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"The Patio Portfolio" Helps Design Professionals and Landscape Contractors Guide Homeowners

Washington, D.C. — Design pros and contractors have a colorful new resource to help clients imagine the outdoor living space of their dreams. It's a full-color picture book by David R. Smith and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI): "The Patio Portfolio: An Inspirational Design Guide" (ISBN 0764320505), published by Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.

The Patio Portfolio helps homeowners--and their favorite landscape contractor, architect or other design professional--discover ways to transform ordinary backyard spaces into perfect outdoor environments. More than 200 beautiful color photos show patios of all shapes and sizes, from quaint and picturesque to grand and elegant--for any kind of budget.

The Patio Portfolio will:

- Help you visually explore dozens of patios, offering an opportunity to study their shapes, colors, textures and patterns.
- Help you determine what kind of patio best suits your needs.
- Inspire you with hundreds of design options offered by concrete pavers.
- Offer a holistic view of patios and how they relate to the home and the backyard.
- Provide cool ideas for pool-skirting patios.
- Show you a variety of special patio amenities and features.
- Empower you to build--or have built--the patio of your dreams.

Copies are available via ICPI's online publications catalog at www.icpi.org (stock #75400; \$16.65 ICPI members/\$19.95 nonmembers).

ICPI is a trade association whose mission is to increase the use of segmental concrete pavement systems in North America. Applications for concrete pavers include driveways, patios, walkways, roofs, airports, streets, ports, and stadiums. ICPI members include producers, contractors, design professionals and consultants. ICPI promotes the highest product standards through ICPI product certification and installation standards through ICPI contractor certification. ICPI publishes the *Interlocking Concrete Pavement Magazine*, along with marketing and technical resources for design professionals, contractors, and homeowners.

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