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CREATING A GRAND GETAWAY

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UNIQUE OUTDOOR ESCAPES REPLACE VACATION TRIPS AS THE NEW FAMILY GETAWAY.

Some projects truly allow a home to shine. And since travel is still restricted for most of us, homeowners need their backyards to step up and provide the oasis they usually find in a vacation escape.

One recent project completed by Old North State Landscape Development comes to mind. The focus was on creating hardscape elements that provided the homeowner with a way to host the family's weekly outdoor get-togethers with friends and neighbors. The completed project delivers an outdoor eat-in kitchen for dining and entertaining, plus many other features that are both fun and functional.

The project focused on designing a formal, yet relaxing, entertainment space. We started by creating a grand entrance to the backyard, with a wall made of Old Charleston natural stone, capped with Tennessee stone, and adorned with a

wrought-iron archway gate. In Old North State's tradition of paying special attention to details pertinent to each individual project, we took time to handpick the brown stones in the wall to give the homeowners the color effect that they found most interesting.

The spacious cabana that encompasses the new outdoor kitchen and dining area is steps away from the house's new deck and features more two-inch thick natural Tennessee stone as a unique countertop with a custom waterfall edge. Other special details, such as the tongue-and-groove ceiling, the modern chandelier, the wall fans, a TV that rises from the cabinet, surround sound, and the eight-foot-tall focal-point water feature and privacy wall customize the space specifically for this homeowner's wishes and needs. A charming adjoining bridge installed to the right of the cabana provides a safe route to cross over a dry creek bed to access additional patio entertainment space. On the left side of the cabana, a pergola shades a large daybed swing to create another entertaining vignette.





In many of our projects, existing hardscape and landscape areas must be taken into account to ensure that the newly added elements are in scale with the final design. At Old North State, we specialize in integrating the entire landscape experience in a custom process, incorporating unique features that are special for each client. Our clients appreciate that the entire project is a turnkey affair. We handle all hardscape, landscape, carpentry, pool installation, irrigation, lighting, and appliances to make design and installation a seamless experience. No additional contractors are needed to complete a total backyard renovation, which makes the project much easier for our clients—they have a single point of contact with Old North State. Plus, there's an option for lifetime maintenance through our HomeCare Maintenance services, so homeowners never have to think about daily maintenance again and can spend their time enjoying their new outdoor living areas. ♦

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