



# OUTDOOR LIVING *Experience*



**A**t the Custom Home + Remodel Show held August 27-29, 2010 at Gaillard Auditorium, everything seemed much the same—hundreds of custom home and remodeling vendors showcasing their products and services, homeowners and their families making their way from display to display, and the Charleston Home + Design staff busily flitting from place to place. However, one conspicuous difference at the show had visitors and vendors alike abuzz with excitement. Debuting for the first time, the Outdoor Living Experience—located under a massive 40- by 85- foot tent outside the Gaillard Auditorium—provided

patrons a peaceful meandering pathway amongst lush outdoor landscaping and spaces, making it easy for homeowners to imagine how the outdoor products showcased might be utilized in their own backyards.

Spearheading the effort was local landscape design and installation company Designing Innovative Gardens (DIG), who coordinated the construction of the entire Outdoor Living Experience. Several other local companies (listed in the resource guides) contributed hardscaping, sod, mulch, outdoor misting, and more to the outdoor oasis.

**EXPRESS  
SUNROOMS**  
— area —

- **All Design and Landscaping Material** provided by *D.I.G.* (843) 327-4372
- **10-ft x10-ft Wrought Aluminum Pergola** provided by *Express Sunrooms* (843) 534-3233
- **Old World Cobblestone Paver** provided by *Lowcountry Paver* (843) 784-7104
- **All pavers installed** by *Accubrick Paving Systems* (843) 821-0101
- **Kool Fog High Pressure Misting System** provided by *NextGen Technologies Inc.* (843) 871-8531
- **Outdoor lighting** provided by *Moonlighting Landscape Lighting Systems* (843) 853-3221
- **Coconut speakers** provided by *Island Integrations* (843) 388-9752



**FIELDSTONE CENTER**  
*water feature area*

- **All Design and Landscaping Material** provided by **D.I.G. (843) 327-4372**
- **Water feature** (created with architectural elements from China, large and small trough, and temple window) provided by **Fieldstone Center of Charleston (843) 557-1225**
- **Belgard Pavers** (Mega Bergerac Large Square shown in Ardenes Gray) provided by **Fieldstone Center of Charleston (843) 557-1225**
- **All pavers and water feature** installed by **New Leaf Landscape Construction (843) 452-3652**
- **Furniture** provided by **The Teak Hut (843) 856-2095**
- **Outdoor lighting** provided by **Moonlighting Landscape Lighting Systems (843) 853-3221**
- **Outdoor planter speakers** provided by **Island Integrations (843) 399-9752**



**FIELDSTONE CENTER**  
*fireplace area*

- **FireRock 36-inch outdoor fireplace** (veneered with Thin Weathered Fieldstone, Hearth and Mantel are Sequatchie Sandstone, shown with the large 25-inch x 18.5-inch Tuscan Grill) provided by **Fieldstone Center of Charleston (843) 557-1225**
- **Pikeville Stepping Stone paving material** (in both 18-inch x 18-inch and 24-inch x 24-inch) provided by **Fieldstone Center of Charleston (843) 557-1225**
- **Pavers** installed by **Southern Stonescapes (843) 532-7856**
- **32-inch SunBrite LCD High Definition TV** provided by **Island Integrations (843) 388-9752**
- **Furniture** provided by **The Teak Hut (843) 856-2095**
- **Outdoor lighting** provided by **Moonlighting Landscape Lighting Systems (843) 853-3221**



**WILLIAM SMITH  
FIREPLACES**  
— area —

- **Viking Grill** with double access doors, Uline outdoor rated refrigerator, Stone Profiles kitchen island, patio heaters, Designs By Gary firepit with a waterfall, custom designed fire pit, Primo Grill and Smoker with stainless steel table, Beefeater 4 burner stainless steel grill, Stone table and firepit, architectural stone finished column, Etro Design fireplace burner, and Carolina Fryer all provided by **William Smith Fireplaces** (843) 767-8105
- **Slate Gray Vintage Cobble Pavers** provided by **Cemex** (843) 991-3688
- **Outdoor lighting** provided by **Moonlighting Landscape Lighting Systems** (843) 853-3221
- **All pavers** installed by **Accu-Brick Paving Systems** (843) 821-0121
- **Outdoor audio speakers** provided by **Island Integrations** (843) 388-9752
- **3 ton American Standard Package Unit** provided by **Mills Brothers Heating & Air** (843) 764-1919



