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CUCAMONGA VALLEY

District honors water-saving winners of landscape contest

Staff report

RANCHO CUCAMONGA » The Cucamonga Valley Water District has announced the winners of its ninth annual Water Savvy Landscape Contest, which promotes water efficiency by recognizing residents who have installed beautiful, water saving landscapes.

This year's Grand Prize winners are Steve and Karen Diffenbacher, Glen Miller and Sara Owens.

Honorable mention was awarded to Russell and Tracie Gray, Sam and Ann Kachaenchai, Luis and Lorena Leon, and Blake English and Melinda Salazar.

Open to all CVWD customers, the 2015 contest kicked off in February and ran through April. Each landscape was evaluated based on a set of criteria which included overall water efficiency, appearance, selection of plant material and irrigation design. The winners were formally recognized at the CVWD board of directors meeting on June 23, according to a district news release.

"Now more than ever it is essential to educate the community about saving water outdoors and the Landscape Contest provides that opportunity," stated board President James V. Curatalo, Jr. "We are grateful to these model residents, our ambassadors, who are setting the example through their beautiful water saving landscapes. And we commend all customers for doing their part to use water efficiently."

Grand prize winners receive a \$250 gift certificate to a local nursery and an invitation to participate in CVWD's Garden Tour, held every spring.

All winners receive a sign for their yard and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Home of Glen Miller



Home of Sara Owens



Home of Steve and Karen Diffenbacher

recognition on the CVWD website and in The Pipeline customer newsletter. Since the inception of the program in 2007, CVWD has recognized 47 homeowners for their beautiful, water-friendly landscapes which feature low water

using plants, rock pathways, and efficient irrigation systems.

For more information about CVWD's landscape programs and resources to help save water: www.cvwwater.com or 909-987-2591.

Short Take

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Alta Loma High Alumni picnic June 11

Alta Loma High All-Alumni Picnic held July 11 in the section of Red Hill off Vineyard Avenue.

The free event, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will be for all graduating classes at the school. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There will be children's games and prizes, a raffle.

Information will be available on how to contact the Alumni Association and receive the newsletter or write ALHSAA, 2464 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729.

Details: Lois D. Grasso, 909-981-5092, and Lois Grasso, 909-362-4111.

ONTARIO

Sons of Legion plan barbecue

Sons of The American Legion Squadron 112 will host an Independence Day barbecue on Saturday, July 4, at the Ontario American Legion, 310 W. Emporia Street.

Lunch will be served between noon and 1 p.m., featuring barbecue or chicken, baked corn on the cob, and potato salad. Cost is \$12 for chicken, \$12 for beef.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 will serve ice cream and other tasty treats, as the event will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Information: 909-3811, or www.sons.org.

LIFESTREAM

Summer bloom planned today

LifeStream will hold its "SOS" Summer Bloom event today. LifeStream donors and Victoria Cultural Center in Camong.

While all blooms are needed as they are risks not kept in demand at local nurseries.