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New Back Yard Garden Area Takes Front Stage

Redmond Landscape Renovation Earns Standing Ovation For Living Earth Landscapes



The lighted steps and pathways are visually enhanced by colorful plants.

After undergoing an extensive home remodel of its lower level and reconstruction of its deck, the Copeland residence in Redmond's Westchester neighborhood was ready for a transformation of its back yard garden area. The owners turned to Living Earth Landscapes of Redmond to design and build the renovation. The project earned the firm a Grand Award in WALP's 2009 Environmental Landscape Awards Program and earned the homeowners a perfect area to relax and entertain.

According to Living Earth Landscapes' Founder/Owner Bill Bowlus, "The project basically was to re-landscape the back garden, including under and around the new deck area, with new pathways and steps leading to and from the new patio."

The garden was east facing on a wooded lot, and the design incorporated replanting some of the larger and more mature specimen plants, Bowlus added. The home itself was built in 1989, so the landscape on the 40,000-plus square foot lot was well established.

"We removed the original patio and larger specimen plants

Cover: Some large and spectacular container plantings help the transition to the mature lawn area that had been retained in the project. The expansive hardscape provides lots of space for lounging and enjoying the sun.

before the lower level was remodeled and the old deck removed," he explained. "Upon completion of the remodeling of the home, we installed a drainage system before installing a new flagstone patio, steps, and walkways, as well as new plants."

The opportunity also presented itself to renovate the perimeter of the landscape, editing the plantings, and transplanting and pruning as needed. The lawn area was retained.

The major challenges for Bowlus were saving the mature plants for later transplanting, dealing with a wet, shady environment, and significant drainage issues close to the house. In the end, the result was transformational and satisfying to the clients.

Bowlus did the design work on the project. Other WALP member firms participating included Rock Mountain Products, Marenakos, Horizon, Vibrant Plants, T&L Nursery, and Pacific Topsoils.

Living Earth Landscapes was created in 2000 by Bill Bowlus, CLT, who has more than three decades of landscaping experience. Living Earth is an environmentally friendly company that prides itself on quality maintenance, installation, and design services. The company specializes in creating innovative landscapes and garden spaces that serve as a wonderful extension of a family's living space.

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Photo 1

The completed patio area under the deck offers a shady and quiet relaxation space.

Photo 2

Living Earth created these steps to the patio doors to the lower level of the residence.

Photo 3

A close up look at the plantings and pathway.

Photo 4

This pathway shows the mature feel of the landscape that utilized many of the pre-existing specimen plants that were transplanted.