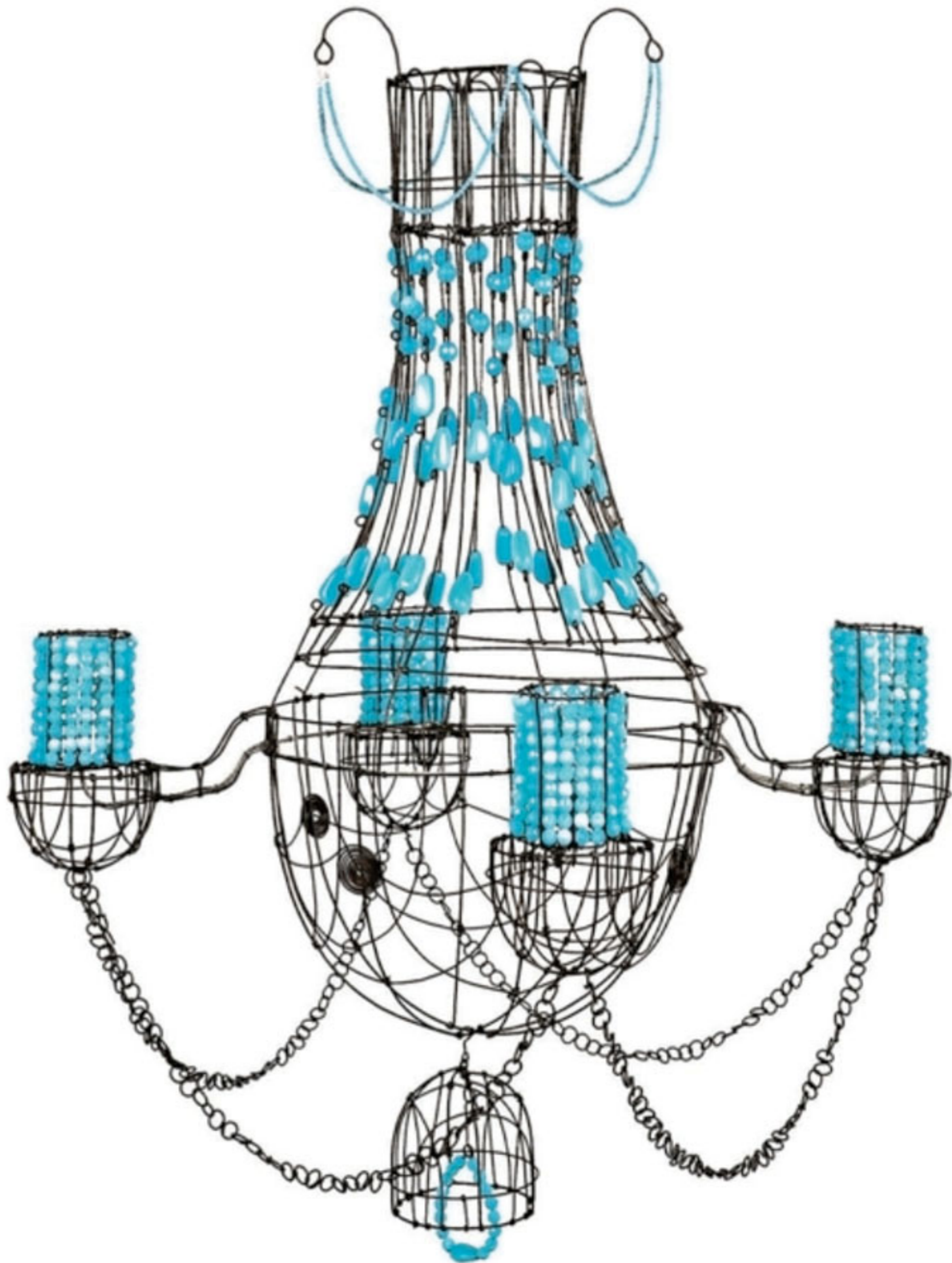


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What are you seeing right now that's "hot" in the world of waterscapes?

We've begun seeing truly year-round water features. We are building water features that can withstand the elements during the harsh winter season.

What's your most recent prized creation?

We completed a green roof project for a residence at 8,500 feet in Steamboat Springs that was honored with the first-ever presidential award from the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado.

What inspires you in your work?

It's the process that allows for concept to become reality—the collaboration between an architect, a general contractor and myself. That is what I really find gratifying in what I do.

What should homeowners splurge on when it comes to landscaping?

Preparation and good irrigation will allow for proper watering of planting zones. Anyone can buy a plant, but getting that plant to grow requires a good foundation through water, proper nutrient value in the soil and proper oxidation.

What is your own home like?

We have a water feature with a seven-foot drop, with garden walkways that take you from the main living area past the water feature and to an outdoor spa. We were able to utilize salvaged materials for a stone wall.

Favorite material?

Stone. It comes in so many varied shapes, sizes and colors, and there are many purposes for what the intended need is.

Where is your favorite place to go and admire the scenery?

From 14,000 feet—it's pretty significant up there! You really appreciate the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains from that vantage point and all that we have to live and work with.



GLEN ELLISON

LAND DESIGNS BY ELLISON

The opportunity to explore new terrain is what makes Glen Ellison's work so rewarding, as does the ability to create spaces that truly inspire. "I have a passion for creating wonderful spaces for people to enjoy, and making the space enjoyable is always my first objective," says Ellison. Indeed, a background in horticulture merged with Ellison's creative artistry has informed the beauty-meets-function aesthetic he has practiced at his Eagle firm for over 25 years, and clients recognize the natural fluidity so evident in his design. He utilizes an intense planting palette with hardscape materials to further enliven the features he designs—from pools and outdoor spas to waterfalls—and takes great care to ensure that each element integrates seamlessly into the native surroundings of the site. Says Ellison, "The object is to naturalize and to engage a marriage between site and architecture."

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