

2018

water & garden

SHOWCASE



- June 16 • St. Charles Area • 10 AM TO 3 PM
- July 21 • Naperville Area • 10 AM TO 3 PM
- August 18 • Aurora Area • 10 AM TO 3 PM
- September 15 • Fall Festival • 11 AM TO 9 PM

SEE, LEARN, DO!

Each Showcase offers a Pond Central home, where you can enrich your knowledge and appreciation of the great outdoors and all it offers. During this year's Water & Garden Showcase, we're bringing in a variety of experts to host special activities at the Pond Central locations, ranging from short programs on conservation to food and wine tastings.

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To say that water features provide a multi-sensory experience is a bit of an understatement. When you bring water into your environment, you create a virtual ecosystem with it, and one that is rich in color, fragrance, and life, from verdant plants to friendly frogs, dragonflies, and birds.

Speaking of visitors, if you have water features in your yard or on your patio or deck, you'll likely find yourself enjoying time with family and friends more often. Outdoor entertaining comes naturally in homes with features like ponds, waterfalls, and fountains. Add a firepit or outdoor fireplace, landscape features like gazebos, patios, or seat walls and fill in with all kinds of plants, shrubs, and trees. Discover how your outdoor oasis is a point of attraction for you and anyone you invite to share in the beauty and fun.

Then again, you can simply savor it in solitude. The beauty of it is that it's up to you. While ponds are beautiful to look at from many vantage points inside and outside the home, water features can be interactive as well.

To gather ideas for creating outdoor waterscapes for enjoyment, recreation, or a little of both, join us for the annual Aquascape Construction Water & Garden Showcase in summer 2018. The popular tour kicks off on Saturday, June 16 in St. Charles – the home of Aquascape Construction and the Aquascape Water Gardening Store and Inspiration Center – with stops at eight outdoor oases in this beautiful community.

The Showcase moves to the Naperville area on Saturday, July 21, as eight more homeowners open up their diverse properties to guests for the day. And on Saturday, August 18, the Aurora area is the place to be to check out a variety of water features, demonstrating possibilities in both small and large properties and highlighting ideas for all kinds of lifestyles.

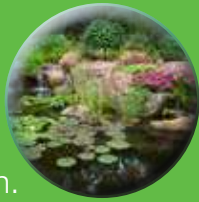
NEW this year at the Aquascape Construction Water & Garden Showcase: special guest speakers and onsite demonstrations at the designated "Pond Central" home in each event location. Learn more about backyard ecosystems and wildlife from a conservation expert; sample locally made fine wines or beers; get inside tips from Master Gardeners. As always, homeowners will be on hand to share their thoughts about what they love about the Aquascape Lifestyle (hint: it's a lot!).

Finish off the season at the Aquascape corporate headquarters in St. Charles on Saturday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., where you can get inspired by and learn more about everything from fountains to cascading waterfalls to koi varieties and enjoy special end-of-season savings.

For additional inspiration, read on for stories behind the water features and tips from the Aquascape pond experts, including founder and CEO Greg Wittstock, The Pond Guy, vice president of field research and sustainability Ed Beaulieu, and construction manager Brian Helfrich.

ST. CHARLES AREA

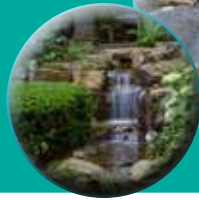
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NAPERVILLE AREA

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AURORA AREA

Saturday, August 18 • 10 AM TO 3 PM



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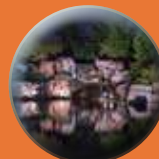


AQUALAND IN ST. CHARLES

Saturday, September 15 • 11 AM TO 9 PM • Fall Festival

5 PM TO 9 PM • Nighttime Celebration

Join us for our annual Fall Festival and end-of-summer Nighttime Celebration! Check out product promotions, a fish and aquatic plant sale, inspirational water feature displays, refreshments, and fun activities for the kids!



Meet “The Pond Guy”

Greg Wittstock, Founder and CEO of Aquascape, Inc.

There’s a wing and a prayer. And then there’s a turtle and some tenaciousness.

Greg Wittstock, The Pond Guy, is founder and CEO of Aquascape, Inc. He has been immersed in water gardens since the age of 12 and has a love of everything water and turtles. After experimenting with ponds for over eight years, Greg had a “light bulb” moment during a drive home from the boring summer job he took during college in 1990. He decided he wanted to do something he loved for a living – he wanted to build ponds. Just 30 seconds later, he had a company name, Aquascape. The next year, he began building ponds during his breaks in the school year. From there he created the Aquascape, Inc. business model, which includes a balance of water feature manufacturing, distribution, retail, and installation.

Today, Aquascape, Inc. is the leading water feature manufacturer in North America and Aquascape Construction is the world’s largest water feature design-build company, with installations all over the world. People in his old suburban neighborhood enjoy living by the water, thanks to his early inspiration to build what he loved, as do people from South America to Southern California and many points in between.

While he has been on the cover of Inc. Magazine and nominated for Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year, among other accolades, Greg is – naturally – most at home when he’s near the water, whether it’s helping a new customer with an installation, leading contractors on industry tours of properties with amazing water features, paddleboarding around the pond at Aquascape headquarters in St. Charles, IL at lunchtime, scuba diving in remote parts of the world, or hanging out with his family in their own outdoor oasis.

“Everyone wants a water feature, they just don’t know it yet,” says Greg. That’s one of his favorite sayings and it’s a truism: just ask the thousands of homeowners who say that it’s not just their outdoor spaces that have been transformed by the addition of water features like ponds, waterfalls, streams, bubblers, bowls, fountains, urns, and other elements, but their lives, thanks to the multi-sensory effects of water.

