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The Swimming Pool Cannonball Contest Is Back On



We are in April. We've officially made it ALL THE WAY THROUGH MARCH. Spring has SPRUNG and we are jumping feet first into our busiest season of the year for your favorite pool team, Pool Scouts of Huntsville. A few

things immediately came to mind as we finished March. We are all excited about March Madness and we have seen the winners and losers of their brackets. As we rack and stack your brackets looking out for the underdog. Another highlight is the St. Patrick's Day parade and all of the people that love to wear green in celebration. Finally it is the first day of Spring as of March 20th.

Spring is in full swing. It's time for our final and most eventful time of year, the temperature is starting to hit 70 degrees off-and-on and people are starting to look at their yards. The next piece is to look at your pool cover to see how it has been maintained over the winter, if you have a cover on it. The opening of your pool during March and April is the most exciting time for us as it means it's almost time for the timeless tradition of the cannonball contest. If you have allowed your pool company to perform winter service in most cases the water is clear. If you did nothing to your pool over the winter, then in most cases if you peep behind the cover, it is green.

If your pool is green a few things are needed, an extra set of elbow grease and patience, as this is not an overnight process. Neither of these is a problem for your favorite pool lifeguard here at Pool Scouts. A green pool indicates the water is no longer properly balanced and it has stagnated for too long. Cleaning algae out of your swimming pool is a simple task and delicate task, you will need a few days of maintenance before anyone can go swimming.

If you are still asking yourself if you should do it yourself, I would say you want to consider hiring a professional cleaning service to keep your pool pristine and in tip-top condition, as it will save you time and headaches. We are paid to notice all of the little things that cause costly repairs in the future. Even if you have someone open the pool it will save you time and money for the start of the season concerning chemicals. We ensure that your pool comes out of winterization ready for peak performance. We also ensure that your pool has not sustained any damage during the winter checking every nook and cranny. All of these actions allow you more time to do other things. We shorten your time span for jumping into the pool while it goes faster and smoother with expert oversight. We offer openings, Green to Blue services, weekly and bi-weekly recurring services along with vacation services.

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Meet Jill McClure Huntsville Decorating Center

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Huntsville Decorating Center has been a fixture in our decorating scene for many years. What many people don't know is that they offer a FREE decorating service every Wednesday from 8:30-5:00. Jill McClure is their resident designer.

Jill is a native of Nashville, she and her husband moved to Huntsville in 2006. "My husband's job brought us here, we can't think of a better place to live and raise our kids, we love it here." Jill is a graduate of Nashville's Watkins College of Art & Design where she majored in Fine Arts and Interior Design.

She started out in a Design Trade showroom working with other area interior designers, went on from there to selling high end furniture and eventually landed work for a builder in East Tennessee where she decorated model homes for startup communities.

After several years of being a stay at home mom, Jill stepped back into the design world. She and her husband have bought, renovated, and sold a few homes in the Blossomwood neighborhood. Her current home is now a mid-century modern that was designed and built by an architect in the early 70s; the large windows, clean architectural lines with the rustic mountainside setting is why she chose this home. In addition to undertaking these projects, she and her husband opened up Sip Fine Spirits & Cigar Lounge in Downtown Huntsville and Sip Cigars & Lounge in Decatur. The décor was Jill's vision and creation.

Jill became the resident designer at Huntsville Decorating Center after being a long time customer of theirs. Currently, Jill assists customers as walk-ins, but will soon be set up as appointment only. "I'd like to give each client my undivided time for their projects."



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