

## outdoor spaces



Each rock is carefully selected and placed in just the right spot for maximum effect. This driveway allows water to percolate right through the interlocked stones.

## 2 Grand and Gorgeous

An old wooden fence frames half of the property, also at the Georgian Bay Club. It keeps the grandchildren from the ravine beyond. This feature was carefully chosen and executed by The Landmark Group, along with many other special outdoor features to fit the client's desire to complete their dream home, built by **Dave Harrington** of **Absolute Craftsmen**.

Hard and softscapes work together to enhance the beauty of the landscape. The Subterra paver stone used for the grand driveway entrance allows water to percolate through, preventing puddles from forming on the surface. The look flows seamlessly with the stone and cedar shake exterior of the stunning home.

The look of the wrap-around perennial garden changes as it flows from the front to the side and then to the back of the home. It begins with pine and serviceberry trees and tall grasses and moves to dogwood and creeping juniper and then on to ferns and holly and then to hostas, grasses and more pines. "We wanted to keep everything indigenous," the client says, explaining how she loves walking around her gardens in the evening. Strategically placed garden lights enhance the enjoyment of the outdoor space.

"To us, it was important to make it fit as best we could with the forest here," says her husband, adding that they had to respect the Nipissing Ridge and work with the slope of the lot. The couple wanted destinations in their landscape: a fabulous pool and different places to relax and enjoy the space. That's exactly what they got, with numerous patios, gardens and space on the lawn to play croquet.

They can't say enough about The Landmark Group. "They've got a very dynamic operation and the people who work for them are incredible. They have very distinctive designs and their use of rock and stone is unbelievable." *Continued on page 66*



ABOVE: The pool was built into the structure of the home. A sunroom provides a sheltered place for meals and friends and family to gather on cool nights. Windows from Cedarport.

BELOW FROM LEFT:

The gardens are young, just planted this season, but the design, selection and hardscapes will be enjoyed for years to come.

The iron fence provides a safety barrier for the pool above.

A cool breeze flows through this covered porch at the back of the home.

Three flowerpots add colour, texture and interest to the landscape out front.

