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Picture-Perfect Patio? New Book Helps Homeowners Imagine Ideal Outdoor Living Spaces

Washington, D.C. — The weather's great. Sunshine beckons. Flowers bloom. But you're stuck staring out the window because your home has no patio. No fun.

Solve that problem with a copy of "The Patio Portfolio: An Inspirational Design Guide" (ISBN 0764320505), by David R. Smith and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute, published by Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.

Go ahead. Grab an iced tea...or iced anything...and take this book outside. Plop down where you can look around at your yard and your home.

Then open The Patio Portfolio and let your eyes and mind feast on the colorful photo ideas. Imagine sitting on your own picture-perfect patio. How would it look...and feel?

Judging from the ideas offered in The Patio Portfolio, it would feel great. Vibrant, durable interlocking concrete pavers would support you in motion or at rest. The pavers' designs and colors--from earth-toned to summer-sun brilliant--would refresh your gaze at every glance.

The Patio Portfolio will help you--and even your favorite landscape 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

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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.

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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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