

Wickenburg Landscape earns award for local project

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Wickenburg resident Aaron Wolfe was honored recently when his company, Wickenburg Landscape & Irrigation (WLI), received two significant awards during the Interlocking Concrete and Pavement Institute's (ICPI) annual awards banquet on Nov. 7.

The banquet, held at Tempe's Regus Hayden Ferry Lakeside Center, acknowledged Arizona's finest projects of the year. With more than 200 members in attendance, the audience was shown photographs of the 54 entries through a PowerPoint presentation.

Wolfe, vice president and CEO of WLI, submitted a 7,600 square-foot paverstone driveway his company designed and installed at the home of Wickenburg resident Verne Crissman, using a pattern of fan shapes – 800 in all.

Wolfe's company not only won the award for best residential driveway, but took home the grand prize for "Chapter Choice Award," the best project of the year judged on creativity, quality of workmanship and how well the design blended into the landscape and other hardscapes (decorative block, stone or pavers).

WLI has been encouraged to enter the project for national competition.



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Aaron Wolf of Wickenburg Landscape

Wolfe, who attended the dinner with his wife Janice, was genuinely surprised when his project won.

"It was a very difficult pattern," he admitted, "and it wasn't a lot of fun, but this is one of the highest awards you can win in hardscapes. To win that award from your peers is the ultimate."

Certified as an ICPI instructor in 2002, Wolfe has recently been chosen to travel throughout the

United States and Canada, teaching classes on how to install concrete pavers.

Vern Crissman was pleased with the awards.

"When people visit me, the first thing they say is 'I love your driveway,'" said Crissman. "Aaron bent over backwards for me and I appreciate his honesty and creativity. He listened to what I wanted and I'm thrilled with what he did."