For Russell Greey and Wendell Pickett, each project is a fresh and unique challenge. Designed with the architectural style, the site and the client’s intentions in mind, every Greey|Pickett landscape speaks to individuality. “Our philosophy is to listen to the homeowner, synthesize their vision and goals for their landscape, and design an environment that exceeds their expectations,” Greey says. “The client is the No. 1 influence. We strive to integrate their concepts into physical art that complements their residence and lifestyle.” Due to evolving technologies, the Greey|Pickett team has been able to introduce a more diverse plant palette and cultivate energy-saving innovations as they are introduced to the market. “A variety of materials, site furnishings and plants enables us to add visual excitement and entertainment to each space,” Greey says.

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Modernity. “Minimalism and contemporary themes are very popular,” Greey notes. “Of the 10 gardens we are presently designing, eight have a contemporary direction.”

Courtyard inspiration. Asked to share current favorites, Greey says, “A great courtyard is inspiring. It has all the garden elements, furnishings, water features, plants and lighting for a beautiful space.”

Local advice. “Plant for the environment you are in; do not try to create gardens based on what you see elsewhere; and stay regional,” Greey says.

1. This expansive residential courtyard features a resort-style residential water feature and an elegant pool with formal plantings. The fountain cascades into a large reflecting pool nestled under a custom wrought-iron trellis. 2. A zero-edge pool flows onto a water wall within a sunken outdoor entertaining cabana.

“Our clients want trendier gardens reflective of resort-style living.”

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