

# SW Frontier makes dreams come true

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Steve Pash said his team at SW Frontier Landscaping Inc. of Vancouver is committed to making landscaping dreams come true.

To demonstrate, the company developed a prehistoric landscape for their display at the 54th Annual GMC Portland Home & Garden Show in February, Steve said, who co-owns SW Frontier with his wife, Tina Pash.

"Our team created a forest of plants and rocks and water that are known to have existed in the age of the dinosaurs," Tina said.

"We wanted to show how homeowners can incorporate these ancient elements into their gardens or patio," she said.

Entitled "Jurassic Experience," the display won the show's Education Award, selected as the garden that most inspires further study and development, Steve said.

It was the company's 15th award since 1996, Steve said, and just the latest example of the original and creative landscaping SW Frontier has to offer.

SW Frontier started as a one man operation in February 1988, Steve said. Since then it has grown to three divisions with 30 full time employees.

The residential landscape construction division offers a wide range of services, Tina said, from simple sod and plant installation to construction of running water features and decks.

The residential and commercial maintenance division takes



STEVE AND TINA PASH own award-winning SW Frontier Landscaping Inc. They offer landscaping installation and maintenance of both residential and commercial properties.

care of lawns, prunes trees and performs other maintenance of existing landscapes, Steve said.

SW Frontier Landscaping is also certified to perform backflow testing on lawn irrigation systems, Steve said, as required by state law.

Backflow occurs when reverse pressure causes water to flow backwards into the drinking water supply, Steve said. SW Frontier Landscaping is licensed to inspect the devices that prevent backflow from occurring, he said.

The third division of the company is commercial landscaping,

Steve said, which has included work on multiple housing developments, banks and motels.

Steve and Tina are members of several professional organizations, including the Washington Association of Landscape Professional (WALP), for which Steve serves as secretary.

The professional organizations keep members connected and informed, Tina said, holding seminars on safety, plant identification, and business profit and loss.

Steve said that quality landscape contractors are usually members of the WALP, and are always trying to improve their

businesses.

"We educate each other so we can educate the public," he said.

The Pashes said their formula for success is really quite simple: Offer a quality job for a fair price, standing behind their work.

They especially credit their team of professional employees, they said.

"Without the good people working for us, we wouldn't be where we are," Steve said.

SW Frontier Landscaping Inc is located at 7503 NE 101st St. Call 360-574-8979 to inquire further.