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## Everything under the sun for fun

After beautifully renovating their clients' unique home ("Finishing Touch," p. 98), Zach Gasper and the team from GreenSpur were retained by the couple to create a multifaceted outdoor complex for entertaining. Inspiration for the complex came from the antique bank barn on the property and the history of the farm itself. After a timber expert assessed the early 1800s structure as being in excellent condition for its age, the 30x40 barn was converted to a dining and dance hall. Renovations included bringing electricity to the barn and creating new openings in the front and at one side of the barn. The lumber

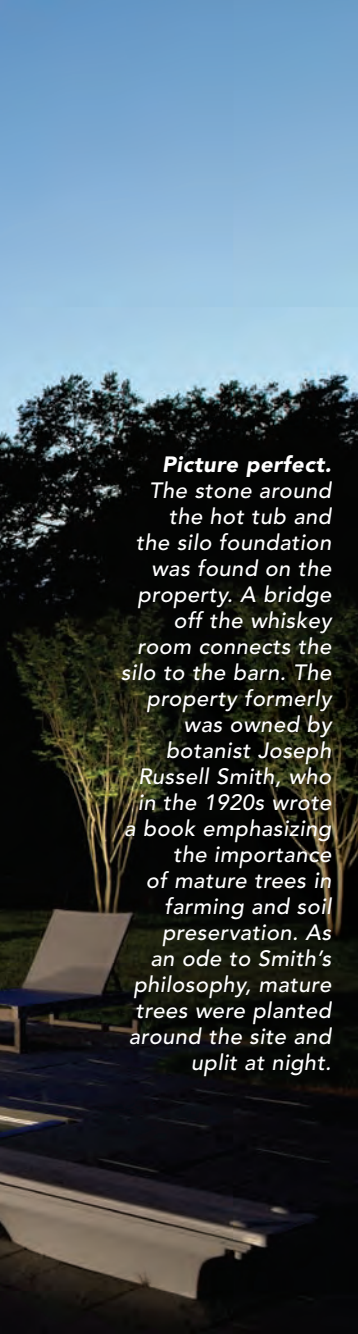
from these cut-out sections, along with wood from a three-board fence found on the property, were used to construct the sliding barn doors. Included in the plan for the complex were a pool and a pool house. A grain silo once sat adjacent to the barn, and though it had been removed long ago, a new silo was built in its place. Erected in one day, the 24-ft.-dia. silo is insulated with closed-cell spray foam and is heated and cooled with a ductless minisplit. A whiskey bar on the first floor serves as the socializing center and hub for the outdoor space and as a connection to the barn.

—Maureen Friedman



**Sweet retreat.**  
A slab was poured in the area below the barn so that the space could be used as a shaded hideaway to escape the summer sun.





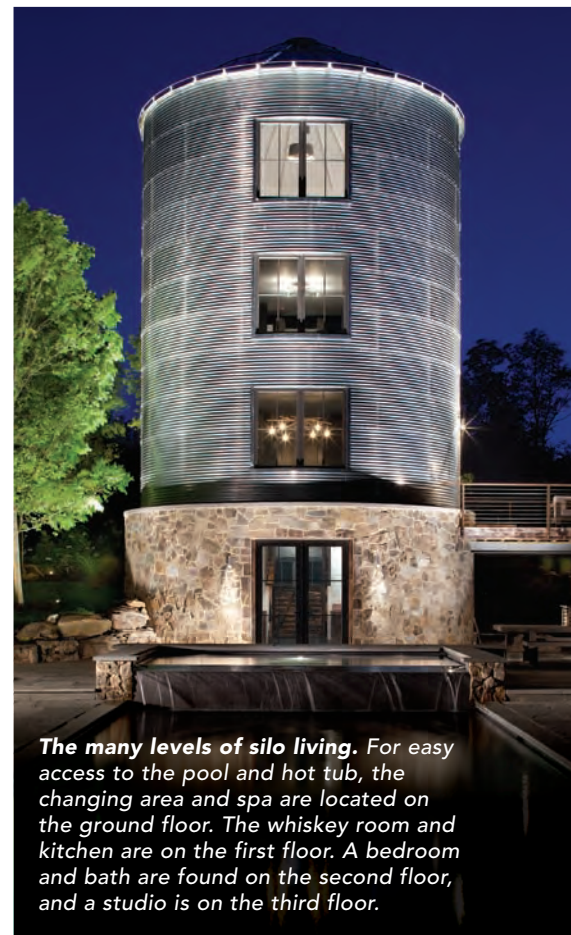
**Picture perfect.** The stone around the hot tub and the silo foundation was found on the property. A bridge off the whiskey room connects the silo to the barn. The property formerly was owned by botanist Joseph Russell Smith, who in the 1920s wrote a book emphasizing the importance of mature trees in farming and soil preservation. As an ode to Smith's philosophy, mature trees were planted around the site and uplit at night.



**Entertaining in the round.** The whiskey room features a custom-built curved-steel and reclaimed-wood bookshelf. The bookshelf holds World War II memorabilia that had belonged to the father of one of the clients. The hardwood flooring is reclaimed lumber from a Virginia tobacco barn.



**Great views, day or night.** With the barn doors open, great views of the main house and pond, the pool, and the hot tub can be captured from the dining and dance hall.



**The many levels of silo living.** For easy access to the pool and hot tub, the changing area and spa are located on the ground floor. The whiskey room and kitchen are on the first floor. A bedroom and bath are found on the second floor, and a studio is on the third floor.