

A Bathroom to Behold

Robin and Wally Sipos, members at The Cliffs at Walnut Cove, deconstruct a masterful design.

If you've spent any time on the architecture and home inspiration website *Houzz* lately, chances are, you've come across the master bathroom of Robin and Wally Sipos, homeowners and members at The Cliffs at Walnut Cove. It's one of the all-time most popular images on the site, with over 82,000 "saves" by *Houzz* community members.

It's easy to see why. The large soaking tub holds a commanding presence when you walk into the master bathroom. The basin's stark square top gives way to a smooth curved base — an expression of the Sipos' penchant for contemporary design, made more approachable with softened accents.

As striking as the tub is, there is even more to behold within the scene. Eyes naturally dart from the centerpiece to its worthy backdrop: a carved stone wall, the shading of its grooves different with each level of lighting. One might assume the curves mirror the foothills where the Siposes reside, but the pattern actually references Robin's upbringing near the sea. The ledge directly behind the tub is designed to hold the hardware and plumbing, and doubles as the perfect spot for a glass of wine, as both Robin and Wally are quick to inform.

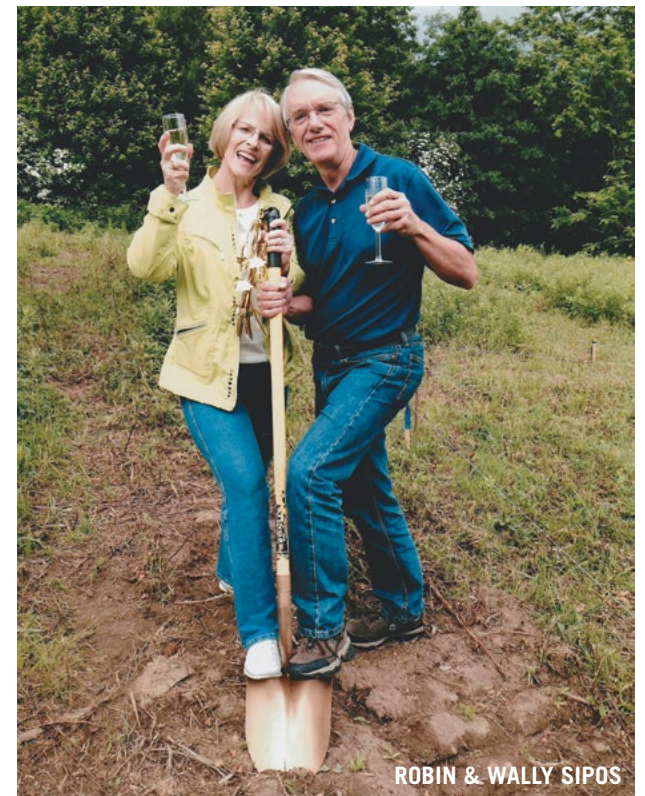
Across the room, another scene is set. A large rectangular window frames the curves of the hills in the valley below — another juxtaposition of hard against soft. Nestled within those hills are the homes of their friends and neighbors, and the foundation of why they've chosen this place as their home. "This is the best community we've ever lived in," Robin says.

FEATURED

This room was featured on the cover of USA Today's *HOME* magazine and *Carolina Home & Garden*. It was also recognized as the "Best Interior Merchandising over 1 Million Dollars" from the Asheville Home Builders Pace Awards.

BUILDER: Thompson Properties

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Allard & Roberts Interior Design



ROBIN & WALLY SIPOS

UNIFIED DESIGN ELEMENTS

THE CURVE: Subtly sophisticated design details span the entire house. Within the Sipos home, you'll find subtle curves in drawer pulls, wall sconces, fan blades, and of course, the master bath. Unified in nature, and inspired by the ocean, they also complement the Blue Ridge Mountain views.

