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PORCH PANACHE: General contractor Peter Georgoutsos, who specializes in restoring and updating vintage houses, renewed the porch of his own Victorian home in Englewood. Workers for his company, Van-Go General Contracting Inc., used epoxy products to revive some of the gingerbread; other trim was fabricated from cedar. In the Victorian tradition, Georgoutsos painted the bead-board ceiling blue "to emulate the sky"; the floor is pressure-treated wood protected by a preservative. The contractor says his 130-year-old house is on a steep hillside, giving the porch a treehouse atmosphere that's wonderful during parties.

OUTDOOR LIFE

BY MARY VINNEDGE

A PATIO KITCHEN, DECK DINING ROOM, OR OTHER OUTDOOR ROOM should be more than just another pretty place. A logical flow from the house to these spaces will enhance function, says landscape architect Deborah Cerbone of Rockaway. For instance, a hot-tub area might demand easy access to the master suite, and an outdoor dining area will benefit from being near the indoor kitchen. In addition, Cerbone says to locate outdoor dining and cooking areas away from tall plants that can shed into food or attract insect pests. Finally, outdoor rooms benefit from privacy, so she suggests hedges, walls, and fences to screen out prying eyes.

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