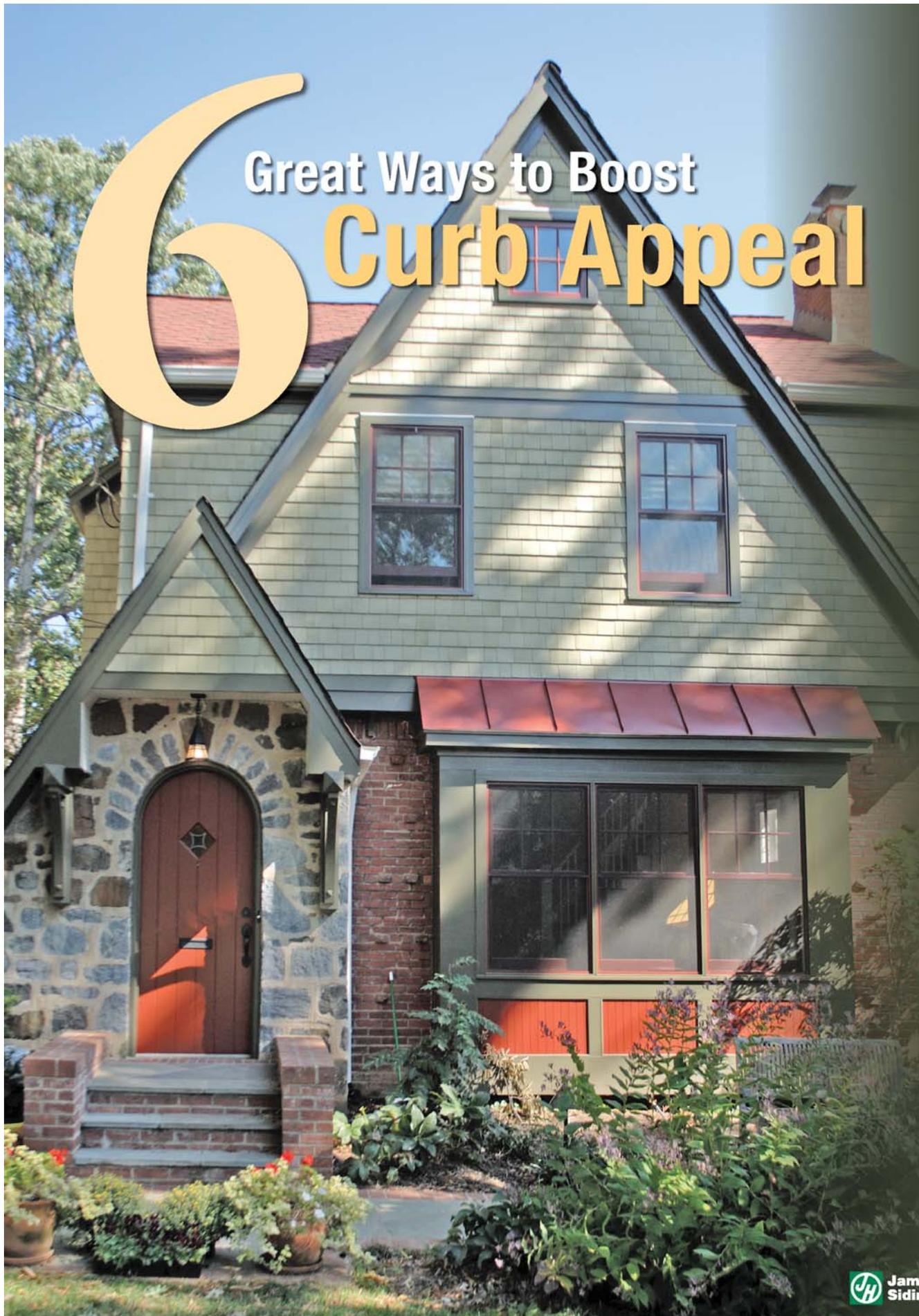


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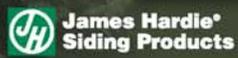
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Natural Setting in Great Falls

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Jane Luce moved to Great Falls three years ago after finding she was running out of garden space at her home in Reston.

A landscape architect and artist, Luce wanted a place with more land. She eventually found a deck house made out of teak and mahogany wood in the perfect location.

She describes the architecture of her home as “a little bit eccentric” and said you can hear the sound of Great Falls from her property on a quiet night.

“For me, it was primarily the landscape and the closeness to the park [that drew me to the house.] It is perfect for an artist, this home,” said Luce.

Luce and her husband have done some additional work to the house, such as adding a new master bedroom on the ground floor. They also built a serene, year-round spa area, with a whirlpool, at the rear of the home.

