, Balboa Park, 619/297-9327 or 619/298-3142
 Su Casa: Casa Artelexia, Little Italy, 619/544-1011
 Souvenir Shop: J+K Souvenir, Lux Art Institute, Encinitas, 760/436-6611
 Tea Time: Halcyon Tea, South Park, 619/450-4224
 Photography: David Harrison, 619/235-9718; Gail Owens, 760/631-0537

BACK TO NATURE, page 26

Joseph Bedford, Bedford Built, 619/564-2671
 Amy Meier, Amy Meier Design, 858/848-4151
 Eta Ostrow, Allied Member ASID, CEO Interior Design, 858/459-3333
 Shauna Piscitello, Living in Balance with Feng Shui, 858/720-0078
 Phil Roworthy, Fixtures, Visions for Living, 858/966-3600
 Illustration: Blair Thornley, 619/299-3874

OLD WORLD, page 30

Interior design: Debbie Berge via Masterworks Construction, 619/224-0880
 Additional interior design: Kristin Alber, Domestic Bliss, Mesa, Arizona, domesticbliss-dustinbliss.blogspot.com
 General contractor/builders: Justin Salbato, Masterworks Construction Co., and Phillip Salbato, Salbato Construction, 619/224-0880
 Landscape design: Howard Associates, Inc., 619/718-9660
 Appliances: Standards of Excellence, 858/274-6004
 Artist/muralists: Iris Potter, 619/261-2539
 Cabinetry: Burdette Cabinet Co., Inc., 480/830-8818
 Carpet: Coles Carpets, 619/276-5140
 Ceiling finishes: Masterworks Construction Co., 619/224-0880
 Central vacuum and low voltage: Pacific Auto, 760/724-0740
 Countertops: Counter Tops Direct, 619/985-2857
 Exterior stone installation: Masonry Unlimited, 619/697-7471
 Exterior stone supplier: Modern Builders Supply, Inc., 760/591-4570
 Finish and custom carpentry: Charles Armand, 619/504-7952; Charles Halberg 619/422-6958
 Fireplaces: Capo Valley Fireside, 949/364-5118
 Garage: Access Overhead Garage Doors, 800/994-3643
 HVAC: Ed Jones Heating & Air, 619/561-3828
 Interior doors: Craftsman in Wood, Mfg., 602/296-1050
 Interior hardware: San Diego Hardware, 858/576-1892
 Kitchen hood: Handcrafted Metals, 512/386-5433
 Landscape: Juan Ramirez Landscaping, 760/809-5263
 Landscape consultant: William Meier, Windsor Forest Company, 619/584-8538 and 714/692-1300
 Lighting fixtures: CTS Lighting, 858/547-7555
 Low-voltage integrator: Custom Home Theatre, 858/509-7900
 Metal work/exterior lighting fixtures: J.G. Forge, 805/208-1221
 Painter: Patrick Wombolt Painting, 760/552-3639
 Plumbing supplier: Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., 858/974-5100
 Plumbing fixtures and tile: International Bath & Tile, 858/268-3723; Waterworks, 858/454-0446
 Pool consultant: Questar Pools & Spas, 760/815-3961

Precast manufacturer: Venetian Architectural Stone, 858/560-5715
 Roofing: J.M.V. Roofing, Inc., 760/740-0379
 Shower enclosures: Diamond's Glass & Mirror, 951/926-8900
 Stucco: Rocky Mountain Plastering, Inc., 619/296-0816
 Tile: Ancinza Tile, 619/276-3915; Bedrosians, 858/565-1215; Encinitas Tile & Stone, 760/436-4630; Stones Unlimited, 858/622-0014; Tosca Natural Stone, 858/578-0799; Unique Stone Imports, 619/275-8300
 Turf: Home Turf, 800/966-8873
 Wallpaper installer: The Paper Touch, 619/402-4572
 Window supplier: Panto Inc., 858/456-4658

CRAFTY KITCHEN, page 38

Architect: Laura DuCharme Conboy, DuCharme Architecture, 858/454-5205
 General contractor: Gregg Herman, Herman Design & Construction, 619/274-7297
 Cabinetry: Busch Woodworking, 760/891-0139
 Countertops: Colosseum Marble and Granite, 619/286-2120
 Finish carpentry: McLean Door and Trim, 619/596-5416
 Flooring: Howard's Rugs, 858/558-3939; Western Flooring, 858/560-5557
 Interior finishes: Inter-arch, Inc., 858/456-7008
 Painting: General Coatings, 858/587-1277
 Images: Brady Architectural Photography, 619/296-5304

