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"Reflecting the Italian Renaissance villa tradition of the pleasure house, this pavilion has no practical purpose other than the giving of pleasure," architect David E. Austin, of Austin Patterson Disston Architects in Southport, Connecticut, says of the one he constructed for clients on their rolling, wooded property in Greenwich (above). The modernist steel, glass and stucco building—erected on the site of a razed guesthouse—

features a soaring canopy overlooking the principal entertaining space and adjoining expansive stone terrace. "Its asymmetric form relates the skewed axis of the guesthouse footprint to that of the main residence." Inside, walls of glass and a Canadian-elm floor frame the multiuse gathering area (right), which interior designer designer Gavin Johnston Stewart arranged with strikingly contoured, comfortable furnishings.

