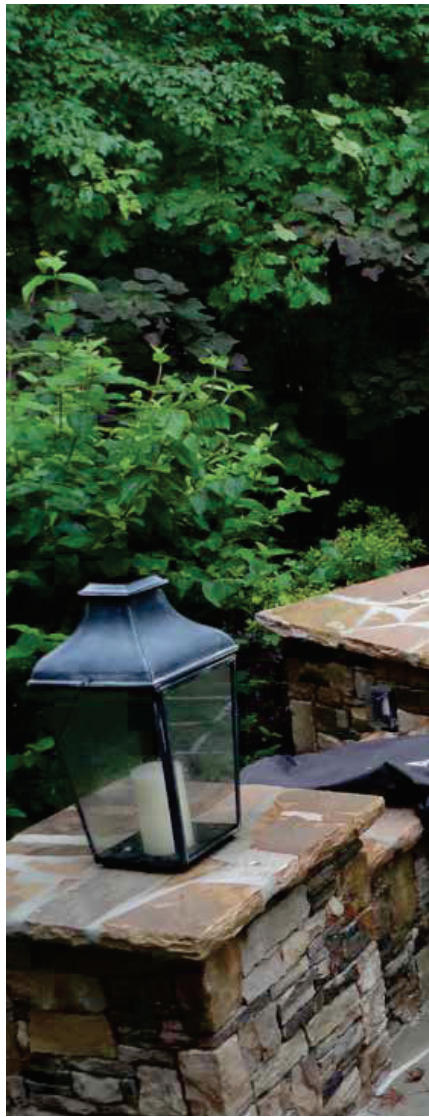




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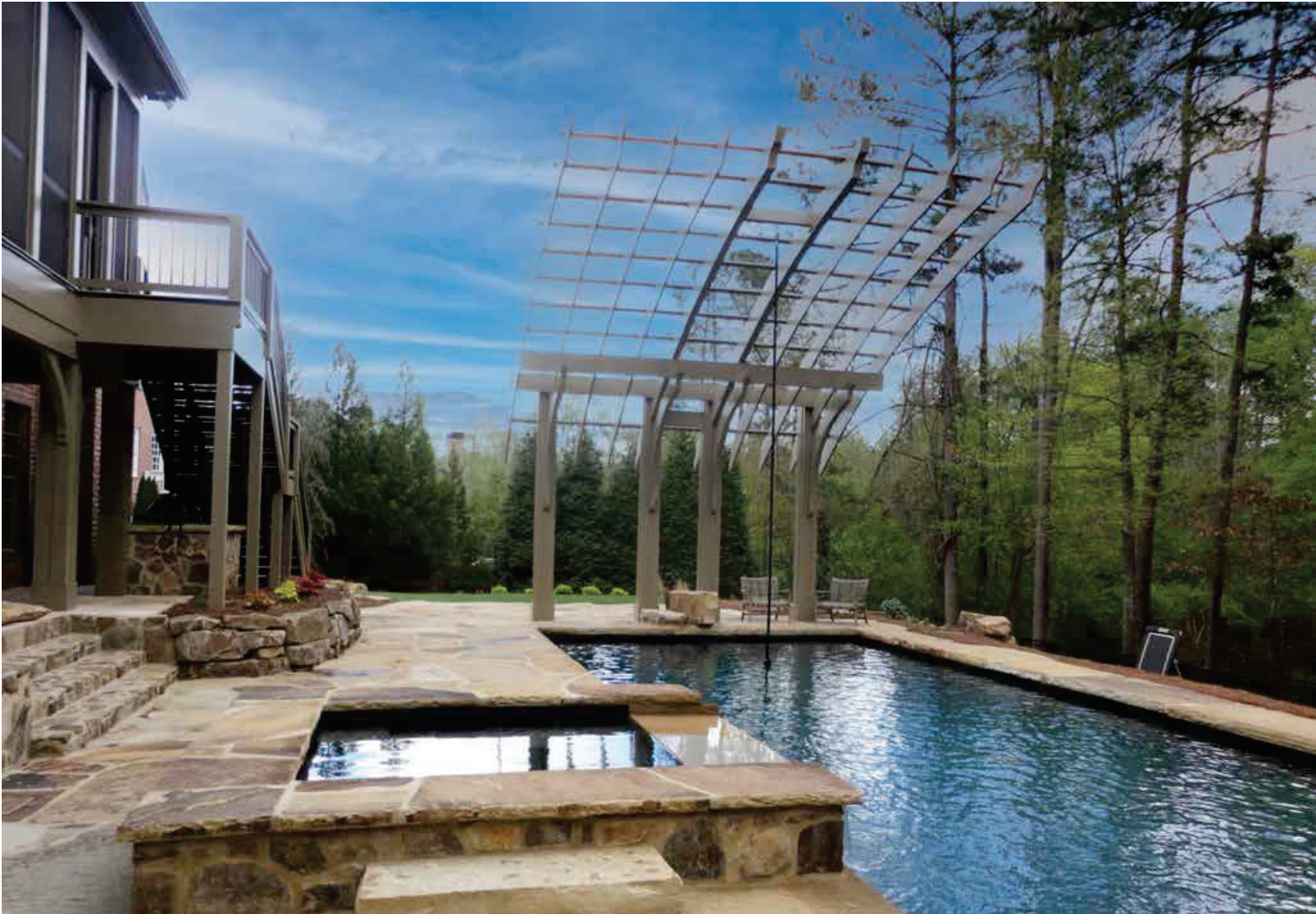
ABOVE: The homeowners of this Atlanta-area property wanted to better enjoy their lush, partially wooded backyard. So, I designed this open patio area to serve double duty as an outdoor kitchen and entertaining area. The beautiful fireplace is the focal point of the space, offering warmth and radiance on cooler evenings. We collaborated with the client on the selection of all the natural stone, opting for a smooth flooring juxtaposed with a more rugged look for the fireplace, columns, and counters.