In addition to providing homeowners and business owners with the satisfying sights and sounds of water features that lend serenity, beauty and, often, greater sustainability to their outdoor living areas, Greg has worked to improve the lives of others through this precious resource. The Aquascape Foundation was founded to provide sustainable solutions for the global water crisis that impacts millions around the world; it’s estimated that 1 in 10 people lack access to clean water. Currently, the Aquascape Foundation is working with International Needs to build a borehole well water system in the Ugandan village of Monde. Learn more about the work of the Aquascape Foundation at aquascapefoundation.org



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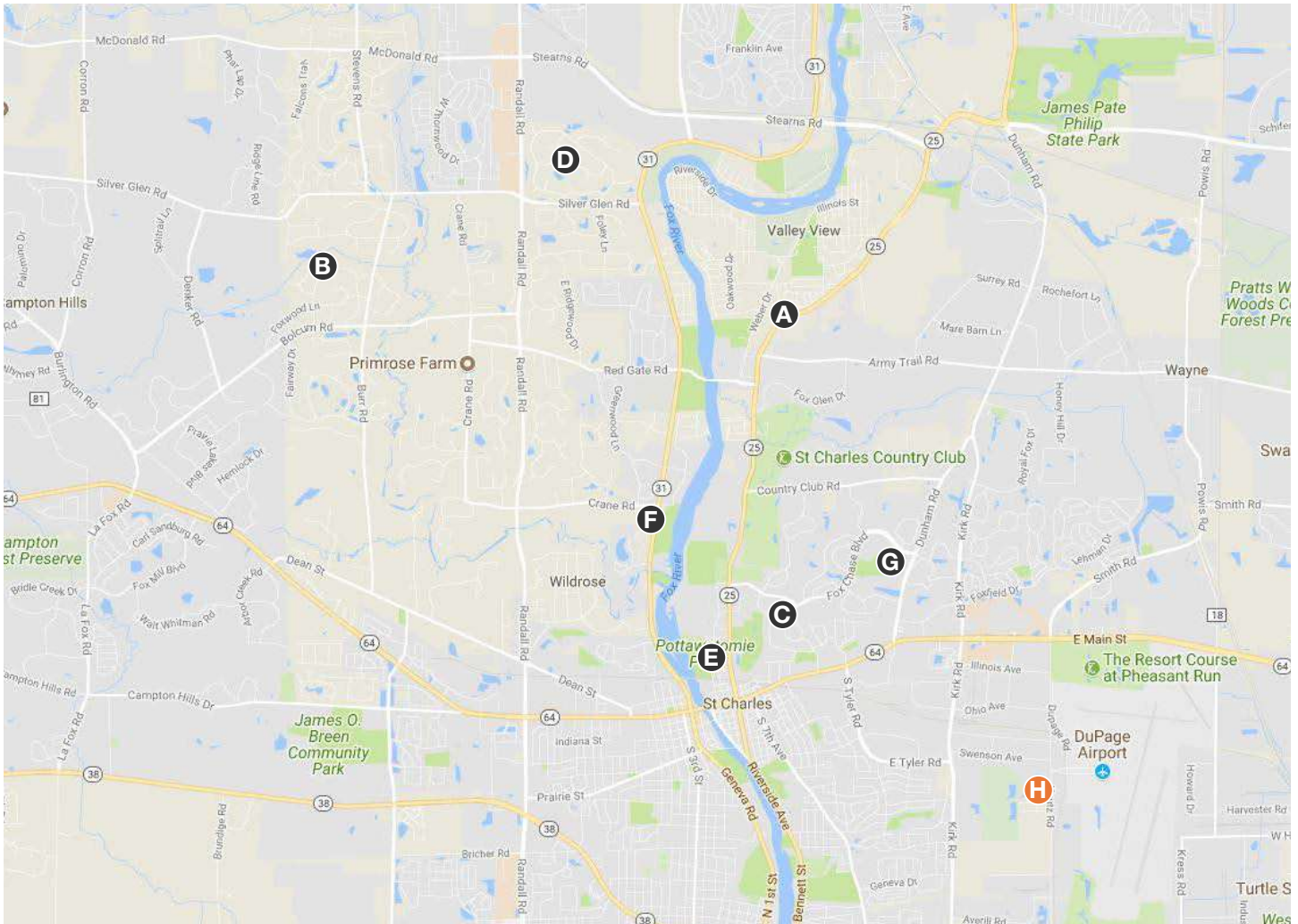
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*“Aquascape ponds are where
art and construction meet.”*

~ Doreen Anderson

ST. CHARLES AREA

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A Anderson Residence
5N981 IL RT 25
St. Charles, IL 60174

D Dinges Residence
36W670 Andrea Ct
St. Charles, IL 60175

G Schuler Residence
17 Southgate Crse
St. Charles, IL 60174

B Cassell Residence
6N407 Old Homestead Rd
St. Charles, IL 60175

E Miller Residence
628 N 2nd Ave
St. Charles, IL 60174

H Aqualand  Pond Central
901 Aqualand Way
St. Charles, IL 60174

C Davis Residence
805 Steeplechase Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174

F Risch Residence
4N493 Old Quarry Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174

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Anderson Residence

5N981 IL RT 25
St. Charles, IL 60174

The Andersons' home came with some water feature history, in the form of a basic pond. They've since turned that history into a legacy. After tending to the small pond for a couple of years, they invited Brian Helfrich of Aquascape to give them ideas for a potential waterfall that would complement the original feature. "After we completed the discussion covering a waterfall-only addition, I asked Brian for his vision if he were to completely re-do the pond," Doreen recalls. "As soon as he described it, I very quickly decided to go 'all in' and that's what we chose." Now that the new waterfall and pond have been completed, the Andersons are mesmerized by it. They especially enjoy the four-season appeal, accenting the area in autumn with pumpkins and mums and appreciating the view of the water moving under the ice in winter. "This summer, I plan to sit on the patio at the ledge with my feet in the water and my granddaughter alongside me when she is visiting," Doreen says.



