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*Outdoor style
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Most designers and consumers flock to The Washington Design Center (WDC) with residential interiors in mind, but more than half of the Center's showrooms offer an array of outdoor furnishings and décor as well. The WDC will celebrate outdoor style during Outdoor Week, February 28 to March 4. Many showrooms will be offering special sales and promotions, and the Center will host talks on several topics, including outdoor landscape and design trends, melding indoor and outdoor design and decorating vacation homes.

Designer Barbara Hawthorn of McLean, Virginia, notes that because so many high-end outdoor retailers have closed in recent years, the WDC is the one place where she can dependably find outdoor furnishings, fabric and accessories—which she purchases for both indoor and outdoor use. “There are more outdoor resources in one place at the Design Center than you can find anywhere retail in town,” Hawthorn says.

Designer Dana Tydings of Laytonsville, Maryland, agrees. “You talk about something being all under one roof, and if [showrooms] don't have it on the floor, they have it in the catalog,” she says.

The Center is open to the trade and also to consumers through its Entrée buying service. The Washington Design Center is located at 300 D Street, SW; 202-646-6100. dcdesigncenter.com



The new Cloud Nine chair by Richard Frinier for Brown Jordan.



Outdoor fabrics by Scalamantré.



The “Sparrow” outdoor fabric pattern from Donghia's La Vie en Rose collection.



The St. Tropez outdoor collection through J. Lambeth.

