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Backyard Vacations won the top award for small projects for a design that transformed a barren slope into a stepped design with cobblestones, a walkway and an area for a swinging bench.

# Beautification awards honor work of local landscapers

The San Diego Chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association recently honored 23 local landscape contractors for excellence in landscape installation and maintenance during the organization's 2011 Beautification Awards program.

The **CLCA** San Diego chapter presented 52 Beautification Awards in 27 categories that included residential and commercial landscape construction, maintenance and renovation, as well as water features, outdoor lighting and water-saving "California-friendly" design.

These are a few highlights of top awards in residential categories:

•Justin Cummings of Backyard Vacations received the Design and Build Construction Award for small projects for a multilayered landscape at the McMullen residence in Del Mar. The project included the transformation of a barren, triangle-shaped slope into a stepped and cobblestoned outdoor living space with trees, a



Belle Terre Landscapes' winning project used animal statues collected from the homeowners' travels.



Ciro's Landscaping won the Sweepstakes Award for a tropical and Mediterranean backyard in Del Mar.

walkway and an area for a swinging bench. The company also built a fire pit and installed garden areas with herbs, strawberries and other plants.

•The top Design and Build Construction Award

for medium-sized projects went to Janet Pozzuoli-Valin of Belle Terre Landscapes for the landscape of a coastal community residence that incorporated statues of animals from the homeowners' travels

with assorted grasses and water features. The plan included a mix of drought-tolerant plants, decomposed granite and cobble stream beds.

•The Residential Construction Estate Award went to John DeMaria of DeMaria Landtech for the backyard landscape of the Athan residence in Rancho Santa Fe. The project included Italian limestone pavers surrounding two fire pits, a new swimming pool and a custom vineyard.

•Ciro Delgadillo of **Ciro's Landscaping** won the Sweepstakes Award for best overall project, for a Mediterranean and tropical backyard design at the Baldwin residence in Del Mar. The work included pool finishing, coping and deck; a barbecue and fire pit; plus extensive landscaping and lighting.

CLCA is a nonprofit, statewide trade association of licensed landscape and landscape-related specialty contractors. For information, go to [cleasandiego.org](http://cleasandiego.org).