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## Great Garden Ideas from the West's Best Gardens

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Earlier this year, I was invited to judge the Association of Professional Landscape Designers' (APLD) 2014 International Landscape Design Awards competition—the Oscars for garden designers. Of the many entries from across the United States, China, and beyond, California-based Colin Miller (Envision Landscape Design Studio), nabbed a Gold for this California garden, and a new title—2014 APLD Designer of the Year. His flowery slope meadow, which backs up to grassy open space, wowed all seven judges from this country and abroad. It's drought tolerant, right for its site, beautifully planted. See more of this garden in Sunset's November issue, California and Southwest editions). And check out the West's Merit Award-winners, below.



Patio bench: Natural Stone Oasis-Gliksman

To update the landscape around her backyard pool, designer Debbie Gliksman ([Urban Oasis Landscape Design](#), Los Angeles) removed solid concrete paving and replaced it with red flagstones set on gravel. Spaces between the new pavers keep the surface permeable. But rather than dumping the concrete, Gliksman used the broken pieces to build a bench and raised beds that have the look of natural stone. We love these sustainable, cost-saving solutions.

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