

Van Zelst wins gold and silver awards

Van Zelst, Inc. has received top recognition for its design, installation and maintenance work on four landscaping architectural projects in Illinois. The Wadsworth firm received two Gold Awards and two Silver Awards from the Illinois Landscape Contractor's Association in its annual statewide competition. ILCA presented the awards Feb. 22 in Oakbrook.

A Gold Award was given for the maintenance of a Glenview residence. The landscape features a wide palette of materials, including hardscape surfaces; numerous tree and shrub varieties; and thousands of perennials, groundcovers and annuals.

The firm's maintenance of a 10-acre residential property in Barrington Hills also earned a Gold Award. The ILCA judges were impressed with the handling of the complex horticultural challenges of keeping the destructive browsing of a large deer population under control.

Van Zelst's design and installation of the landscaping at a Glencoe residence was selected for a Silver Award. The owner purchased the adjoining property and the landscape architectural challenge was to integrate the two properties and create a series of "outdoor rooms" or "theme gardens."

The landscaping at a Northbrook wine shop earned another Silver Award.