

PROJECT PORTFOLIO

A SCRAPBOOK OF DESIGN/BUILD OVERHAULS

*Sculptural
showcase*

THE MISSION

To enhance the estate known as “Floating Peaks” with a landscape that highlights a collection of natural stone sculptures.

This Boston-area new-build home was christened “Floating Peaks” by the homeowner, who envisioned an accompanying garden to showcase several natural stone sculptures he had collected and shipped from China. These unique stones were shaped by water at the bottom of a river. In addition, the homeowner wanted several outdoor living areas—a pool, hot tub, pergola, terraces and a large lawn area for his children.

Fred Anderson, president of Anderson Landscape Construction, was up to the task. His Sterling, Mass.-based firm specializes in large-scale installations like the one on the homeowner’s wish list.

“Our first challenge was installing the landscape around the existence of a mature Cedar of Lebanon specimen tree,” Anderson recalls. “Utmost care was taken in the completion of the house and landscape during construction, as the tree was only 15 feet from the house.”

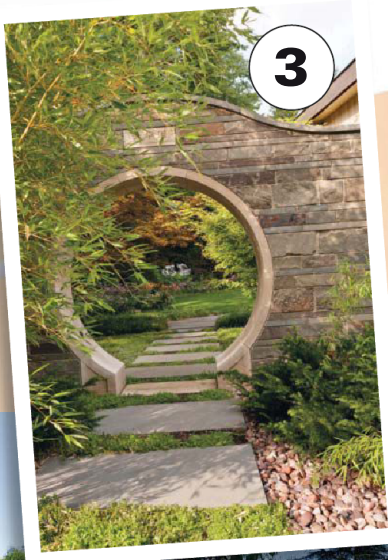
Placing the stone sculptures was another challenge, he notes: “A crane was brought in to set the largest stone, which weighed 40,000 pounds. We hired an engineer to help us figure out how to mount and stabilize this massive stone. Great care had to be observed during installation of these stone sculptures so as not to break or scratch them.”

After the house was built, the owner decided he wanted to expand his backyard landscape area. He negotiated with a neighbor who was directly in view of his backyard, tore the house down, and had Anderson create a large lawn and wildflower meadow area complete with fire pit and moss garden.

“This allowed for the property to expand into space that the house really needed to balance its massive size,” Anderson says.



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THE WORK

- 1 | Activity center.** This early-morning view captures the entire entertainment area of the house, complete with a hot tub, fountain, pool, pergola, patio, outdoor grill and sculptures.
- 2 | Circle of life.** Flower beds and sculptures surround this circular garden space.
- 3 | Grand entrance.** The moon gate leads visitors to the entrance of the front garden, which opens to a large circle.
- 4 | Rock on.** The driveway entrance displays a 40,000-pound stone from China. The bamboo has matured and helps reduce the scale of the house.
- 5 | Back to nature.** Surrounding the back lawn is a wildflower and meadow garden. One of its challenges is to keep weeds from overtaking the planted flowers; intensive hand weeding is the solution.
- 6 | Transformative experience.** Dusk settles in on "Floating Peaks."

Founded in 1982, Sterling, Mass.-based Anderson Landscape Construction focuses on building gardens for private estates with features such as baseball fields, football fields, tennis courts, seasonal colorschemes, private intimate gardens, ice skating rinks and more. Learn more at AndLC.com.

