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More accolades for Elmira landscaping firm

Earthscape picks up five awards at Landscape Ontario awards of excellence

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Elmira landscaping firm Earthscape received five awards at the Landscape Ontario awards of excellence in Toronto last week.

The three-year-old firm won a pair of awards last year, and were blown away to be named for five this year.

"We were hoping to win one or two, so when we found out we won five ... we were really excited about that," said general manager Rosely Schwarz.

Landscape Ontario is the largest landscape trade association in North America, with

more than 2,000 members across the province.

Earthscape won in the categories of special construction, water features, landscape lighting design and installation and private residential design over 5,000 feet. The award-winning projects include an outdoor living room in West Montrose, a stone wall water feature in Kitchener, and Kiwanis Park.

Winning the awards is an affirmation that Earthscape's work compares favourably to that done by larger firms," Schwarz said.

"It allows us to compete with the bigger landscape companies

of Toronto and Niagara. It allows us to say, 'yes, they know what they're doing but we do as well.'"

Schwarz said the projects featured on the company's website are starting to draw more attention from people outside the region. Last year, the company completed a project in Toronto's Rosedale neighbourhood, near the University of Toronto.

"We hadn't expected to be able to go there," Schwarz said. "We know where Elmira is here in Waterloo Region, but go beyond Waterloo Region and they don't know where Elmira is. It's another way of putting Elmira on the map."



BIG YIELD Members of the Earthscape team show off the five awards the landscaping firm won at the Landscape Ontario awards of excellence last week.