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“Whatever the size of your home, there will be a selection of edible plants you can grow indoors, as long as you have some natural daylight filtering in,” says Zia Allaway, author of “Indoor Edible Garden: Creative Ways to Grow Herbs, Fruit and Vegetables in Your Home.” “The areas where plants will grow can be windowsills, beneath a skylight or even in a dark, unlit area if you install grow lights.”

In “Indoor Edible Garden,” a highly visual guide full of practical tips and stylish ideas, Allaway offers step-by-step directions for everything from creating suspended shelves and hanging jars for growing herbs to mounting edible orchids onto bark and displaying them on walls. She points out that those embarking on indoor gardening should first evaluate the level of time they can commit.

“Just remember that unlike other projects in the home, such as decorating and cooking, all gardening projects require some aftercare. So, if you have a busy schedule, choose crops that will tolerate less watering and feeding.”

Flower Arranging

While your flower garden is likely a beautiful work of art in and of itself, you can spread the joy by harvesting your flora and bringing the beauty indoors. Floral arrangements add vitality to any interior space.

“For me, every arrangement starts with the container. Think about what mood or style you want to evoke, and remember, anything can be a container as long as it can be made watertight,” says Rachel Siegfried,

author of “The Flower Book: Natural Flower Arrangements for Your Home,” which explores 60 flowers, bloom-by-bloom in portraiture, including quick-reference profiles and tips.

Siegfried recommends that, when selecting flowers for your arrangement, pay attention to shapes, textures and colors to achieve good balance. Start with a primary focal flower and build out with a couple of secondary focals, a final flourish, and foliage.

For her part, she relies on instinct. “I get a ‘buzz’ when I find a good combination,” she says.

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Samm Sound: Outdoor Entertainment Experts

by Katie Thompson



Pictured from left to right: Mike, Vic, Al DiMeo.

Picture a sunny summer afternoon. The baseball game is playing on the television mounted on the deck, burgers are on the grill and cold drinks are in the cooler, above which the sound of the game blares through surround sound speakers. Although it may seem like a scene from a commercial, outdoor entertainment systems are becoming more popular for the average family. No longer do guests have to stand in an open doorway to get a glimpse of the ball game and enjoy the weather. Now, families and friends can spend more time outside together. “We can now take the comfort and enjoyment of your indoor living space and bring it to the outdoors,” says SAMM Sound owner, Al DiMeo.

SAMM Sound is located at 1103 Bloomfield Ave in Caldwell, NJ and has been providing clients with indoor and outdoor entertainment systems for years. DiMeo asks potential customers to “let SAMM Sound design and install a truly great outdoor entertainment system.... We have the experience, the insurance, we warranty the products, and we service what we sell.” SAMM Sound offers a wide variety of products including; Bose, Boston Acoustics, Yamaha, Marantz, Martin Logan, Monitor Audio, Niles Audio, Origin Acoustics, RBH Sound, Sonance, Speakercraft, Stealth Acoustics, Stereo Stone, Sunfire, TDG Audio and Velodyne. DiMeo and his team encourage customers to “come visit and see what they look like and what they sound like.”

SAMM Sound even has speakers that blend into an outdoor setting, disguised as rocks or mushrooms, so as not to disrupt the backyard panorama. The best part about SAMM Sound’s outdoor set-ups is that their televisions and speakers are completely weather proof. That means no lugging equipment inside and outside whenever it rains and no tripping over cords to set up music by the pool.

One of the outdoor televisions that SAMM Sound offers is SunBrite, a leading brand in outdoor entertainment. SunBrite offers televisions ranging in size from 32 inches to 84 inches all of which are weather proof. One of SunBrite’s televisions is made specifi-

cally for full-shade environments such as under-nest patios while another is made for full-sun areas. The different types of SunBrite televisions allow for the least possible glare and the best possible picture quality. For example, the SunBrite Pro Series is a completely weather-proof television with tempered glass and a heat-resistant screen to protect against even the harshest of weather conditions. Paired with top-of-the-line speakers, the perfect outdoor entertainment is more than possible.

One of the speaker systems SAMM Sound offers is Sonos speakers, which allow customers the ability to pair their smart device music apps such as Spotify directly with the wireless speakers. Sonos speakers do not have to be synced, however, meaning one family member could be outside listening to Led Zeppelin while another is inside listening to Ed Sheeran in the kitchen. If hosting an indoor and outdoor party, Sonos speakers can be synced to play the same music throughout the house and outside. One of the most interesting accessories for speaker systems that SAMM Sound offers is Trueplay. Trueplay is a speaker tuning program that measures the size

and shape of a room including anything in the room that may disrupt the sound quality and adjusts the speakers to play accordingly. All of the products SAMM Sound offers are on display and ready to be explained by staff on site.

DiMeo and his team stress customer relations and the importance of leaving customers happy, willing to return for repeat business, and spread the good reputation of SAMM Sound; "We pride ourselves on our relationships with our customers...it's part of why we've been in business so long," explains DiMeo. Spend more time outside this summer with family and friends. Don't wait for Memorial Day Weekend or Fourth of July to start planning an outdoor entertainment area. The time is now, visit SAMM Sound's impressive showroom, receive a demonstration from their knowledgeable and friendly staff, and start planning the outdoor entertainment area that seemed possible only in dreams.



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