“When you are in [the spa], it feels like you are in a tropical place,” she said.

Luce spent a lot of time outside in the woods as a child and has tried to keep all qualities of her home nature oriented.

“I have tried to keep a view to the outdoors no matter which way you are facing inside,” she said.



A skylight spa leads from the new master bedroom.

Luce has used her artistic attention to detail when decorating the home. When she couldn't find an appropriate grasscloth wallpaper for the kitchen, she started painting her own design directly on the wall.

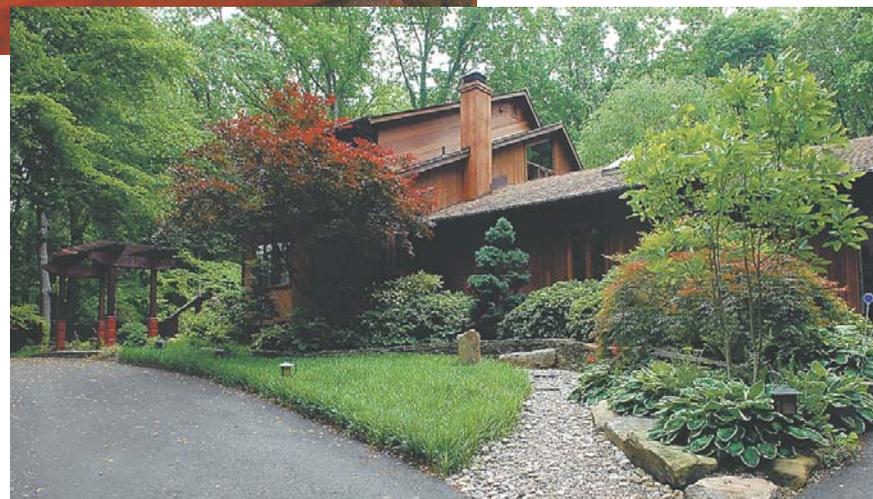
A landscape architect, Luce also designed the entire outdoor



The theme of the woodland and the water is reflected in the artist's choice of window treatments and colors throughout the home.



Detail of windows above the spa.



A Chinese Maple rises up by the drive at the entranceway to the Luce-Smith home in Great Falls.

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Remodeled 13 Times for Family and Functions

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Bill and Bobbie Kilberg's red cedar house may be in the same place it was when their family first moved into it around Christmas in 1977 but the structure bears little resemblance to what the home was at that time.

In addition to a successful legal career that included arguing two cases successfully in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, Bill has also managed to oversee 13 additions and renovations to his McLean home since 1984.

In almost 32 years, the family has seen the size of their McLean home triple, from 3,000 square feet to 9,000 square feet above ground. Every room has changed. The kitchen alone

has been moved three times and is on its fourth renovation overall, he said.

"[Bill] is really just a lawyer who is also a frustrated architect," said Bobbie, president and chief executive officer of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, one the largest such organizations in the country.

The Kilbergs' major home projects included the addition of a handicapped accessible bedroom, bathroom and billiard room, originally built for Bill's father.

The couple also transformed a small, figure-eight-shaped pool into a larger, rectangular pool after a child's accident with wood

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— Bill Kilberg

stain left the outdoor area with permanent foot print marks.