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Landscape and hardscape designer: Kristy Kropat, Allied Member ASID, Kropat Interior Design, 858/405-3535
 General contractor, hardscape and electrical installation: Paul Heiskala, 619/200-1992
 Landscape installation: Sean Keller, WCP Landscaping, 858/692-2519
 Front door: Alpine Glass, 619/563-5028
 Front door and gate hardware: San Diego Hardware, 858/576-1892
 Front door metal plate: Jorge Ibarra, J&E Custom Fabrication, 858/578-0086
 Ipe wood, outdoor light fixtures, mailbox: Dixieline, 858/695-0600
 Pots: IKEA, 619/563-4532
 Rain gutters: West Coast Rain Gutters, 619/448-3418
 River rock and boulders: Southwest Boulder & Stone, 800/540-1147
 Stone veneer, retaining wall and turf block: RCP Block and Brick, 619/448-2240

GARDENS OF THE YEAR, page 43

Most Artful Garden
 Landscape designer: Ruth Wolfe, WolfeWorks, queenotap@pacbell.net
 Iris, drought-tolerant bulbs and companion plants: Mary's Garden, Vista, mcbride666@cox.net (by appointment only)
 Mediterranean and South African bulbs: Easy To Grow Bulbs, www.easytogrowbulbs.com
 Succulents, shrubs and trees: Armstrong Garden Centers, www.armstronggarden.com (for locations around the county); Barrels & Branches, 760/753-2852; Briggs Tree Farm, 760/727-2727; Plant Play Nursery, 760/730-0012; Plant World, 760/741-2144; Sunshine Gardens, 760/436-3244
 Photography: Bob Wigand, 760/744-4343

Best Succulent Garden

Art guild: Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild, 858/759-3545
 Landscape design: Robert Dean, 858/454-0358; Karen Gotlund, Environmental Partners Landscape, 760/431-8969
 Landscape installation: Duarte Landscape, 619/306-7910; Yasuda Landscape, 619/276-5280
 Nurseries: Roger's Gardens, www.rogersgardens.com; Solana Succulents, 858/259-4568; Tropic World, 760/746-6108
 Photography: Bob Wigand, 760/744-4343

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Native plant sources:

Anderson's La Costa Nursery, 760/753-3153
 Briggs Tree Company, 760/727-2727
 Walter Andersen Nursery, 619/224-8271 and 858/513-4900
 Photography: Bob Wigand, 760/744-4343

FINE VINE, page 84

Book: *Passiflora: Passionflowers of the World* by Torsten Ulmer and John M. MacDougal (Timber Press)
 Nurseries: Most nurseries stock passion fruit vines or can order them. Ask your local nursery to recommend the best cultivar for your area.
 Society: California Rare Fruit Growers: www.crfg.org/
 Viewing: View vines at San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas, www.sdbgardens.org
 Photography: Bob Wigand, 760/744-4343

FRESH FASHION, page 86

Bloomingtondale's, Fashion Valley, 619/640-6100
 Cathedral, Hillcrest, 619/296-4046; www.michadesign.com
 Junc. South Park, 619/283-2611
 Lafayette 148 New York, at Bloomingtondale's, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue in Fashion Valley; Nordstrom, Fashion Valley and Horton Plaza.
 OPI nail lacquer at professional salons
 Val's Art Studio, 619/851-6234
 Photography: Gail Owens, 760/631-0537

ON THE SCENE, page 93

Charity Ball: Rady Children's Hospital, www.rchsd.org
 Cirque du Soleil: Seacrest Village Retirement Communities, www.seacrestvillage.org
 Heart of San Diego: UCSD's Sulpizio Family Cardiovascular Center (CVC), www.ucsdmedicalcenter.com
 Hearts United: United Way San Diego, www.uwisd.org

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DEVINE INTERVENTION, page 96

Device Gallery, 619/728-8455
 Betsy Lane, Art Consulting, www.betsylaneart.com
 Joan Warren Grady, Art Advisory Inc., 619/531-0888
 Susan Street Fine Art Gallery, 858/793-4442
 Photography: Will Gullette, 760/746-9491

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The Two and Only: Wampler Kids, www.wamplerfoundry.org
 Through the Looking Glass: Todd Stands, firebird06@netzero.net
 Walk This Way: Walk for Fitness Program, 619/588-3500
 Photography: Joe Dittler, 619/435-0767

THRILLING GRILLING, page 104

Grilled Dry-aged New York Steak: The Quarter Kitchen, 619/814-1000
 Smoked Pork Ribs: Brett's BBQ, 858/487-7424, 760/436-7427
 Spit-roasted Porchetta: Prep Kitchen Restaurant, 858/875-7737
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For the Record:

The project manager for the Best Traditional Bath of the Year in the March issue was Joseph M. Reid of IS Architecture, 858/456-8555.

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