

ABOVE: Focused on the beach entry topped with NPT Stonescapes, this image also shows an additional three fountains. On the far side of the pool, family and friends can sit in comfort while appreciating the custom stone fireplace.

BELOW: A close-up of the large 12-inch raised fountain area that flows into the pool and spa. Note that the spa is flush with the pool surface and that the coping is done in MasterTile and travertine.

Ask Brad and Patty Stephens, owners of Backyard Amenities, who they consider to be the most important person on their design and construction team and they will answer, "the client." Without a good rapport with their customers, they could never create the fabulous designs that have made their company one of the Houston area's most highly regarded. "We manage each project the same way," says Brad. "We talk things over with the homeowner, understand what is wanted, and communicate constantly, from the backyard evaluation to the first swim."

This type of hands-on customer service is one of

the reasons that the family-owned company enjoys a high referral rate and has been honored with numerous awards and inducted into one of the industry's prestigious hall of fames. Brad and Patty, along with their son, Brandon, are passionate about keeping close tabs on every custom gunite project's transformation from blueprint to swimming pool. All three work with various experts to ensure that the entire poolscape is finished to perfection, typically within 28 days from the start of construction. "We don't take shortcuts, we work hard and conscientiously," explains Patty. "When Brad and I started this company, we made it understood that we

were all about customer service. We give our clients the respect they deserve and the results they demand."

Backyard Amenities is a proud member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals and Carecraft, a national association that brings likeminded pool designers and builders together so they can maintain and enhance their design and construction abilities through continuing education and networking. Carecraft has given Backyard Amenities eight Design of Excellence Awards, and the company has received two Gold Torch Awards from the Better Business Bureau and the Small Business of the Year Monument Award from Lee College. *

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ABOVE: All three of these images show different vantage points of the same extraordinary pool. This overview at night highlights the dramatic landscape and pool lighting. From here, guests can enjoy the four large fountains in a raised area that spills into the rectangular pool and spa.

