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The 75-foot-long reflecting pool at the Weir Residence has dramatic evening lighting. SUMMIT SERVICES

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Garden and water features stand out at home projects in Valley Center and Carlsbad

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The Sweepstakes Award was one of several honors for Escondido-based Summit Services Inc. at the recent Beautification Awards program of the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA), San Diego Chapter. The annual awards ceremony was at The Crossings in Carlsbad.

Summit Services was recognized for two landscape projects: the Weir Residence in Valley Center, which received the Sweepstakes Award, the CLCA's top honor for best overall landscaping project; and the Dussin Residence in Carlsbad, which received a first-place award in the Design and Build Construction

Estate category, a first-place award in Landscape Renovation Estate, and awards in the categories of Design and Build Construction Large, and Best Water Feature.

Summit Services owner Pete Atkins said the latest awards bring the company's total of CLCA awards to 34 since the firm first entered the competition in 2002. "When asked how we step up each year, I believe it's our constant dedication to quality and expert craftsmanship, which are essential in the creation of our signature landscapes," said Atkins.

The landscape at the Weir Residence includes a hilltop garden inspired by French provincial garden design. The garden, which includes flowering plants and potted

citrus and floral arrangements, surrounds a private, enclosed patio built with a soft blend of travertine tiles.

The design also includes a 75-foot-long reflecting pool with an antique stone fountain at its far end. An existing guesthouse and pool were enhanced by two travertine patios, an outdoor fireplace and kitchen, and flower-filled planters.

The backyard design for the Dussin Residence in Carlsbad included installation of an outdoor room complete with fireplace and outdoor bar and barbecue as well as a shaded pavilion. The garden has several unique fountains. The spa is designed as a traditional architectural fountain with arched backwall, framed with columns of stone. A

second water feature masks the sounds of a nearby freeway and also serves as a doggy pool. A multitude of drought-tolerant succulents and other low-water plants combined with aggregates, ornamental grasses and ground covers were used throughout the landscape.

The CLCA San Diego chapter presented 57 Beautification Awards in 31 categories, culled from 126 entries. Award categories covered residential and commercial landscape construction, maintenance and renovation, along with water features, outdoor lighting and water-saving California-friendly design.

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An antique stone fountain sits at one end of the Weirs' reflecting pool. BRONWYN MILLER • EYESCAPES



French provincial gardens inspired this hilltop design for the Weir garden. BRONWYN MILLER • EYESCAPES



The landscaping for the Dussin Residence includes several unique fountains. BRONWYN MILLER • EYESCAPES