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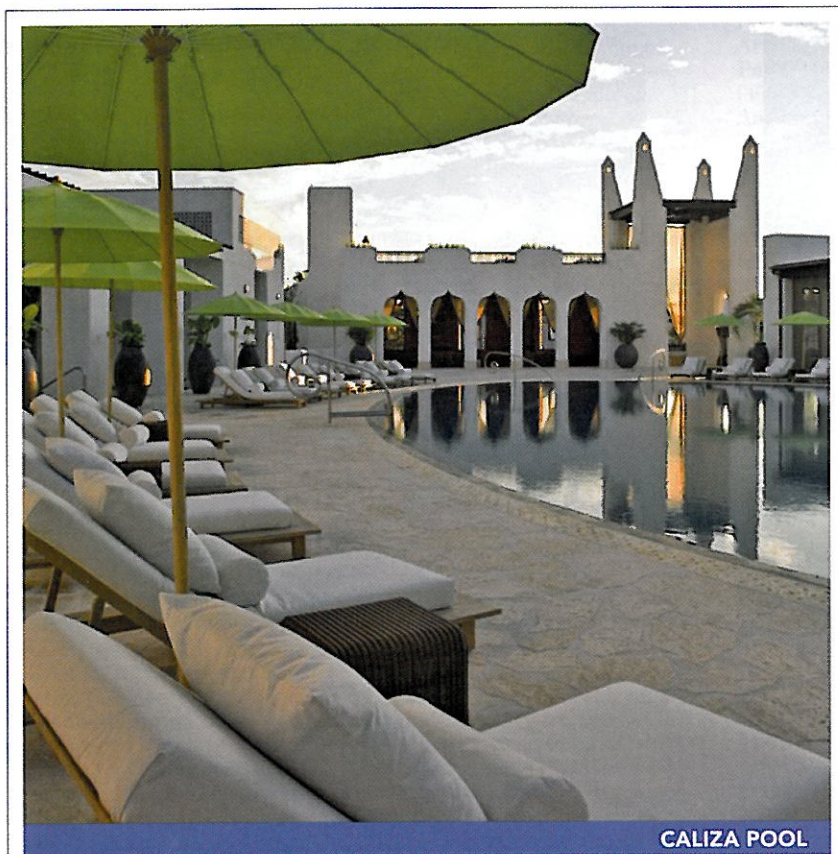
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CALIZA POOL

Posh Pools

Even with the heat and humidity, we love the great outdoors. These pools make us want to jump in and embrace the season.

Biltmore Hotel

Coral Gables (305/445-8066, www.biltmorehotel.com)

"It's so peaceful to sit in a cabana and look out at the lagoonlike pool."

—writer Suzy Buckley

Caliza Pool

Alys Beach, FL (850/213-5500, www.alysbeach.com)

"When designing Caliza, our hope was to provide an experience that would give the beach a run for its money. We sought to engage all the senses through color, scale, and texture." —Erik Vogt, Khoury & Vogt Architects

Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas

(972/717-0700, www.fourseasons.com)

"Sitting in the water, playing backgammon at the pool's edge with a friend is the perfect way to beat Texas' unbearable July heat." —jewelry designer Elizabeth Showers

The Greenbrier

White Sulphur Springs, WV (304/536-1110, www.greenbrier.com)

"This indoor pool is a fantastical creation—an Olympic-size oasis shimmering amid long colonnades and blowsy, floral-patterned curtains. Splashing about was never so glamorous." —writer Jason Oliver Nixon

Lake Austin Spa Resort

Austin (512/372-7300, www.lakeaustin.com)

"The Palm Pool, surrounded by billowing cabanas, is a great spot for napping or relaxing with a good book." —Associate Editor Alison Miller

W Atlanta-Downtown

Atlanta (404/582-5800, www.starwoodhotels.com)

"The most stylish hotel pool in Atlanta is the new W downtown. It's where glamorous tourists and locals can enjoy an urban scene."

—Andrea Moattar, Moattar, Ltd.

Seasonal Trend

Honey

Natural variations in the flower nectar that bees use to make honey give rise to different flavors and colors. Knowing that some of the best honey comes from the South, our staff taste-tested several local honeys to determine our favorites.



L.L. Lanier & Son's Tupelo Honey

Wewahitchka, FL (850/639-2371, www.lltupelohoney.com)

This is a good everyday honey to keep in your cabinet for toasted bagels. We like its light taste.

MtnHoney

Clarksville, GA (706/754-7062, www.mtnhoney.com)

The sourwood variety with the comb is a favorite. It holds a gold medal from the World Honey Show.

The Naked Bee

Laytonsville, MD (240/793-0363, www.nakedbee.com)

The slender, elegantly shaped bottle would look perfect on a brunch table.

Range Honey

Weston, TX (972/567-2542, www.rangehoney.com)

We like the taste of the peach and strawberry creamed honeys to peach cobbler and strawberry cake.

Round Rock Honey

Round Rock, TX (512/828-5416, www.roundrockhoney.com)

This dark-colored honey goes straight from the hive into the bottles, making it rich and well-balanced.

Savannah Bee Company

Savannah, GA (912/234-0688, www.savannahbee.com)

We plan to keep the orange blossom variety near the office tea bar to sweeten our Earl Grey.



Editor Insight

Having grown up in a large family, I have fond memories of the times my four sisters and I spent with our aunt in her garden, where you could find corn, okra, squash, tomatoes, eggplant—and Aunt Trannie,

one of my favorite companions, always in a big straw hat. At harvest time, I was in charge of shelling peas in big dishpans. Accustomed to a pantry stocked with summer's harvest, I didn't learn until college that you could actually purchase canned tomatoes.

These days, I've found wonderful places to pick my own fresh finds from the garden. One of my favorites is Petals From the Past (205/646-0069, www.petalsfromthepast.com) in Jemison, Alabama. Find a farm in your area at www.pickyourown.org. A word of advice—tall rain boots work best to keep away the inevitable red bugs.

—Market Editor Amanda Kathryn Smith