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COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE:
Becker Landscape Contractors,
Indianapolis, IN
Project: Saxony, Hamilton, Co., IN



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



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



*Nancy Marshall, Small's Landscaping
(l), 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

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.



- 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 veracity 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*.



- 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.