Cassell Residence

6N407 Old Homestead Rd
St. Charles, IL 60175

Ponds are "a soul refresher" according to Jan Cassell as she reflects on her own pond. It is as much a haven for thought, reflection, and healing as it is a place to appreciate the natural world around her. "I'll go out and sit on the bench to enjoy peace and quiet." Like many pond owners, the Cassells appreciate the habitat that accompanies it. "The fish are my friends — they're getting to be almost two feet now," she says of the couple's aquatic life, which includes two fish named "Bear" and "George" who have been with them since they added the pond. After more than 10 years, the pond is well integrated into the surrounding landscape, which Jan, a retired Master Gardener, tends to herself. As she sees it, planting and caring for flowers, water plants, and even checking the skimmer box, is part of the enjoyment: "Because we love it so much, taking care of it is restful and life affirming." When not outside, Jan and Marty still get the calming effect of water by gazing at it from their all-season sunroom.

Davis Residence

805 Steeplechase Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174

Once you're captivated by the sights and sounds of water features, it can be hard to look at a water-less outdoor space the same way. Just ask Jill. "Many years ago, my daughter had her prom pictures taken outside at Aquascape. Their grounds are beautiful, and I thought if we added a water feature to our yard, they would be our first call," she recalls. Years later, remembering that photogenic backdrop, the Davises did indeed make the call, opting for a low maintenance water feature that would be a focal point off the deck. This is a newer feature, installed in September 2017, so visitors will have an opportunity see a pondless waterfall in its first summer season, and learn about how surrounding landscaping fuses water and land. What is Jill looking forward to most this year? "We're hoping for early warmth so we can 'play' in the backyard!" she declares.

Dinges Residence

36W670 Andrea Ct
St. Charles, IL 60175

The Dinges' agrees wholeheartedly with the notion that water features delight all of the senses. "What we love most about it are the therapeutic sounds of running water, combined with the scenic view," sums up Joe. It's a welcoming view, with a pondless stream beginning at the end of the driveway and extending down through the back yard. Guests enter the outdoor oasis by walking across a stone slab bridge over the water and down to the patio. The multisensory impact of the space extends to the many plantings, which include a colorful flower garden with a host of annuals and perennials and a bountiful vegetable garden teeming with tomatoes, peppers, onions and other edibles that are nourished by a drip irrigation system. The couple even built a 7' arched trellis for growing cucumbers.

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Miller Residence

628 N 2nd Ave
St. Charles, IL 60174

As it is, the Milers have a scenic vista from their home near Pottawatomie Park in downtown St. Charles. But they made their view even better – drawing inspiration from the Fox River and the area around it – with a Pondless® Waterfall and accompanying Midwest-sourced natural stones that they added in 2017, a couple of years after they moved into their home. As previous pond owners – they had a pond and 40-foot stream at their former property – the pair knew they wanted some kind of water element in their yard, even if it was a smaller space. The waterfall works well, running 24/7/365, and looking as beautiful in the early morning as it does at night, when lit up. The numerous perennials and annuals that encircle the area lend layered color and texture to their outdoor surrounding in the summertime. The Millers continue their pond lifestyle in the fall, sitting outside near the firepit.

Risch Residence

4N493 Old Quarry Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174

“Even the pizza delivery guy and the neighbors enjoy the sound and beauty of our water feature. It’s a gift to everyone,” says Jennifer Risch of their unique front yard water feature. It’s a gift of beauty and serenity. Built into the natural slopes of the property, the front area includes a 75’ stream with six waterfalls and a pond in the middle. Guests walk over a bridge to the front door, and, around the house, they are greeted by a larger pond filled with koi and flanked by interesting pathways. The pool area includes a stunning slate column fountain, which complements basalt columns behind the house. A moving memorial garden that Jennifer created in memory of her sister includes a spillway fountain that evokes and encourages quiet reflection. The meaning of water is important to Jennifer, who grew up on a small lake. “I enjoy what happens in the pond, whether it’s the surprise of seeing a duck in the morning, hearing the call of frogs or watching the movement of the koi. I love hearing the movement and life in my yard that only water can bring,” she remarks.

