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# SOUTHERN GROUND

*Temperatures are rising and  
flowers are starting to bloom!  
Celebrate the upcoming season  
with our 2023 OUTDOOR  
LIVING AWARD WINNERS*

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## Outdoor Oasis

Featuring a pool, spa, cabana and plenty of open area for lounging and play, this recently overhauled backyard is an entertainer's paradise. "We wanted it to feel like an extension of our home, but also a special place to retreat to at the end of a long week," says designer and homeowner Whitney Durham. "We wanted all of the selections to feel natural, organic, charming and family-friendly." Working with landscape architect Graham Pittman, Tennessee bluestone stepping stones guide visitors to various entertaining zones. The newly added pool features a raised spa with waterfall feature, and steps away, the cabana welcomes with punchy patterns on indoor/outdoor fabric. An abundance of floral and plant species—such as viburnum, Encore azalea, hydrangea, boxwood, autumn cherry and more—support fresh blooms year-round, while large evergreen trees and mature oak and magnolia trees provide privacy from surrounding homes. "We wanted interest during all seasons, whether that be with color, fragrance or textures," says Pittman. Durham and her family couldn't be more thrilled with the result. "We can have one child practicing soccer in the turf and one swimming with our dogs in the pool while we enjoy a cocktail and watch them from our view in the cabana, or while cooking on the Big Green Egg."

GRAND PRIZE!

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