



**Q: Can you tell us about your work?**

**A:** We pride ourselves to go beyond the normal landscape maintenance services. We specialize in new landscape constructions, along with renovations, water features, ponds, stone patios and stone walkways.

**Q: What is your previous experience?**

**A:** I started my career in the horticulture industry over 18 years ago, by maintaining residential and commercial properties as a young teenager. This developed into a love for the industry that ultimately led me into landscape construction.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your work?**

**A:** Building new relationships. I enjoy meeting new customers and having the opportunity to be involved with designing and constructing an area that people can enjoy and appreciate.

**Q: What challenges do you face in this line of work?**

**A:** Convincing customers how important it is to research who they are speaking to. Using a professional can help a homeowner avoid unnecessary future costs. Take the time to plan your project. Planning and designing something colorful and functional will make your area more enjoyable and will help maintain the value of your property.

**Q: What do you wish more people knew about yards?**

**A:** Don't forget to spend time in them. They can be used as a place to relax and enjoy our families.

**Q: What are trends you are seeing this year compared to previous years?**

**A:** We have seen a growing interest in environmentally designed landscaping. People want to help protect and preserve the planet and conserve energy. My wife and I are highly committed in making sure to use materials that are environmentally safe. We research our vendors and select those whose products reflect change, as well as the conservation of water and energy, always keeping in mind that they are precious resources for everyone.

Alan and Nicole Horne specialize in custom landscaping and stone work. The pair are pictured at a Fort Collins residence that has undergone a complete yard renovation, including a stone patio, rock work with integrated waterfall and a wood railing.

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