Schuler Residence

17 Southgate Crse
St. Charles, IL 60174

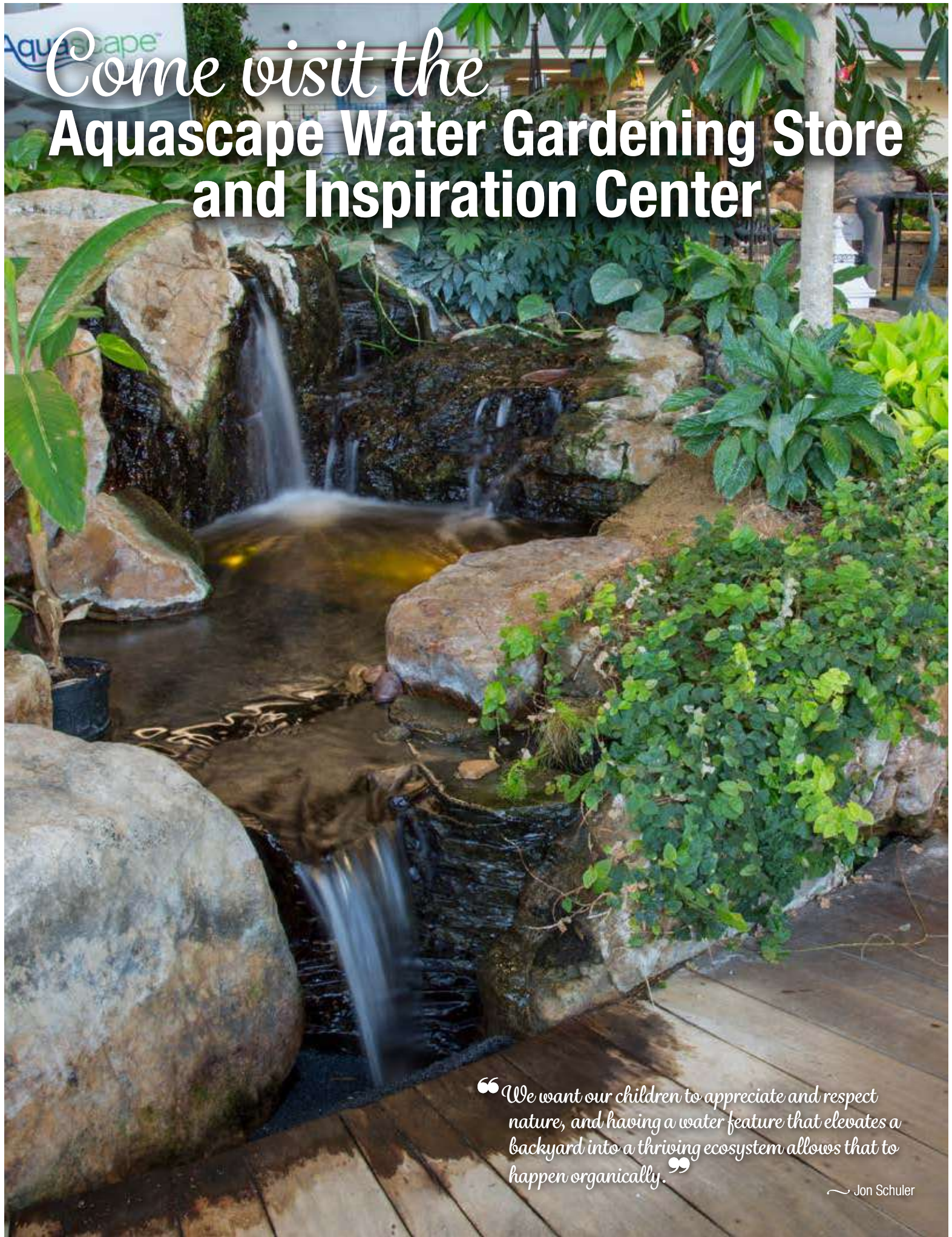
When deciding to put in a pondless water feature, Meredith and Jon wanted to be sure the space could be enjoyed by their children, in addition to providing a habitat for birds and serving a functional role in mitigating water runoff issues. “The Aquascape crew was still packing up and our kids had already jumped in and started to play in the water,” Jon said. In addition to entertaining their son and daughter, it’s also an interactive spot for Jon, an avid birder. He has seen an increase in species in his backyard since the water feature was added, including birds like warblers, orioles, hummingbirds, and bluebirds. Meanwhile, the water runoff challenges have abated due to a pondless design that incorporated downspout runoff from the house and screened-in porch, as well as the sump pump. “It’s difficult to narrow down what we like most because having a water feature doesn’t just change one thing, it changes your lifestyle,” Jon said. “We get outside more. We’re more observant. We get our hands dirtier. We listen more intently. We engage with each other more. We smell the flowers. If anything, our water feature has provided our family the opportunity to spend more quality time together.”



Aqualand *~ Pond Central*

901 Aqualand Way
St. Charles, IL 60174

When you’re in the “water garden capital of the world”, be sure to stop at the place it all started: Aquascape headquarters in St. Charles. Visit the Aquascape Water Gardening Store and Inspiration Center, which includes several displays of water features, starting with small tabletop fountains and extending to large ecosystem ponds and waterfalls. A highlight of the Aqualand experience is the 10-foot outdoor waterfall, complete with a grotto for a behind-the-falls view.



Come visit the
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“We want our children to appreciate and respect nature, and having a water feature that elevates a backyard into a thriving ecosystem allows that to happen organically.”

— Jon Schuler



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September – October

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Sun	10 AM – 2 PM

November

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Sat	9 AM – 2 PM
Sun	CLOSED

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“No matter how challenging the day, when you step out the back door and hear the water, the stresses of the day melt away.”

