

'Manspace' up for grabs

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Here's a home-design contest with a twist — women need not apply.

Gault Stone, a Westport-based mason and landscape supplier, announced recently the Gault Outdoor ManSpace Competition. The contest, in which men write a 250-word essay explaining why he should win, is being run in conjunction with several local businesses, including two from Norwalk.

The winner will receive an outdoor "manspace" installation valued at \$10,000. Wilton landscape architect Dickson DeMarche of The LaurelRock Company will design the space and Norwalk mason Nick DiCostanzo of DiCostanzo Masonry Contractors will build it. Materials

will be donated by Gault Stone and amenities such as grill will be donated by Aitoro's, a Norwalk appliance store.

The winner will be announced Father's Day weekend. The completed outdoor manspace will be featured in the July issue of Fairfield County Home.

"All men can identify with the ManSpace concept," Sam Gault, president of Gault, Inc., said in a release. "We know that men are seeking a greater backyard identity beyond just mowing the lawn and flipping the burgers. We're thrilled to help make one lucky man's dream a reality."

The deadline for the online 250-word essay competition, which is open to all Fairfield County residents, is April 30. Visit www.gault-stone.com to submit an essay.

