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The Use and Help of Growing Degree Days

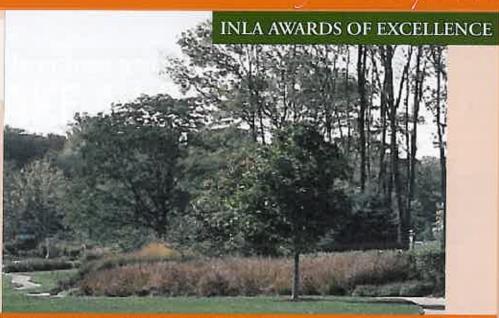
Outdoor Kitchens: It's More Than Flippin' Burgers!

COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE: Becker Landscape Contractors, Indianapolis. IN

Project: Saxony, Hamilton, Co., IN



Kevin Fox, Becker Landscape (e), received the award from ANLA President Dwight Hughes (l).



RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE: Foegley Landscape, Inc., South Bend, IN Project: Private Riverside Resort, South Bend, IN



John Facgley, Foegley Landscape (r), received the award from ANLA President Dwight Hugher (l).



RESIDENTIAL DESIGN/BUILD: Small's Landscaping, Valparaiso, IN Project: Drasga Residence, Winfield, IN



Nancy Marshall, Small's Landscaping (I), received the award from ANLA President Dwight Hughes (r).



## **COVER STORY**

Taking a Closer Look at the 2007 INLA Award of Excellence Winner: Small's Landscaping, Residential Design/Build Category for Drasga Residence

## A New Look



 A Carpinus hedge creates a wall that separates the more public front door area from the family's pond and front walk gardens. A casual glance offers a few hints to what lies past the "wall."

 The Alaskan Cedar balances the height of the Hornbeams.

- A forest Pansy Redbud, a Japanese Maple, and Chamaecyparis 'gold threads' add varying heights and interesting season leaf color against the blue of the house.
- An immense Blue Nest Spruce weighs down the vericality of the Hornbeam hedge. A smaller one is used nearer to the front door to balance the color and texture.
- Other perennials used in this area include: Cerastium tomentosum (Snow-in Summer), Knifophia 'traffic light', Echinacea 'sundown' and 'double decker', Nepeta "Walker's low', Heuchera "palace purple', Cimicifuga 'brunette' and variegated Iris ensata.



This design/build project took place on a 10-acre residence that sits at the end of a long driveway, but is still visible from a busy street. The client wanted a pond they could enjoy from inside their house. They also wanted space to entertain, which included a firepit and places to walk through their new gardens. There was a 3-acre pond to the right of the house and an existing pool to consider. The client also wanted to re-use some of their existing plants.



 Twin waterfalls rush into this 15' x 25' pond to create a peaceful scene when viewed from the house.

 A mix of tropical and perennial pond plants, including Juncus spiralis and Alocasia odora, add character to this newly installed pond.

 Edging the pond are specimen trees such as Blue Prostate Spruce, Japanese Maple 'bloodgood', and a massive Weeping White Pine.

 Expert stone placement by our pond crew makes this pond more interesting to look at, gives Koi a place to hide, and helps to conceal any potted water plants.