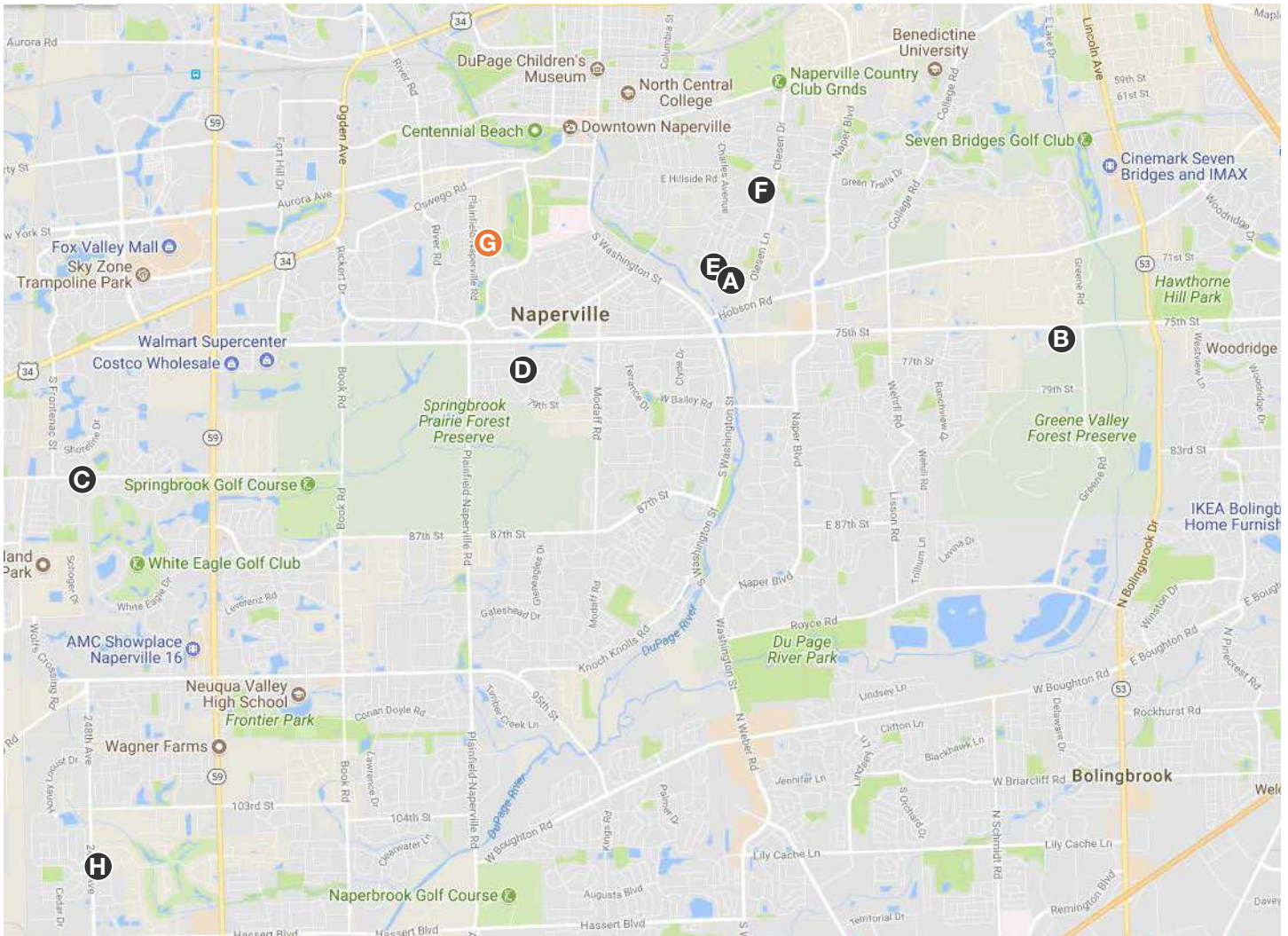
~ Chris Coultrip

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587 Clarissa Ct
Naperville, IL 60540

D Crouse Residence
724 Cardigan Ct
Naperville, IL 60565

G Miller Residence *~ Pond Central*
27W675 South Ln
Naperville, IL 60540

B Columbo Residence
3845 Gladstone Dr
Naperville, IL 60565

E Lange Residence
1122 Hobson Mill Dr
Naperville, IL 60540

H Stout Residence
10638 Muirfield Dr
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Arthofer Residence

587 Clarissa Ct
Naperville, IL 60540

"It looks like it was always here," says Torie Arthofer of the Pondless® Waterfall and stream in her backyard. Ultimately, that's the goal of any water feature design: to be integrated in a naturally aesthetic way into the existing surroundings, using the features of the space as a guide. In the case of the Arthofers, the existing yard had a sloped elevation, making it suitable for the waterfall. "We wanted the water to be able to flow from the upper part to the lower part," she explains. Aquascape designers elongated a stream that meanders close to the waterfall, which they can see, along with the waterfall, from vantage points in both of their patios, one near the back deck and one built up on the elevated area of their yard. A mix of colorful annual flowers and shade-loving perennials, along with some moss that's grown in on the waterfall rocks, lend vibrancy during the summer months.



Anrthofer Residence

Columbo Residence

3845 Gladstone Dr
Naperville, IL 60565

There is a bit of serendipity in the name of the street on which the Colombos live. After all, they love the combination of water and flagstone in their yard, which provides a backdrop for rest, relaxation and entertaining and which, yes, makes them glad they added the feature last year. In 2017, the Aquascape team of experts — "I like to call them water architects," says Marlene — redesigned their outdoor area, installing a new pond and waterfall. "The rock formations that they placed in the pond make the waterfall curve," she explains. While the waterfall has captured the Colombos' attention, it's also become a haven for birds, who enjoy the occasional "bath" under the water. An avid gardener with an affinity for hardy varieties, Marlene had fun last season planting around the new pond and waterfall and is looking forward to the first full summer season of the pair's pond and garden lifestyle.

Coultrip Residence

3656 Monarch Cir
Naperville, IL 60564

Like planting a seed, some ideas take some time to develop and take root. That's how water gardening was for Chris and Bob Coultrip, avid gardeners who began with vegetable gardening and moved into broader landscape gardening, including landscaping with conifers. As their interest in conifers grew (their property includes over 200 conifer trees!), they visited many landscapes that incorporated water features, something that intrigued them, and they installed a pond in the mid-1990s. They then worked closely with Brian Helfrich to update the water feature, adding a second pond, and integrating the water areas more fully with other elements, including patios and mature trees. "We found that water gardens added an element of serenity, and the sound of water increased our privacy by masking outside suburban noise," recalls Chris. When asked, Bob stated his favorite part about water features were the fish and frogs, while Chris says she enjoys low maintenance but high beauty water plants and water lilies.



