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Rosy Glow: A stone-encircled fire pit (*right*), mimicking the hexagonal style of the water garden (*previous page*), makes for a warming magnet in the evening; surrounding pots of roses add vibrant focal points during the day. The gathering space is sheltered by wind and given a sense of privacy from a fence that, with spaced slats, allows nature to peek through. A built-in mirror helps reflect the Pacific while also creating a faux opening.

Rising to the Occasion: Native wildflowers such as daisies abound in the hills just outside the home's low stone wall (*below left*). "This region is plant nirvana," Kay says. The house was designed to rise naturally amidst the wildflowers, while more contained plant displays could be cultivated closer to the home. There, a courtyard water garden (*previous page*) features a variety of miniature plants, including conifers, roses, heaths, heathers, Japanese maple, English hawthorn, birch, and elm, as well as small lanterns and statuary. Eldorado stone lends an organic quality to the home's exterior while cantilevered and notched wooden beams in Pacific Coast style nod to modern Craftsman design. The 4,200-square-foot home lives larger thanks to several outdoor living areas, including a covered outdoor kitchen just steps from the inside kitchen. Overall, "it's a little bit of rustic, a little bit contemporary—just like the region," Ron says.

Raised Expectations: Raised planters (*right*) harbor a cutting garden that includes an array of stalwart Dutch Iris "Silvery Beauty" (along with bearded iris, dahlias, ranunculus, and tulips). Elsewhere Kay grows a bay leaf tree, Meyer lemon tree, half-high blueberry bushes, herbs, and a variety



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Long Form: Cathedral-like vaulted ceilings throughout the home add drama, especially in the home's foyer (*right*). Here, large glass doors with slim mullions allow for a beautiful view of the Pacific, while adjacent windows—both exterior and interior—help reflect the outdoor splendor. The foyer's custom made furnishings, made of black acacia, Western curly maple, and yaka, were crafted by local artist Michael Kilpatrick. Across from the foyer is a long interior hallway (*below*), which, with a towering, slanted ceiling, offers a long-view of the raised garden area.

Cooking Up Fun: Expansive views of nature can be seen through large picture and angular clerestory windows in the open-design kitchen (*far top right*) and game room (*far bottom right*). In the former, golden oak cabinetry with Asian touches features modern Craftsman styling—a look also echoed in the game room cabinets. And "Verde Imperial" granite is a tribute to the natural colors around the home. Blue—reflective of the Pacific and sky—is the décor theme in the game room, which features a custom pool table designed by Golden West Billiard Manufacturing Company in Portland, Oregon. Throughout all the rooms, beamed ceilings add interest.



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Layered Look: A pathway from the main courtyard leads to the raised garden, where rose-covered arbors create open doorways that serve to define the colorful outdoor living area (*right*). The nearby steps lead to an outdoor sitting area adjacent to the home's covered dining porch. (And around the home, lots of doors and windows help connect the inside with the outside.) Anchoring the view here is a Japanese maple surrounded by a mixed border of plantings.

Relaxed Setting: Thanks to the property's supreme site orientation, the home is afforded glorious views of the Pacific and the surrounding hillsides. That makes chaises for enjoyment a must (*bottom center*). The outdoor teak and cedar furnishings are fitting for the environment (and in some cases, even have a thin, beautiful layer of lichen growing on them). "I like the fact that the furniture has been aged. I don't want to have to stain it every year," Kay says.

Small Blessings: Kay and Ron take joy in the small moments that help them lead more fulfilling lives. The sunny glow of primrose (*below*) is a sweet look, as is the small stone lantern houses (*far right*) that give their miniature water garden added charm. "The miniature garden has been the most fun to grow," Kay says. "It started with the lantern houses, really. I started putting smaller things around them, and ultimately, I thought I should have everything be in miniature."

