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Since 2002, L.A. lighting designer **Cheryl Townsend** has combined her background as a ceramic artist with a passion for textiles to conjure unique designs that illuminate private homes around the world. Having collaborated with interior designers as well as residential clients, Townsend recently introduced her Lucite lamps at West Hollywood's Mecox Gardens. "Lucite is popular because the clear material is so transitional," says Townsend, who also uses "transitional" to describe her own aesthetic. Her chunky Lucite collection includes The Feng Shui floor lamp, which rises from multiple Lucite pieces unevenly stacked, and the cleaner Fate pendant—a perfect translucent square ideal for modern kitchens. Up next: a collection of lamps crafted from sustainable materials. cheryltownsend.com.

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Northern California's hot summers. Also on hand: elegant garden furniture by Janus et Cie and colorful French Fermob bistro sets. 1634 Jerrold Ave., S.F., 415-626-7256; floragrubb.com. DIANE DORRANS SAEKS

