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Meet your Maintenance Crews, part 3



Juan Pizano, Bartolo Lopez (Foreman), Teofilo Bernal

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 our final two maintenance crews.

Bartolo Lopez, 36, is from Morelos, Mexico. He has three children, and has worked with Schultz & Co. for five years. In his free time, Bartolo enjoys playing soccer. He is a good defensive player.

We introduced Juan Pizano to you in the Summer 2008 newsletter, when he was new to Schultz & Co. Since then, he has begun working with this crew.

Teofilo Bernal has worked with Schultz & Co. Landscapes since the company started.



Alejandro Canales, Eliseo Velasquez (Foreman), Juan Landin

Eliseo Velasquez, 43, is from Guanajuato, Mexico. He has five children. He has 20 years of experience in the landscape industry, ten of which has been as Schultz & Co. He enjoys watching sports and news on television.

Alejandro Canales, 31, is also from Guanajuato. He has worked at Schultz & Co. for eight years. In his free time, Alex goes dancing with his friends.

Juan Landin, 62, is also from Guanajuato. He has seven grown children, and has worked at Schultz & Co. for six years. He goes shopping in his free time.

Community Project Schultz & Co. recently participated in a special container gardening project with a group of refugees from Bhutan and Iraq. Joining with members of local churches and students from Trinity University, Schultz & Co. donated potting soil and containers for the refugees to plant tomatoes, squash, and pepper plants.

As we began to set up tables at two of the apartment complexes where many of these refugees live, people young and old began to gather around to see what we were doing. Many of the Bhutanese and Iraqis had worked in agriculture in their homeland and quickly began to plant the vegetable seedlings. In the picture the right, several young Bhutanese refugees are planting squash and peppers. Though they have only been in the U.S. for a few months, the children and young adults were able to converse with us in English. We hope that these container gardens will be a source of enjoyment as well as sustenance to the refugees as they transition to life in America.



Refugees planting vegetable seedlings in containers

Featured landscape— Gorder Residence



Landscaping with native and adapted plants

This month we feature a landscape that incorporates many native Texas plants as well as plants that are adapted for this region. Dave Shows, a local landscape architect, designed the hardscapes for this residence, and Bill Schultz added our unique style and plant palette to the landscape. The Gorders were very happy with the resulting product and commented that “Schultz & Co. did a great job.”

Schultz & Co. works year-round installing landscapes. The fall is the best time to plant larger plant material such as trees and shrubs, because the plants are able to establish good root systems before facing the drought and heat stress of the summer. At the Gorder home, we installed the majority of the landscape in the fall, but waited to plant the smaller perennials until the spring, after the last freeze.

Some existing live oaks were preserved in the front landscape of the Gorder home, and Schultz & Co. added a red oak and smaller trees such as crape myrtles and Texas mountain laurels. The back landscape is an excellent area for entertaining and relaxing, the courtyard and pool edges softened by planting beds. For a tropical atmosphere in the pool area, Schultz & Co. planted sago palm, Mediterranean fan palms, and Texas sabal palms, an indigenous fan palm tree that is cold-tolerant for our zone.

From a grand impression of the front yard to the comfortable private area in the back, the landscape completes the Gorder home.

Landscaping for Wildlife

With all the spring blooms on plants now, you may find hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other wildlife enjoying your landscape. Schultz & Co. incorporates many native flowering perennials into our landscape designs such as *Salvia greggii*, Mexican honeysuckle, lantana, purple coneflower, and a variety of other sages. In this picture, a hummingbird is attracted to the red *Salvia greggii* blooms. While we often enjoy using plants to attract wildlife, the wildlife of



Hummingbird and *Salvia greggii*



Far-reaching scope

Did you know that Schultz & Co. will travel to meet your landscaping needs? We have clients with projects as far as Port Aransas, Eagle Pass, Houston, and Austin. Just give us a call if you are interested in consultation, design, or any type of landscape work for an out of town project.

some areas create challenges for landscaping— such as using deer-resistant plants in the Hill Country. Even in a landscape, we can provide food, water, and shelter for wildlife of the area.

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