

Water Signs

► **HoldenWater:** HoldenWater's full-service offerings include landscape architecture and contracting, and they make everything from pools to ponds to entire water parks. They fold their knowledge of art history and architecture into the designs—water, they say, is a tool for artistic expression. Spanish and Mission re-creations and pools in historical context are their specialties. Starting around \$200,000. 714.626.0333, www.waterarchitecture.com

▼ **Questar Pools:** Skip Phillips, in the pool business since 1975, has been called the most influential pool designer worldwide. He creates his aquatic environments to fit both with the natural surroundings and the architecture that shares them. Known for his signature complex mechanical maneuvers and vanishing border pools, Phillips has earned the nickname "Mr. Negative Edge." Design only starts at \$4,000. 760.751.2507, www.questarpools.com

► **David Tisherman's Visuals:** David Tisherman is to pools as Frank Lloyd Wright is to buildings—a visionary as much as a designer and engineer. Some of his creations look as though they have always lived in their chosen spot; others have become conversation pieces. With offices on both coasts, he incorporates everything from a home's facade to its views to create his concepts; projects range from a millpond with a waterwheel to a red plastered pool inspired by Mexican architecture. \$75,000 to more than \$2 million. 310.379.6700, www.tisherman.com **LISA SELIN DAVIS**



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