

Upcoming APLD Events around the state

Greater LA District:

The APLD Greater LA District is once again setting up a booth at the **LA Expo: Design and Development for Landscape Architects, Developers and Design/Build Professionals.**

WHEN: March 12-13, 2015

WHERE: at the Long Beach Convention Center

MORE INFO: landscapeonline.com

If you are in town, stop by the booth!



East Bay District:

The APLD East Bay District is once again setting up a landscape design advice booth at the **San Francisco Flower and Garden Show.**

WHEN: March 18-22, 2015

WHERE: San Mateo Event Center

MORE INFO:
<http://sfgardenshow.com/>

If you are in town, stop by the booth!



Creating an Urban Oasis on a Budget

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I was extremely honored to receive the Merit Award for Cost Efficient Projects in the 2014 APLD Landscape Design Awards for my own garden. The challenge was to implement my core beliefs – creating a beautiful, functional and environmentally friendly space within a tight budget of \$20,000. I replaced the cracked, concrete pavement with luxurious red flagstone laid on gravel to keep the surface permeable. The beautiful, circular bench and raised garden beds were built with the recycled concrete, using the varying thickness of the material to create a natural stone look. The bench and fire pit serve as both a focal point and a natural place to congregate. Careful planning kept the cost of plant materials to a mere \$200. Many plants were saved before demolition and stored for later use while others were divided or grown from cuttings. We adore our new garden and use every part of the backyard, whether sitting on the bench by the fire pit, swimming in the pool, cooking and eating in the outdoor dining area or just relaxing by the fountain. It's the perfect haven on a quiet morning and the best place to de-stress after a long day.



To see more photos of this project, go to <https://flic.kr/s/aHsk7xS9SG>