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Check Out Austin Home’s Inaugural Great Outdoors Tour

On March 25, see the best in Austin pools, decks, outdoor kitchens, gardens, and more.

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Austin Home is excited to announce the new Great Outdoors Tour, presented by [Leaf Landscape Supply](#). On Saturday, March 25, from 11 am to 4 pm, design enthusiasts will have the chance to tour impressive properties throughout the city. Discover outstanding outdoor kitchens, dazzling decks, the prettiest pools, and more. Read on for a sneak peek at some of our favorite featured spaces.

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1 / ADLA Studio

Developed on the principles of texture, contrast, and functionality, this urban garden by [ADLA Studio](#) seeks to balance aesthetic beauty and utility with a combination of hardscape and softscape elements. The landscape offers intimate moments through a series of articulated spaces: The front includes separate areas for relaxation and entertaining; the rear garden envelops the pool area and establishes a lush getaway. A combination of succulents, bunch grasses, flowering vines, and perennials shift with the changing seasons, support local pollinators, and foster a sensory experience through aromatic blooms.



2 / ecotopes

This imaginative landscape has a low dining deck cantilevered over a concrete patio, seeming to float above the ground. Just across the terrain of a dry creek is a cowboy's campfire perfect for roasting marshmallows on cool nights. A pint-size sports court nestles into the native understory. Rounding out the space is an outdoor cooking arrangement beneath a modern steel shelter that features a custom concrete countertop, Green Egg cooker, and gas grill. Sprinkled around the property are a variety of steel planting vessels, vertical screens, custom benches, and creative lighting fixtures. The tour date also marks the opening of [ecotopes'](#) new showroom.



3 / Open Envelope Studio

The scope of this project by [Open Envelope Studio](#) was to design and construct the entire property's landscape, including the front yard and entry, a courtyard with a plunge pool, and a small patio and grill space in the backyard. The design incorporated various materials, such as native and adapted plants, gravels, limestone pavers, and steel elements to create a cohesive and visually appealing space. The outdoor rooms comprise drought- and freeze-tolerant plants and durable materials such as steel and gravel to reduce maintenance. The modern, structured living spaces and corrugated fencing are softened by vegetation that provides privacy and sculptural elements, as well as seasonal interest.



4 / Rain Lily Design

A mystical landscape pushed to the limits of imagination was a must for this unique client. A South Austin spec home was transformed into a display of fantastical mixed media by various local artists and craftspeople. Massive fountains, statues, and a house-engulfing octopus adorn the space and called for a plant palette that speaks to the inner dreamer. The goal for [Rain Lily Design](#) was to enhance the physical features of the house and to address the site difficulties: As the home backs to Bouldin Creek and is seated downhill from two intersecting streets, major water management was a priority. The property merges form and function with creative solutions, an unforgettable experience that's only possible when you have a free-spirited homeowner who values the skills of tradespeople.



5 / Simply Home

The owner loves being outdoors, but when he purchased the home, the backyard was very basic. It just had a concrete pad and open grass. He worked with [Simply Home](#) and [Audrey Scheck Design](#) to build his ideal entertaining backyard setting. The team installed a putting green, a large pergola where he can entertain plenty of guests, a fire pit in the back corner to lounge around, and an area where his kids can play. The vision fully came to life, transforming his outdoor living space.



6 / Texas Tiny Pools

The Arpdale Tiny Pool by [Texas Tiny Pools](#) is the centerpiece of a cozy and colorful backyard retreat in the middle of Austin. The 11-foot-by-18-foot pool features Clay Imports Deep Blue Wilmar tiles and Stonescapes Mini Pebbles plaster. A pergola by Levack Outdoors shades the homeowners. When the pool isn't in use, a patented sliding deck cover provides extra useable space and safety for kids and pups.

