



A flagstone patio sets the stage for a natural-looking pool surrounded by native stone and blooming gardens. Seating areas around the pool and pool house provide plenty of room for entertaining, while a raised hot tub is the ultimate spot for relaxing at the end of a long day.

Natural Wonder

Landscape architect Joe Kagen transforms an ordinary backyard into an outdoor paradise

Landscape architect Joe Kagen of Maryland Pools began drawing up plans for the entire space, keeping in mind that the Trethaways wanted an area that was not only functional, but also lush and natural looking.

The resulting free-form pool is surrounded by natural stone, with a series of waterfalls along one side. Kagen also designed the space to include a pool house at one end, complete with a changing room, shower and kitchenette, and a raised hot tub at the other end. To one side of the pool house, a stone fireplace allows the Trethaways to cook and entertain under the stars. ■

Bob and Kelly Trethaway enlisted the help of Maryland Pools when they decided to add a pool to their home in the Turf Valley Golf Club community in Ellicott City. Instead of just adding a basic pool, the couple wanted to create a showplace for recreation, relaxation and entertaining.



Soothing waterfalls flow from natural stone ledges at one end of the pool, below the raised hot tub.