Crouse Residence

Crouse Residence

724 Cardigan Ct
Naperville, IL 60565

Talk about a blank canvas! When the Crouses bought their home a decade ago, they realized the big, flat and open back yard was ideal for creating a pond, something they had at their previous property. Looking for something low maintenance, they opted for a creek, extending about 60 feet, with multiple waterfalls and charming wooden bridges. Jane and Howie expanded the deck and added two patios, including one with a pergola, fireplace and multiple seating spots. They enjoy adding to the garden beds around the creek, planting ornamental grasses, evergreens and a variety of perennials, filled in with annuals for season-long color. Today, the pond is a focal point for the Crouses and has become a neighborhood gathering place for friends and relatives to enjoy the sights and sounds of the water.

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Lange Residence

Lange Residence

1122 Hobson Mill Dr
Naperville, IL 60540

Some people like to travel the world, and some like to vacation closer to home. The Langes feel they are escaping it all without setting foot off their property. "When I walk outside, it feels like I've gone to a resort or spa," says Patty of the couple's outdoor surroundings that include a waterfall cascading into a pond. There is also some daily entertainment in their "staycation," courtesy of the 15 or so koi they tend to and enjoy watching from their two-section patio. Patty also keeps busy in the early part of summer planting flowers that add pops of color to the space, which is heavily wooded for the bonus of resort-like privacy during the summer months. "I like to coordinate colors," she says of the blooms. "I choose colors I like every year — sometimes lavenders, blues, and oranges in different combinations." The result, she says, is a view from both their outdoor area and inside sunroom that never gets old.

Littlefield Residence

1212 Banbury Cir
Naperville, IL 60540

Like many pond owners in the Chicago area, Debbie and Art attended an Aquascape annual Water & Garden Showcase to get ideas and inspiration. During the 2014 tour, the couple fell in love with a particular pond layout and decided it was time to turn inspiration to action. The layout they chose has the pond as a focal point for their outdoor living space and for the view from inside their home. "My home office is on the second floor, which provides a reinvigorating and relaxing view during the days and evenings while I am working," reports Art. To add another dimension to the space, they added lighting around the pond and yard, which enhances the vista and the experience. Debbie, who loves to garden, adds more color, texture and shape to the space through flowers and plants.

Miller Residence *~ Pond Central*

27W675 South Ln
Naperville, IL 60540

At a time when many kids are drawn to digital pursuits – spending time gaming or on their devices, even on the most beautiful summer days -- the Millers' children often can be found in the great outdoors. The family's outdoor living area invites all kinds of fun, including splashing around in the pond with friends. The water features and landscaping elements allow for plenty of good times for the grown-ups, too, thanks to a firepit and beautiful soft lighting that lends a vacation-like ambience to the space at night. From a functional standpoint, a trio of waterfalls helps block out neighborhood noise. While it may have a vacation or summer camp kind of vibe, the water features provide year-round interest and entertainment, say the Millers, like the sight of intriguing ice formations in the winter.

Stout Residence

10638 Muirfield Dr
Naperville, IL 60564

Some people look out their back door to the garage or to a basic lawn. The Stouts look out their back door and glimpse a waterfall, which is one of their favorite parts about having a water feature that transformed their basic backyard into a veritable treasure. After recently converting the pond to a waterfall and stream, Stephanie and Michael also appreciate the easy maintenance. Indeed, the living is easy in the summertime: "I like being able to sit on the deck and take a nap to the soothing sounds," says Michael. It doesn't hurt that the sound of the running water drowns out nearby road noise. The many plantings around the space – both Stephanie and Michael enjoy gardening – make the area look more park-like than the typical suburban backyard.



Littlefield Residence



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Greg Wittstock, The Pond Guy

I'm Greg Wittstock, The Pond Guy. A passionate pond hobbyist for 35 years, I established Aquascape, Inc. in 1991. Our vision focuses on an ecosystem approach to water features that relies on the most natural balance of circulation, filtration, plants, fish, and rock and gravel to ensure sustainability. Follow along as I meet incredible people, view beautiful water features, and share what it means to truly love and live the Aquascape Lifestyle.

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Designer Spotlight: Brian Helfrich

At many stops on the Aquascape Water & Garden Showcase, you'll likely hear about "Brian's advice" or "Brian's vision," as homeowners share stories about how their water features were built and the creativity behind it. Brian Helfrich, who launched the first pond tours nearly 20 years ago at Aquascape and continues to shape this annual event into a highlight of many people's summers, is currently Vice President of Construction at Aquascape. He joined the company in 1995 and worked his way up (and outside!) from the warehouse to designing and

“Creating a pond is an art, and Brian Helfrich of Aquascape is an artist whose mediums are water, stone, and sound.”

~ Howie Crous

installing ponds. He is considered one of the nation's premier waterfall builders, and has given presentations on the topic around the country. His designs have been highlighted in a variety of publications, including Better Homes & Gardens and Aquascape's own Pond Builders Bible, among others. His expertise is evident in several public water features, including the Epcot® International Flower and Garden Show, Chicago Lincoln Park Zoo, John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, Chicago Flower & Garden Show and others.

