

Hoffman Landscapes wins national award for Wilton design

For the second year in a row, Hoffman Landscapes of 647 Danbury Road has been named the grand award winner in a national contest sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America for its design and landscape project at a private residence in Wilton.

Hundreds of entries were submitted for this National Environmental

Improvement Award. Last year, Hoffman Landscapes received a national merit award for its work at a New Canaan residence.

“Winning such a high level award two years in a row speaks volumes about the quality of the team we have put together here,” said Michael Hoffman, president. “We not only enjoy our work, but also work very hard at being the best in our business. I want to thank every one at our company for putting forth such terrific efforts.”

Rewards good landscaping

The Environmental Improvement Awards Program reflects the association’s commitment to creating and preserving the beauty of the national landscape. The program is designed to reward landscape contracting professionals who execute quality-landscaping projects and to recognize citizens who underwrite such work.

In sponsoring the awards program, ALCA also strives to increase public awareness of environmental improvement through landscaping and to encourage the landscape contractors’ consistent use of quality materials and workmanship. ALCA represents more than 2,500 nationwide interior and exterior landscape maintenance, installation and design/build contractors and suppliers.

Mr. Hoffman said the project, which was completed last year, incorporated a kitchen expansion and existing gazebo into the design of a formal swimming pool and appropriate terraces. Design constraints included preserving the existing woodland and a 25-foot change in elevation all without disturbing the wetland setbacks.



Bands of bleustones and green turf, surrounded by plantings, shrubs, and trees create a formal yet reflective entertainment area.

—Hoffman Landscapes photo

Kitchen expansion pivotal

“The centerline of the expanded kitchen provides the starting point of the design. It serves as a visual spine to lead the viewer through the spaces,” said Brian Cossari, landscape architect. Large elevated terraces took the place of an existing outdated timber deck.

A mixture of deciduous and ever green shrubs, flowering perennials and shade trees soften the facade of the home, while providing visual interest throughout the seasons.

The overall effect created a “property that is visually exciting as well as functional. It appears as a formal oasis within a natural woodland setting, making it perfectly appropriate for relaxation and entertaining.” Mr. Hoffman said.

The construction phase of the project lasted almost 10 months. Robert Zupperoli, a member of Hoffman’s maintenance department, designed the container gardens.

“Robert actually started the containers long before the project was complete so that when they were placed in the new landscape, the containers and plantings lent an air of instant maturity to the project,” said Mr. Hoffman.

The plantings consist mostly of tropical annuals and there are several specimens that can be used to enhance interior spaces during the winter months. The custom detailing on the stone pots and urns with the tropical plants give the terraces a classic Mediterranean feel.”

Hoffman Landscapes, founded in 1987, is a landscape design, construction and management company. The company’s services include master design plans by landscape architects, supported by a staff of botany and arbor experts. The company also employs crews of landscape masons, gardeners and maintenance staff.