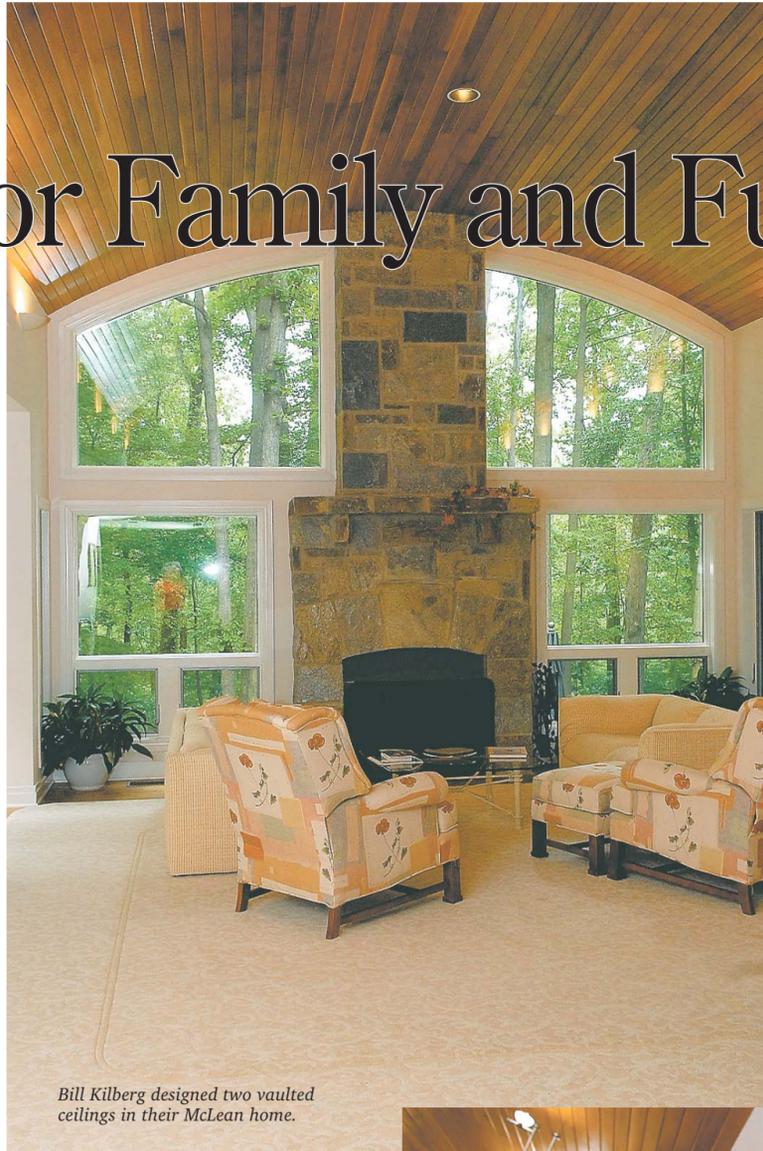
The house originally had a brick accent on its façade but Bill decided to replace it with stone, after using the same material to build a deck at the back of the house.

About 10 years ago, Bill also got the idea to add a "great room" with a rounded wooden ceiling, similar to the bow of a ship. Now, the house includes several "half moon" overhangs at its rear.

"Nothing here is the way it was originally," said Bill about the back of his house.

Most recently, Bill imported large wooden beams from Canada to raise the ceiling of his old living room at the front of the house and create a new library off the main entrance.

The lawyer, a senior partner at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, often finds inspiration for new renovation projects from visiting other homes or looking



Bill Kilberg designed two vaulted ceilings in their McLean home.

through magazines, he said.

Sometimes, architect Mark Malloy – who has worked on 10 of the Kilberg renovations – has to rein in Bill and dial down his vision.

"There have been many times that Mark has told me I have a great idea, it just violates the laws of physics," said Bill.

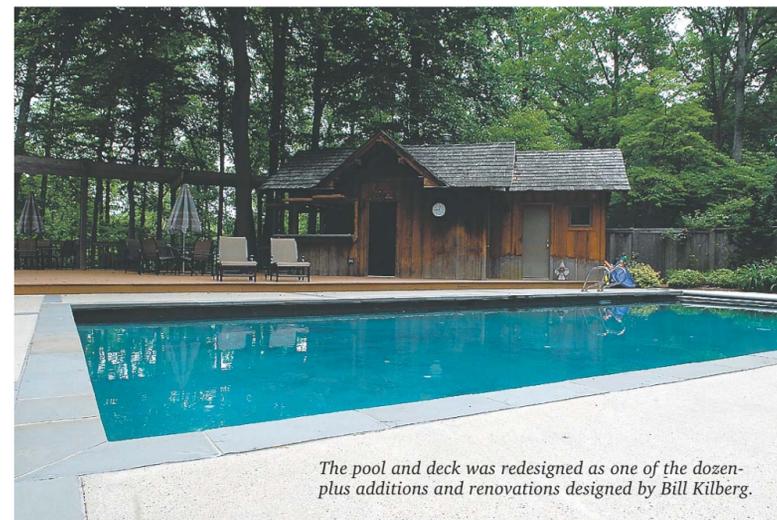
The Kilbergs are not only creative when it comes to architecture but have also invested in one-of-a-kind home decor.

The couple asked New Mexico artist David Ross to design a table and seven kitchen chairs that each reflected a different member of their family.

The backs of the chairs include portraits of a horse one child rode in New Mexico, two family dogs and Curious George, one daughter's favorite story book character as a child.

In the library, a hand-woven rug was created by weaver Christina Bergh. It took almost a year to complete.

