Valley Beautiful's winning garden

WATER-WISE: *Former county Supervisor Jim Venable and wife Mary earned a new distinction — as winners in Valley Beautiful's water-wise gardens contest. Their 'Hummingbird Haven' yard was a stop on Valley-Beautiful's recent garden tour and got the most votes as the top garden by tour attendees. Second place went to 'Oak Oasis,' owned by Judie and Alan Maré, and third place went to 'Desert Rock Oasis,' owned by Amber and Jay Stark. 'We think any one of these three gardens was worthy of first place, and the vote was very close,' Valley Beautiful President Diane Mitchell said in a news release. 'All the gardens met our criteria for efficient irrigation, minimal turf, and water-wise plant choices.'*

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