

Van Zelst Inc. recognized for landscape project in Glenview

Design and construction of a beautiful landscape can provide an appealing and enjoyable setting for a home. But that can be lost without proper, ongoing maintenance of the landscaping.

Van Zelst Inc. of Wadsworth designs, builds and maintains landscapes and was recently recognized by the landscape industry for its outstanding work.

On Feb. 23, the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association awarded a Silver Award to Van Zelst, Inc. in recognition of its outstanding grounds maintenance of a Glenview residence. Van Zelst originally designed and installed the home's garden areas, walks and patio.

"Too often beautiful landscape designs and installations don't receive the proper continuing care of the growing plants, shrubs



and trees and even the hardscape areas," said David Van Zelst, landscape architect and president of the firm. "They all need maintenance to justify and sustain the initial investment."

The maintenance program for the Glenview project involves care for many varieties of plant material integrated into a cohesive landscape palette. Weekly deadheading and pruning of perennials, annuals and shrubs is vital for a consistent and pleasing scene for all seasons.

"Large shade trees create small microclimates within the overall landscape," explained Van Zelst. "Differing care is needed in these areas due to a more complex watering practice with monitoring of the irrigation system and disease and pest control for susceptible plantings. The large lawn areas enhanced with sweeping and densely planted beds require a detailed management program for all seasons."

Van Zelst was founded 25 years ago and since then has won many awards for its design and maintenance work. Van Zelst is located at 39400 N. Highway 41 in Wadsworth. Call 847-623-3580 or visit vanzelst.com.

The VanZelst landscaping of this Glenview home, includes a beautiful blue-stone patio for entertaining as well as a large mixed border of shrubs and flowers. The wall is softened by annuals that bring attention to the water-enhanced statuary.

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