

LUXURIOUS *Landscapes*



JENNIFER ANDERSON DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

A true home transformation touches on every aspect of the house and land—from the interior to the façade to the landscaping. After all, a lawn, driveway and garden are your home's outward adornments, capable of sending messages of grandeur, practicality or peace to the world, without you ever speaking a word. When the homeowners of this formerly Colonial-style home collaborated with James Schettino Architects and Fox Hill Builders to achieve a majestic Plantation-style renovation, they brought Jennifer Anderson Design & Development on board to create landscaping to match.

Asked about her inspirations as a landscape designer, Jennifer Anderson muses, "I have always been drawn to structural elements. Just one single element, whether from nature or architecture, can transform the direction of a design." She notes that this home's newly Neoclassical architecture, drawing on Southern Plantation-style homes, provided a guiding star for this endeavor. Her clients, a family blessed with six children, now had their dream home: an elegant residence ensconced in town. "The challenge for us," Jennifer explains, "was to design an appropriate landscape that suited the style and scale of the house with limited space and steep elevations."

As the Southern Plantation-style home is not common in New England, Jennifer researched the grounds that often accompany such





residences in Savannah, Charleston and other iconic Southern locations. Her findings informed the worldly nobility on display in the final design. Hand-molded bricks and Chinese granite were used throughout the exterior spaces and stairs on one approach to the house; those same stairs are flanked by Longshadow dry cast limestone planters that enhance the classical aesthetic of the home's façade. Reproductions of Charleston gas lanterns adorn the landscape as well, and even the iron railings for the stairs were custom-made to augment the home's new atmosphere. Clipped boxwood globes and hedges complete the dignified formality.

The biggest challenge of this landscape redesign - which also turned out to be Jennifer's favorite part - was endowing the home with a properly magnificent approach. "The property was very tight, and the house sat high on a