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Landscapes



## Meet your Landscape Crews, part 1



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Schultz and Co. Landscapes takes pride in our work, but none of this would be possible without our dedicated landscape and maintenance crews who work so hard to create and keep your landscape beautiful. Here we introduce two of our landscape crews.

Eliseo Villagomes, 56, is one of our most experienced foremen with 20 years in the landscape industry, 13 of which he has worked at Schultz & Co. He and his crew members are all from Guanajuato, Mexico. Eliseo has three grown children, and enjoys shopping and fishing with his family.

Javier Varela, 23, has worked for Schultz & Co. for two years. He has two daughters, and he enjoys sports.

Valentin Lomeli, 28, has two years of landscape experience and recently began working at Schultz & Co. He has two children and spends his free time with his family.

Tomas Calderon, 44, has been working for Schultz & Co. for four years. He has four children and enjoys spending time with his family.

Noe Andrade, 40, has been working at Schultz & Co. for ten years. He has two children and spends his free time with his family.

Benito Canales, 43, is the foreman of this landscape crew. He and all of the members of his crew are from Guanajuato, Mexico. Benito has worked at Schultz & Co. for 13 years. He has two children and enjoys spending time with his family.

Sergio Perez, 21, recently began working at Schultz & Co. He has one child. He likes to hang out with friends in his free time.

Salvador Ruiz, 62, has been working at Schultz & Co. for ten years. He has nine grown children.

Fernando Hernandez, Jr., 18, recently began working at Schultz & Co. His father also works for Schultz & Co. Fernando enjoys watching television in his spare time.

Julio Camargo, 31, has worked at Schultz & Co. for five years. He has two children, and he enjoys listening to music and reading.

**How GREEN are we?** Besides working in the Green industry planting Xeriscape plants and trees, at Schultz & Co. we strive to practice good stewardship of our environment. To reduce waste, we recycle paper, aluminum, and plastic. We also recycle engine oil from our fleet of vehicles and reuse the tens of thousands of plastic containers from the plants we install. We have replaced our supervisors' large diesel trucks with more fuel-efficient vehicles. Also, the native mulch that we use is a by-product of a local tree service company, and the primary part of our compost is recycled, treated sewer sludge.

Every year, we report our water usage to the Edwards Aquifer Authority and set a goal to continue to become more efficient and document how we have cut back on our water usage. In order to use less water irrigating our inventory of plants, we have added drip irrigation to all of our balled-and-burlap trees and large container plants. Each year, we look for new and innovative ways to become more wise with our water from the Edwards Aquifer.

**Winter/Spring services** Even though it is winter and our plants are dormant, now is a great time to think about taking care of your landscape. Some winter services we offer are mulching, aerating and compost topdressing lawn areas, pruning shrubs and perennials, and general clean-up. We can also meet with you at your convenience during these winter months to plan for spring landscape enhancements. Contact us if you are interested in these services to get a jump on Spring.

**Professional Certification** Elizabeth Wilson, horticulturist with Schultz & Co., recently completed the Texas Landscape Professional Certification. Certification requires experience in the industry and a degree in a related field, as well as passing a two part exam that tests applicants' knowledge and skills in horticulture and landscape development. Kendra Rico, our Nursery Manager, is a Texas Certified Nursery Professional.

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## Featured landscape— Rowsey Residence Cordillera Ranch



### Tuscan Villa Landscape

Schultz & Co. recently completed a project with homeowner Bill Rowsey that utilized a unique plant palette. The Rowseys' gained inspiration for their home from the Escondida Resort in the Hill Country. Part of creating a home that looks like a Tuscan mountain villa was having the landscape appear mature even though it was newly planted.

Bill Rowsey teamed up with John Troy, a well know landscape architect in San Antonio, and Schultz & Co., saying that he was attracted to the company because Owner Bill Schultz showed a passion for creativity and landscaping. Together, they created this landscape using a variety of plants including Texas native grasses as well as pine and cypress trees grown in Oregon nurseries.

The contrast of textures and colors was one design principle in particular that was used. Silvery artemisia is set against dark green pine needles. Native grasses create soft borders around beds. Plum yews with dark green, low spreading branches thrive in the shade of the native live oaks in the courtyard, and the Italian cypress create drastic vertical height around the house.

Mr. Rowsey was very satisfied with the final product and with working with Schultz & Co., commenting, "Benito and his crew were outstanding."



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