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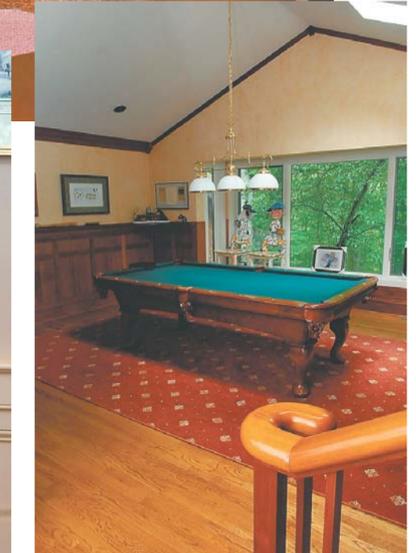
The pool and deck was redesigned as one of the dozen-plus additions and renovations designed by Bill Kilberg.



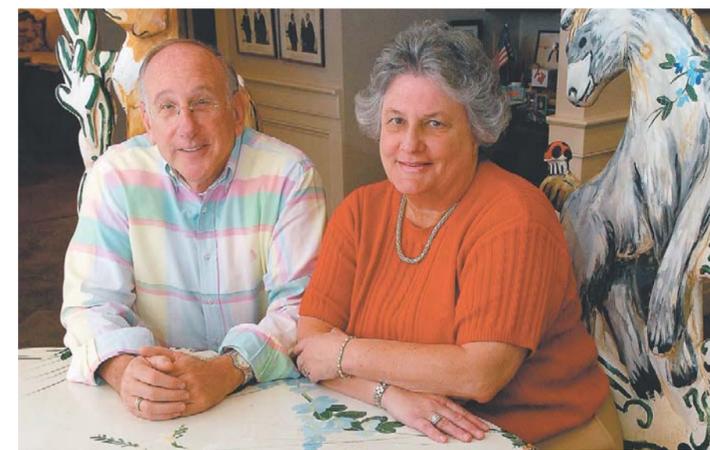
Bill Kilberg smiles as he reminisces about the birthday card he received from Charlton Heston on his 50th birthday. Heston made note that he as Moses only wandered with his people in the desert for 40 years whereas Bill had spent 50.



A detail from one of the kitchen chairs.



A pool parlor was added as part of one of the many additions for Bill's dad to enjoy while he stayed with the family.



Bill and Bobbie Kilberg at home in McLean.

In April, 58 home in the area sold for \$1 million or more.

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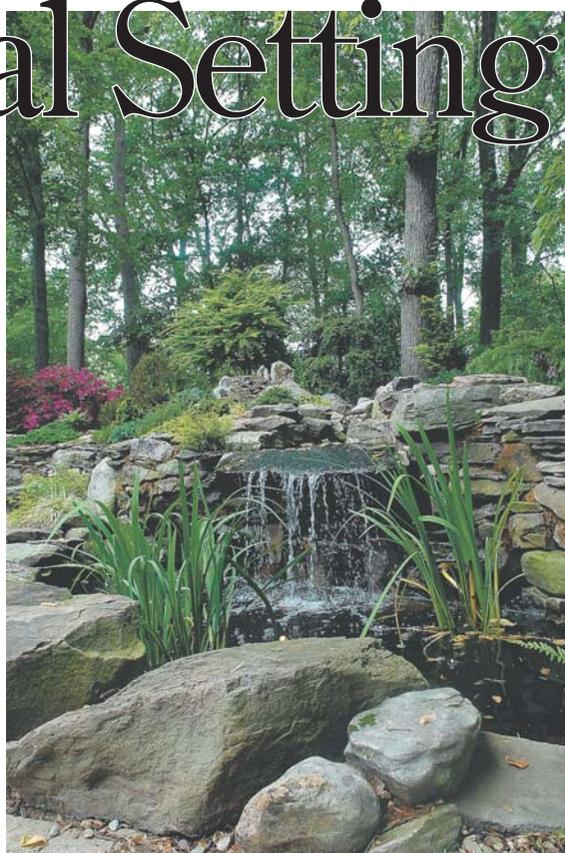
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area at her home.

The landscaping goes from a more natural, wild feel to a more cultivated look as it wraps around the house. She wanted the design to flow from the dense woods around her property to the yard.

Many of the large stone benches Luce built herself at the side of the house are rugged and look as if they just happened to grow out of the ground. But the rear of the home



Entering the garden, a waterfall flows.



Landscape designer Jane Leigh Luce

has a wooden deck and manicured lawn.

Luce uses a mix of native plants like ferns, which would grow wild in that area, and cultivated species, like orchids, that need human attention and care.

“The ferns make it feel like the woods where I grew up,” said Luce.

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In the Arlington Quilting Studio of Suzie Buck

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The children were almost out of school and Suzie Buck became inspired.

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Many, many, many quilts later Suzie is still up early in the mornings and heads straight into her studio to continue working on one of her many open

projects. She smiles as she describes her husband's outlook on her work: "Suzie may be the only person I know who wakes up early and heads straight to her studio and begins working before having a cup of coffee."

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