**QUALITY  
HARDSCAPES  
& PORCH MASTERS**  
— area —

- **All hardscapes** installed by **Quality Hardscapes** (843) 706-2202
- **Concrete Pavers** provided by **Lowcountry Paver** (843) 784-7104
- **8-ft x 8-ft wrought aluminum pergola** provided by **Porch Masters** (843) 706-2202
- **Furniture** provided by **The Teak Hut** (843) 856-2095

**SMALL WATER  
FEATURE**  
— area —

- **All Design and Landscaping Material** provided by *D.I.G.* (843) 327-4372
- **All Sod** provided by *Sodbusters* (843) 856-0202
- **Basalt Block Fountains** (3 shown) surrounded with *Mexican Beach Pebbles* (shown in Black) provided by *Fieldstone Center of Charleston* (843) 557-1225
- **Fountain** installed by *New Leaf Landscape Construction* (843) 452-3652
- **Recycled glass mulch** provided by *Fisher Recycling* (843) 554-6099
- **Outdoor lighting** provided by *Moonlighting Landscape Lighting Systems* (843) 853-3221



**DOCKMASTERS**  
— area —

- **Dock construction examples and floating dock** provided by *Dockmasters Construction* (843) 559-7010
- **Wood** provided by *Liberty Cedar* (843) 744-0450

**M&M OIL AND  
PROPANE**  
— area —

- **Propane firepit, Big Green Egg, and outdoor furniture** all provided by *M & M Oil and Propane (The Fire Place)* (843) 402-7790



## \$22,000 BACKYARD MAKEOVER CONTEST



Besides spearheading the planning and construction of the Outdoor Living Experience, Patty Craven and Nick Popovich (right) of Designing Innovative Gardens (DIG) also provided landscape design services and led the fulfillment of the \$22,000 Backyard Makeover Prize that was given away to one lucky local. Special thanks to Patty and Nick and the other local companies providing prizes.

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**Designing Innovative Gardens (DIG)-** \$2150 Landscape design services and installation of \$750 in plant material from Lowcountry Nurseries.

**Express Sunrooms-**\$3000 10x10 wrought aluminum pergola

**Fieldstone Center-**\$3000 232 sf (2 pallets) Belgard, Dublin Cobble 3pc pattern, Tumbled, Paver. Base materials for installation. Value of \$1350. Installation by **Southern Stonescapes**. Value of \$1650

**Island Integrations-**\$2500 all weather flat panel TV that protects from rain, dirt, insects, scratches, and extreme temperature ranges.

**Sodbusters-**\$1000 (2 pallets) of zosia turfgrass installed

**Teak Hut-**\$ 2500 teak furniture

**William Smith Fireplaces-**\$2500 Outdoor kitchen island.

**AccuBrick-**\$3000 Hardscape package

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On September 17, 2010, Publisher Tim Barkley and crew played prize patrol when they showed up unannounced at a Mt. Pleasant home to reveal to the owners they were the lucky recipients of the Charleston Home + Design magazine \$22,000 Backyard Makeover Contest. Gracious homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Churchill were overjoyed, and took Tim and the team on a tour of their lackluster backyard. Shortly after their visit with the “prize patrol,” the homeowners began coordinating with Patty and Nick Craven of landscaping design and installation company Designing Innovative Gardens (DIG). Within a matter of months, the Mt. Pleasant pair were enjoying the leisurely life in their brand new beautiful, state-of-the-art backyard.