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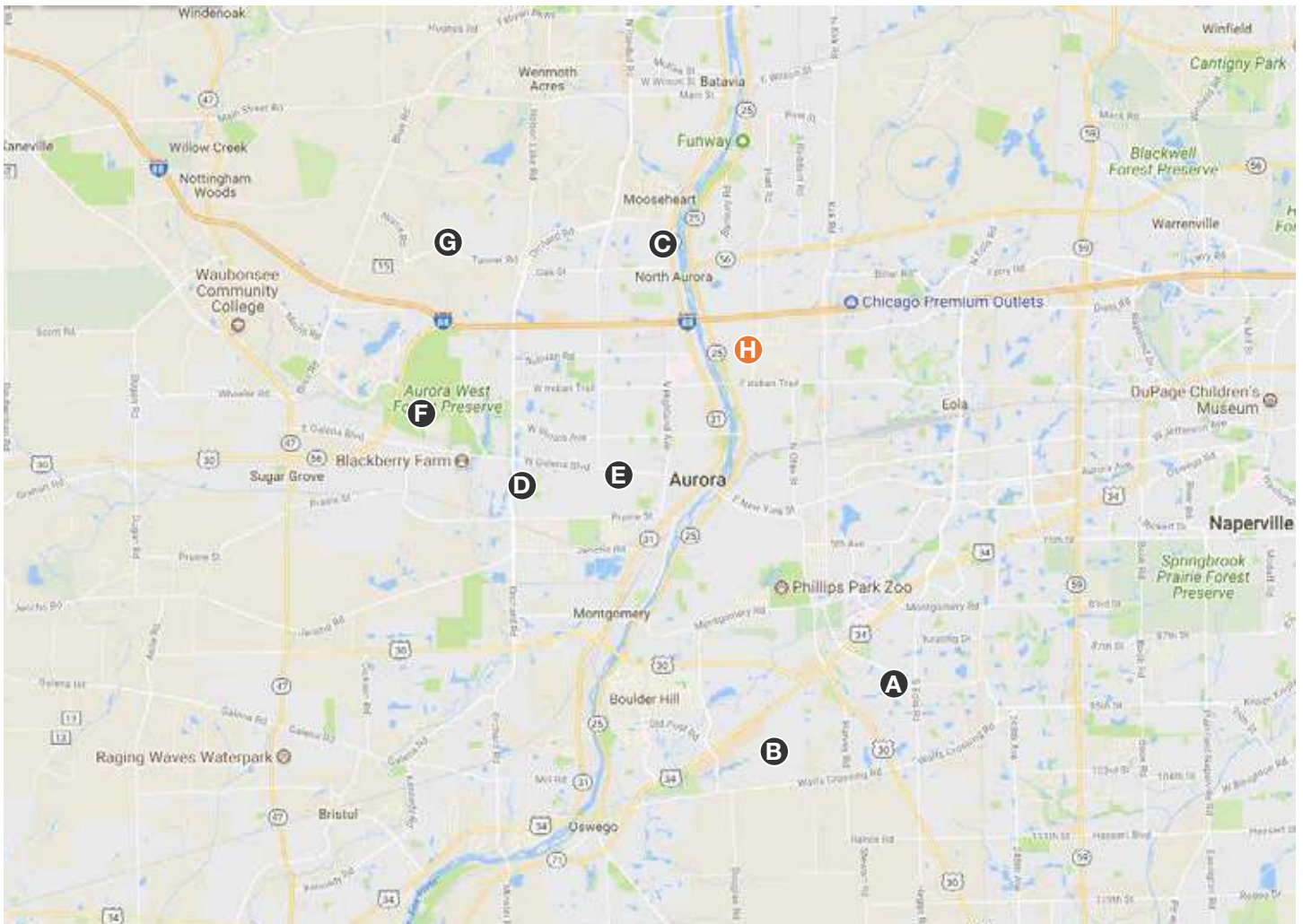
“The way our gardens are constructed in the backyard around the pond, it gives us the feeling that we are in our own private getaway!”

~ Jeannine Finn



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2203 Cool Creek Ct
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If you want to see how a variety of water features work together — check out the Alcalas' backyard. For one thing, there's a 500-gallon rainwater harvesting system that provides landscape irrigation and demonstrates the various sustainability aspects of water features. Following a path that leads to the backyard, you'll see a patio and deck that overlook an 11' by 14' pond and stream, rimmed with large boulders, stones, and moss rock. Walk a few steps and you'll be enchanted by a paver bubbler, which provides regular entertainment for the Alcalas' children as well as their many guests. "The kids love it — they'll swim in the pond and play in the bubbler, shooting out water," says Tony. The Alcalas' backyard paradise (not an over-exaggeration!) is surrounded by pine trees and landscaped with other eye-catching accents, including groupings of ceramic urns.



Bonk Residence

738 Market Dr
Oswego, IL 60543

The Bonks wanted to add a pond for curb appeal, and found that it has really created community appeal. "We live in a tight community with a lot of kids, so we enjoy having neighborhood kids over to feed the fish and teach them about all of the good stuff that goes with ponds," says Tony of the 12' by 16' pond, two waterfalls and streams that have been seamlessly integrated into the yard. While their backyard is a welcoming space for neighbors, it's also been great for connecting — and in some cases, reconnecting — with friends. Mary and Tony Bonk began looking at water features at the Aquascape Water Gardening Store and Inspiration Center in St. Charles and via the company's videos on YouTube, where they ran into old friends Brian Helfrich and Tony Alcala of Aquascape. When new visitors come to see the Bonks' space during the Water & Garden Showcase, Tony says they'll see how and why water features — including a new front yard feature that they have added this year — are so appealing. "In our water feature, you go through the patio doors and see one feature, and then, when you turn, you see the firepit, and then you make another turn and say, 'Holy cow, now it's a pond!' It's a good shock factor all around," he declares.



