

Glenview home

A second ALCA Merit Award was received for a Glenview residence. The landscape design objective was to incorporate vibrant and colorful plant materials to create a dramatic, ever-changing garden.

Twenty-foot tall evergreen trees were planted as a "living fence" for privacy and beauty. Large maples, ash, crabapples and spruce were also installed. Varieties of sun- and shade- tolerant perennials and annuals add colorful density.

Late flowering tulips were used to extend early spring season color, and daffodils and narcissus were naturalized in the garden. Hosta, pachysandra, impatiens and varieties of viburnum were planted in a side yard garden area.

A diverse selection of herbs was planted in four small plots, accented by urns and surrounds by antique brick pathways. A custom-built white picket fence borders the

pond at the garden's edge. With several children in the family, safety as well as beauty in the area were top priorities.

Evanston home

A new landscape installation created a natural and colorful appearance surrounding an older home in Evanston. This property also received the ALCA award.

The redesigned and renovated landscape includes a new paver walkway and entry patio. Extensive perennial plantings to provide a constantly changing color appearance include rudbeckia, echinacea, liatris and a wide variety of other plant materials.

An existing sculpture was highlighted by excavating a sunken patio and extending the existing perennial garden. The garden areas required extensive amendment of the sandy soils on the site bordering Lake Michigan.

David Van Zelst will receive the awards at ALCA's Conference November 6 in

Indianapolis. The Associated Landscape Contractors of America represent over 2,000 landscape contractors and suppliers in the United States.

The Environmental Improvement Awards Program is planned to reward landscaping contracting professionals who execute quality-landscaping projects and also recognize owners who underwrite such projects.

Van Zelst said, "The firm's landscape architects enjoy working with both private and institutional clients who have special needs, whether it is for a vista, nature walks, growing of plants, attraction for wildlife or general enjoyment of a unique landscape. As a design/build firm, Van Zelst, Inc. undertakes landscaping projects from the first conceptual sketches through the full construction process and then year-around maintenance."