



DESIGNS BY SUNDOWN
— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION —

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DESIGNS BY SUNDOWN RECEIVES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Englewood, CO. (Sept. 26, 2007): Designs By Sundown is proud to announce it has received national recognition for their work on the Japanese Garden Pond at the Denver Botanic Gardens. The company is recipient of a Merit Award in the 38th Annual Environmental Improvement Awards Program sponsored by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET).

The scope of the project included the complete renovation of the leaking Japanese Garden Pond within the Denver Botanic Gardens that sat idle and nearly empty for close to two years. Early in 2006, Designs By Sundown was hired to drain and restore this garden to its original beauty. The biggest challenge was removing six feet of sludge and muck that had accumulated at the bottom since the pond's conception in 1979 plus not damage an 8" clay water main buried deep within the muck controlling water to the *entire* Gardens. To duplicate the original old world charm and spiritual elements of a Japanese water garden, Designs By Sundown was assisted by a fourth generation Japanese landscape architect who traveled in frequently from Portland, Oregon to oversee the project.

About Designs By Sundown:

Designs By Sundown is a landscape architecture and construction company specializing in high-end custom residential landscapes in the Denver Metropolitan area. Since the founding of the company in 1985 by Colorado native Michael Hommel, Designs By Sundown has emerged as one of Denver's premier residential landscape firms.

About PLANET and the Environmental Improvement Awards:

PLANET represents approximately 4,400 green industry service-provider companies and suppliers nationwide that specialize in lawn care, design/build/installation, interior plantscaping, and landscape management. These firms and their employees represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals. PLANET is based in Herndon, Virginia.

PLANET'S Environmental Improvement Awards Program reflects the association's commitment to creating and preserving the beauty of our landscape. The program is designed to reward independent landscape, lawn care, and interior plantscaping professionals who execute superior projects. PLANET strives to increase public awareness of environmental improvement through contracted landscaping, lawn care, and interior plantscaping and encourages the consistent use of quality materials and workmanship.

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