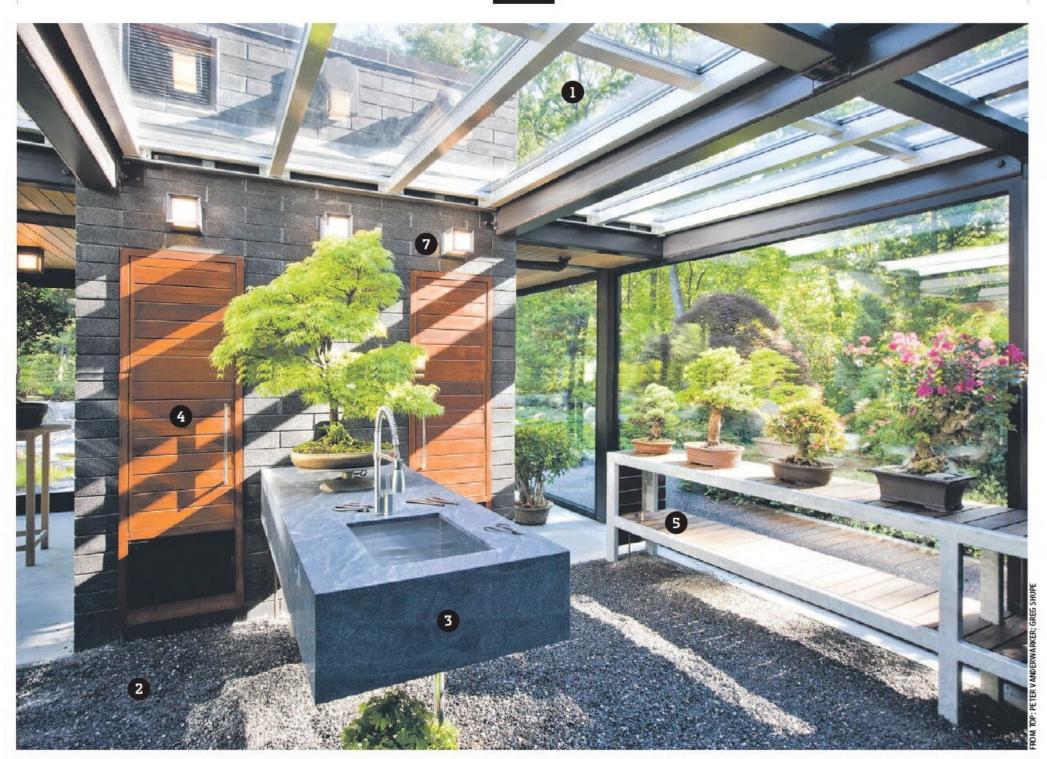
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A Place to Bond With His Bonsai

A breakdown of a homeowner's \$228,000 bonsai house, a 700-square-foot glass structure where miniature trees are watered, wired, pinched and pruned on mahogany worktables



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A BONSAI COLLECTOR spent nearly \$228,000 to create a potting shed worthy of his 15 rare, miniature trees. The ethereal glass-

and-steel pavilion seems to float above a rock garden at his home on 16 acres near Boston.

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The 700-square foot bonsai house is divided into two distinct environments. One side has a fireplace, a table and comfortable seating. The other side is a sunlit potting room where the miniature trees—a 400 year-old juniper and a Lilliputian maple, among others—are watered, wired, pinched, pruned and repotted on mahogany worktables. The potting room's zen-like simplicity masks a sophisticated mechanical and drainage system. "You can literally open up a hose on that floor, and all the water will sink into the ground," said architect Co-

lin Flavin, who designed the glass house in collaboration with landscape architect Peter White.

The 69-year-old homeowner, the co-founder of a real-estate investment management company, enjoys reading and relaxing in the glass house with a cigar. He leaves the actual potting to an array of specialists, including a bonsai master who occasionally flies in from Japan.



TWO SIDES Half of the bonsai house, top, is dedicated space for tending the tiny trees. The other side of the structure has a fireplace and seating, above, for the homeowner and guests.

- 1. The custom **skylight** was designed to provide maximum light and winter warmth. **Price:** Wasco Pinnacle Series 350 Skylight, \$50-\$100 per square foot depending on glass type and finish
- 2. 28 tons of crushed salt-and-pepper granite atop a concrete slab provide drainage and comfortable footing.
 Price: \$20 per ton from local gravel yard
- **3.** A **potting counter** made of honed jet mist granite encases a cantilevered worktable with a sink.
- Price: \$31.87 per square foot from Walker
- **4.** The **cedar cabinets** were designed to store tools, while concealing the electrical panel and access to mechanical equipment.

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- Price: \$1,850 for both cabinets
- **5.** The galvanized steel and mahogany work benches, designed by project architect Howard Raley, are waterproof; there's a discrete hose bib on each bottom shelf. **Price:** \$9,000 per bench
- **6.** A contemporary **gas fireplace** warms the sitting room in winter; an automatic **gasfired heater** on the opposite side keeps the bonsais at a comfortable 50 degrees. **Price:** \$3,620 for the Montigo L42DF directvent fireplace unit; \$1,648 for the Modine Hot Dawg HDS75 heater for the trees
- 7. The bronze-colored steel-and-glass light fixtures echo the architecture.

 Price: \$495 for the Bega LED 2453 ceiling and wall light



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