Finn Residence

244 Mistwood Ln
North Aurora, IL 60542

It's a tale of two gardens in this stop on the Aquascape Water & Garden Showcase. One garden is a true fairy tale: in back of the pond berm is a "secret" fairy garden. The other garden is the main garden, which includes a pond and series of waterfalls, encircled by colorful flowers and plants. The Finns make the most of their entire backyard space, enjoying the water and accompanying wildlife in the spring, summer and fall and, taking in the view of the pond in the winter from their four-season room. With help from friends, consultant Meagan Provencher from Wasco Nursery and the North Aurora Garden Club, the Finns have put their relatively new green thumbs to work, updating and changing out plantings to enhance the look of the gardens.

Gilmore Residence

249 Carriage Hill Dr
Aurora, IL 60506

After 36 years in their home, the Gilmores added a pond about a decade ago. Embracing the pond lifestyle, they updated the feature a couple of years ago to incorporate some new creative elements. "We wanted the pond enlarged and wanted to add a waterfall. This gives us an enhanced view of the water from our patio," explains Chuck, who loves the "artistry" of the new design. The couple's most cherished time of the day is sunset, when they enjoy a glass or two of wine and feed the fish. Chuck says that as seniors, they appreciate the fact that the water features are less physically demanding than traditional landscaping.

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Lindgren Residence

68 Le Grande Blvd
Aurora, IL 60506

If you had to pick one word to describe the Lindgrens' outdoor surroundings, it would be "character." That's the word that Meredith uses to describe the stones that were hand-picked for the waterfall feature by Aquascape experts. It also defines the charming spitting-boy water feature that the Lindgrens had in a previous pond/waterfall, which now sits inside their new waterfall. Several lights in the falls and pond lend more character after dusk, while pieces of garden art and a bird feeding station provide a definite dose of personality to the space. The Lindgrens are especially enjoying the features this year, since it is the first warm season after Aquascape redesigned the outdoor living area in 2017. "I would definitely encourage friends to put in a pond feature," says Meredith. "Our friends enjoy it when they are visiting, and it has a calming effect."

Schoenfeld Residence

6S400 Densmore Rd
Aurora, IL 60506

Homeowners almost always inherit something from the previous owners, from appliances to leftover furnishings to perennial plants in the garden. Instead of, say, an avocado green refrigerator, the Schoenfelds inherited a pond in their backyard, which was created in the 1960s by the man from whom they bought their home and his neighbor. They liked being by the water and kept it, adding a small fish pond off their two-level patio and waterfall a few years after they moved in. Time took its toll, though, and after getting Aquascape's name from their landscaper, the couple invested in new water features and refreshed the look of the area. "Aquascape turned our simple pond into a resort-like masterpiece. We loved it so much we had them back months later to create a magnificent natural waterfall in the big pond that looks like it's been there forever," says Marcia.

Wozniak Residence

3S791 Terrace Dr
North Aurora, IL 60542

You know the tale about the cobbler's son who has no shoes? That doesn't apply to the Wozniaks. They are landscape contractors who talk the talk, walk the walk, and enjoy every bit of their own outdoor space, which has been thoughtfully designed and expertly executed. Ron and Mindy enlisted Aquascape to install water features. "It enhances our current designs," says Ron.

Unilock *~ Pond Central*

301 E Sullivan Rd
Aurora, IL 60505

Just as pavers are laid carefully to form an attractive surface, outdoor landscapes are artfully and thoughtfully designed to integrate a variety of elements, including hardscapes like pathways and patios as well as plants, trees and shrubs, water features and decorative accents. See how those elements connect at Unilock's Aurora showcase site, which features a variety of fountains as well as a plethora of ideas for brick, paver and stone work.





Now Playing: Recreational Ponds and Water Features

There are some days when sitting in a chair and looking out over the water in your backyard is like a mini vacation. Then there are days when the vacation has a bit more adventure to it.

Increasingly, homeowners are adding recreational ponds and water features that allow them to not just appreciate the sights and sounds of the water, but interact with the water in some way. “I’ve seen big interest in this over the past few years,” reports Ed Beaulieu, vice president of field research and sustainability for Aquascape. “People are trying to maximize their outdoor living space. Plus, it can be a good workout.”

As the name suggests, a recreational pond provides the opportunity to have some fun in the water. “A recreational pond is more than just a fish pond and it’s more than a water garden – it’s interactive and, if it’s large enough, you can kayak, canoe or paddleboard on it,” explains Ed. “We’ve built ponds on multi-acre properties, for example, that are stocked with native fish for fishing and that have beach entries so you can walk along the shore.”

According to Ed, many Aquascape customers go swimming in their ponds, which are defined and governed as natural bodies of water like lakes and rivers. There are different regulations for ponds compared to chlorinated pools, which fall under their own regulations and classifications “Whenever we are talking about recreation ponds, including those with animals and fish that live there, we explain it to customers,” he notes.

Beyond large ponds, there are other water features of different sizes and scales that provide both recreation and relaxation. “Kids can walk up and down a stream in the summer, or ice skate on it in the winter,” Ed points out. Paver bubblers are another interactive feature that help to bring the outdoor fun in the warmer months.

Ed knows from experience the benefits of outdoor recreation. “My boys’ friends would come to our house and snorkel around the pond. It was like being on a Caribbean reef, seeing the beautiful koi swimming around them. Kids in particular need to have that kind of outdoor stimulation and this is a way to give them different opportunities and areas to do that,” he says.

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