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Lake Forest Showhouse Project



Rosborough Partners was thrilled when we were asked to be part of transforming this stunning Lake Forest home. Along with 40 other landscape and interior design companies, we have completely re-imagined the inside and outside of this classic Georgian home. Our team has been planning and constructing the Grand Lawn Terrace, an expansive outdoor living space in the rear of the home that steps out from several of the home's interior rooms to augment and enhance the stately home's overall flow and ambiance.

From the Showhouse website: *"The 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens is an elegant home set on 9 acres of beautifully landscaped property, including a 5-acre conservation area. Walter Frazier designed the estate in 1969. His work encompasses over 21 homes in Lake Forest and Lake*

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The 16-room red brick five-part structure features two low, flat-roofed one-story links leading to two temple like wings on the east and west. The first-floor primary bedroom wing has a flexible arrangement of five rooms, and there is a minimum of 6 bedrooms and 4.3 baths. All of the south-facing main rooms open to the blue stone patio and gracious lawn.

In addition, there is a charming, updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath caretaker's cottage; an additional outbuilding with garages, workroom, kennels, and 2 finished rooms with ½ bath, kitchenette and fireplace; and a separate 3 car garage."

Take a look at the backyard's amazing transformation. Before...



And after...



The project architect, **Joe Haubert, Director of Design/Build**, described the inspiration for the gorgeous design: *"The newly renovated Grand Lawn Terrace is a worthy equal to this architectural gem. Taking its proportions and rhythms from the home's proportions, the main lawn terrace is a counter part to the living room providing a large outdoor event space. Flanking the terrace on either side are two intimate gravel sitting areas, eventually covered with iron pergolas laden with wisteria, again taking from the home's flanking library and dining room, punctuated at the corners with four large ornamental Pear trees giving height to the home's lower roof. Creating a strong east west axis from these sitting areas are two cutting gardens filled with Peonies, iris and other perennials giving both seasonal interest and definition.*



By positioning the space further out into the yard, a wonderful boxwood parterre fountain garden becomes a main focal point from the inside and sets up another east west axis to relate to the future pool garden to the east.

Bluestone walkways and steppers act as outdoor hallways linking the various exterior openings and allowing for smaller intimate spaces to develop off the library, dining room and kitchen.

The overall simplicity and elegance of the garden maintains a harmony with the architecture allowing for the garden to just be while providing a setting for the home that has been long overdue!"

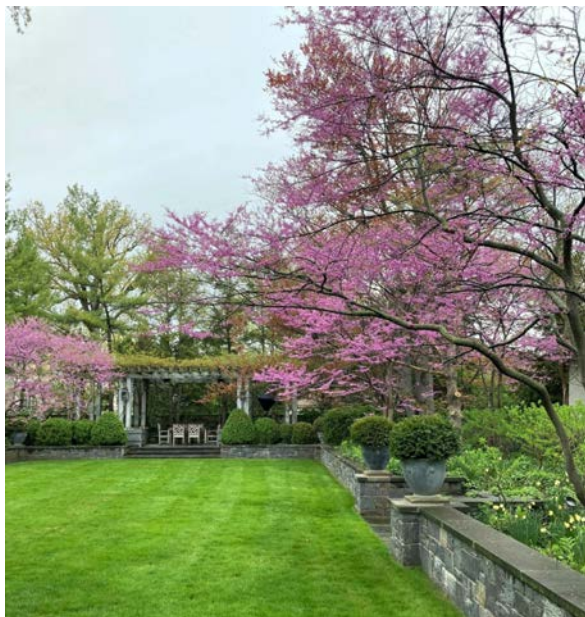
Steve Bartlett, Project Manager, who oversaw the construction process of this stunning transformation, describes the experience:

"The Showhouse project was an enjoyable collaboration of professionals in design and production executing their vision with passion. Sequencing events with our talented subcontractors and our professional staff, we were able to bring this exceptional landscape together in a very short time. The cooperation, flexibility and respect for this transformation by the various companies in both the landscape industry and interior design allowed for a completion of this project meeting deadlines and expectations. Our crew at Rosborough Partners created an impactful project by paying attention to details that meet the criteria of this landscape that should delight both the client and guests of the Lake Forest Showhouse."



The newly transformed home is upon to the public to tour Saturday, May 6, 2023 - Sunday, June 4, 2023. Tickets are available on their website:

**Showhouse
Tickets**



Garden Steward Team

In addition to weekly maintenance services, this week our team will be focused on the following services:

Pruning of spent spring-flowering plants

Plant Health Care

The PHC team will be applying the following treatments as weather allows:

Rose Care

Animal repellent

Turf chinch prevention

Contact Information

Feel free to contact your Garden Steward directly with any questions or requests for service. Or contact our office 847/549-1361, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

NOTE: We continue to respect physical distancing protocols for staff and client safety until further notice.

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