FACING PAGE TOP: We really enjoy creating one-of-a-kind outdoor environments for our clients — and this particular structure was a fun challenge. I designed this enclosed patio to be curved at the back with a flat-facing front that steps down into the pool. The rafters and wood-paneled ceiling give it an Adirondack-style flavor.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: A screened-in porch leads to this backyard, where manicured landscaping, beautiful stonework, and a fire pit made this outdoor space far more inviting.

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ABOVE: The homeowners brought back a vision for this contemporary, arbor-like structure after seeing something similar at a resort. So, we made it happen! We completely renovated the pool and spa. Then, I designed and engineered the massive steel structure — it was a feat — but the finished product is so striking and unique. It's truly a custom sculpture in their backyard — and their kids love swinging on the rope.

FACING PAGE TOP LEFT: This koi pond, with a quietly soothing waterfall, is the epitome of tranquility in this backyard. I love to use organic shapes, like undulating curves, to enhance the natural essence of outdoor spaces.

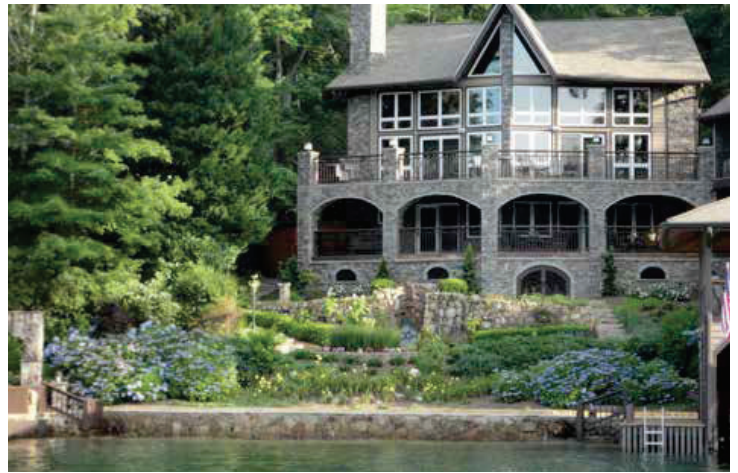
FACING PAGE TOP RIGHT: Another example of curvature in our work, this pool winds around the trees in delightful form. The circular fire pit and seating wall in the foreground and the spa in the background echo the organic shapes in this treehouse-like setting.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: Having a zero-foot beach entry with bubblers in this free-form pool was important for these homeowners with young children. There's also a tanning ledge — and a hot tub — for the adults to enjoy.

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ABOVE: This waterfall feature proved to be the perfect place for the clients' charming statue in their backyard. Not only does it look lovely, it also creates a peaceful ambience with the sound of the water.

TOP, CENTER, AND BOTTOM: We designed the entire backyard expanse of this magnificent estate, which sits on Lake Burton in Georgia, for the owners to better enjoy the water. We put in stone pathways from the main home to the dock and boathouse, ensuring our new additions complemented the 100-year-old wall seen in the bottom photo. We also created an outdoor room with a stone wall and fireplace along with seating areas. Artful layers of foliage and plants add in natural abundance and beauty throughout the entire scene.

FACING PAGE: I like to think of flowers and plants like paint on a canvas, carefully layering in colors and textures to optimize the effect. We're also mindful of seasonal varieties — and what the landscaping will look like when the flowers aren't blooming — creating outdoor spaces that make sense for all seasons.

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