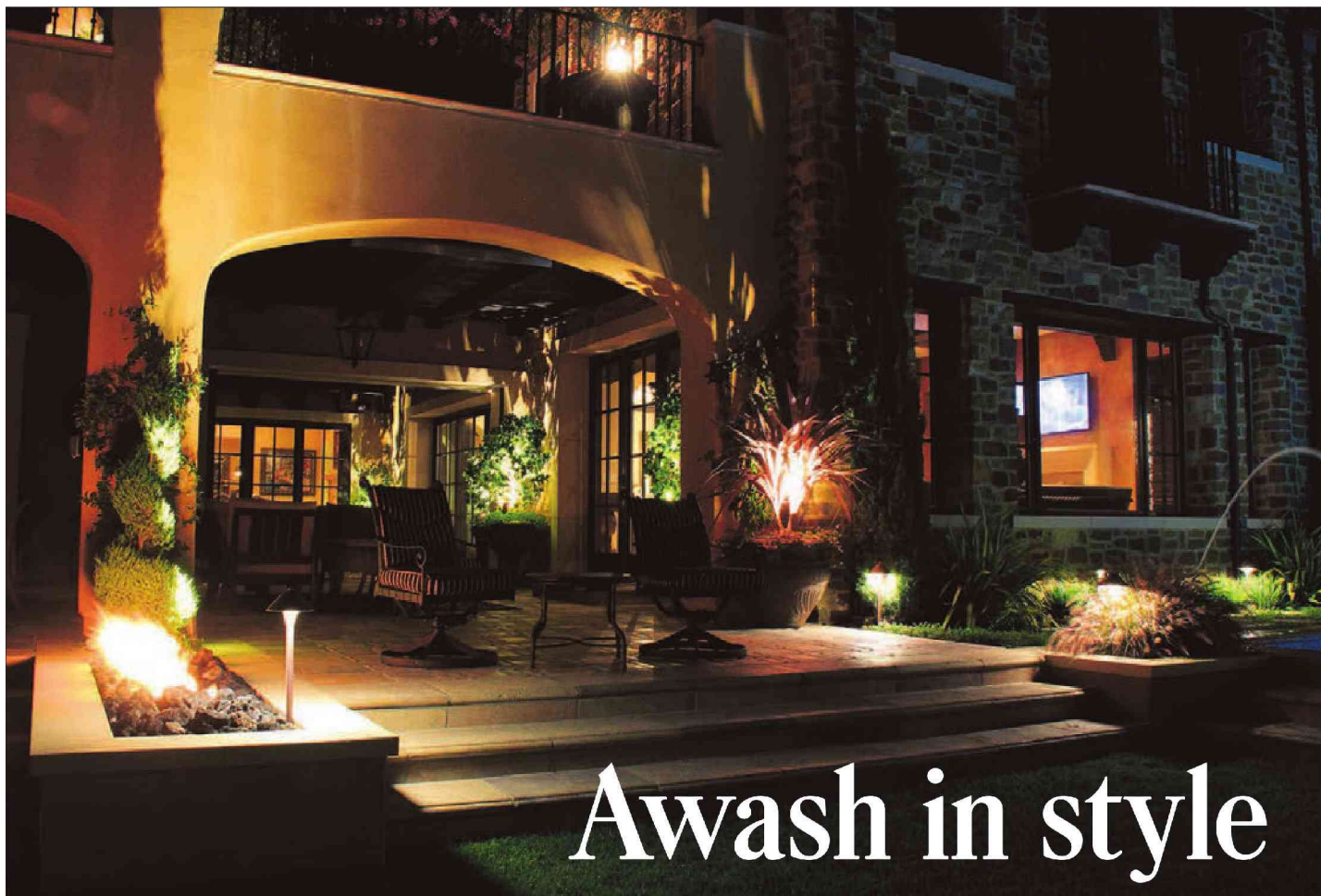


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Awash in style

The Asner residence landscape design by Richard Cohen Landscape of Lake Forest is dramatically lit at night.

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The Orange County chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association has just honored local landscape contractors with 2013 Beautification Awards for excellence in landscape installation and maintenance – 2012 projects that demonstrate the best quality, construction, originality and attention to detail.

The CLCA is a nonprofit trade association of licensed landscape and landscape-related contractors. The Orange County chapter is one of the largest in California.

Many awards were given. One of the top winners was Richard Cohen Landscape of Lake Forest, which won the Brilliance Award for best overall lighting project – the Asner residence of Newport Coast – which combined workmanship, craftsmanship and creativity. It also won the Sweepstakes Award for the best overall project for the same residence.

Cohen's team worked closely with the client. "We wanted to create a number of different areas to enhance the living experience at the house," Cohen said. "Our job was to come up with a landscape design to invite people into the house, backyard swimming pool and spa. We used water features to tie it together to create areas that the client would really enjoy using as a family."

Copper panels were used as a design element, cut to match the design of four columns near the swimming pool. "The ones on the pilasters are backlit, and the one in the center has a faucet that pours water into a square basin, then into the spa," Cohen said.

On one side of the house, there are five arbors with drip irrigation for low-water-needs plants. Throughout the property there are water features that are specially lit for a dramatic nighttime look.

The project took about 10 months to complete, Cohen said. Was he surprised to win the awards? "I actually knew it was a really good job," he said. "I've been in this business for over 36 years, and you know when you have a good project." His business employs 55 people and includes divisions for maintenance and construction.



At top, there are five arbors with drip irrigation for the low-water-needs plants. Above, copper panels are a featured design element, cut to match the design of columns near the pool. The one in the center has a faucet that pours water into a square basin, then into a spa, above.