

## **A Way Cool Backyard**

By Jeanette Lavoie

How many years was our backyard a mess?  
Just to think about it all gave us much stress!  
For I had my ideas and my husband had his  
So stuck we were 'til the experts we did quiz

What'll stop pooling water at the first sign of rain?  
Jay Cool's solution was to put in a French drain  
How can we fix the uneven surface around the pool?  
Got an idea to make both the cost and design cool?

"For the uneven surface there is a low cost correction"  
New bricks Jay matched to old with masterful perfection  
And a brick BBQ we added with all the money we saved  
Before the flowers were even in, my friends they raved

What can we add to make the garden even more inviting?  
Then my gardener, Jim Clansky, drew plans so exciting  
A no fuss garden with lovely flowers embedded in the plans  
Arbors and trellises for my son Zack to build with his hands

Now I sit on my wooden bench under the Wisteria tree  
And life stops for a moment to allow me to sit and there be  
To watch the hummingbirds, bees, and bumblebees play  
In a way cool backyard I hear God's peace and delight to stay

**The poem "A Way Cool Backyard" by Jeanette Lavoie (happy customer) was inspired by the work the Cool's Custom did on her backyard Project. Read her thoughts below:**

The day we tore down the old, rickety deck in our backyard, it started out exciting until we discovered what lie below it - an old cement pool deck. This left an uneven surface around the pool with one half cement and the other half brick that had been placed on top of the cement. My husband, Marty, and I could not agree on what to do next. Seven years passed and the backyard got even more barren when we pulled 17 large, unmanageable bushes. Finally, we consulted with a few experts and all but one wanted to tear everything out and start anew! Marty's first choice had always been to leave the old brick in and add new brick to fill in the gap. When Jay Cool, owner of Cool's Custom, said he could do just that for a reasonable price and make it look good, the plan finally sounded good to me too. After Jay's fabulous workers did their part, my gardener, Jim Clansky, of Year Round Maintenance, created a peaceful garden theme. Our son, Zachary Lavoie, worked alongside of Jim and did a marvelous job creating arbors, trellises, and a wood planter box for my first ever-vegetable garden! Before, I never had much interest in spending time in the backyard, now I am so pleased with this way cool backyard that I had to set my thoughts in poetic form.