

TREE COMPANY TEAMS RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY
Nursery's Northern California growing grounds in Farmington celebrate
another year accident free

November 18, 2002 ~ Any nursery production operation can claim to be the safest in the business, but few compile the award-winning safety history to back it up. The crews at Valley Crest Tree Company's production facilities and growing grounds consistently demonstrate a daily commitment to safety, living their motto: "*Safety First. First in Safety.*"



"At a time when Tree Company is celebrating almost five decades of accomplishments, it is also tremendously exciting to know that we have the safety leadership throughout our company—such as Production Managers Emory Chow and Jim Barnes, and Safety Officers Saul Vega and Francisco Reyes," said John Serviss, Northern California Branch Manager.

The Farmington crews being recognized this year represent divisions 1-4, 4 work groups with a total of almost 100 employees. These crews oversee the care, production, and hands-on operational detail of more than 550,000 container-grown trees in a 300-acre section of the nursery. Three crews (each crew is about 20 employees) working in the Farmington Nursery of Valley Crest Tree company have surpassed 1400 days accident free. Pictured in the photograph are members of these crews who qualified for annual safety jackets awarded to the crewmembers as their group achieves each additional year of accident free work. Safety is a top priority of the managers and supervisors in all of our operations.

About Valley Crest Tree Company

As the largest producer of containerized specimen trees in the west, Valley Crest Tree Company offers an unparalleled variety of high-quality trees to landscape contractors, architects and developers seeking to create mature and distinctive landscapes.

With 800-acres of state-of-the-art growing grounds in northern and southern California, the Nursery Division's standing inventory of 15-gallon through 72-inch boxes includes a broad cross-section of shrubs and trees. In addition, the Specimen Division inventories an array of mature, individual specimens that have been procured and preserved from the original settings. Owners and contractors often request "matching Valley Crest Company quality" when specifying plant material.

More than a comprehensive tree nursery, the Specimen Division offers expert tree relocation, storage and preservation services worldwide. Harnessing the industry's most knowledgeable staff and specialized equipment, Valley Crest Tree Company crews are able to travel virtually anywhere in the world to provide, preserve or relocate specimen trees. From palms to oaks, no company can provide the quality, knowledge and service of Valley Crest Tree Company.

The Garden Art International Division supplies a wide selection of custom and imported containers, fountains and garden accessories. Creating special orders is what its artisans do best, making possible a vast world of custom finishes and architectural detail reproductions. In addition, Garden Art International is also a one-stop shopping place for the Interiorscape industry. Providing the highest quality products and expert service, the specialists at Garden Art International fulfill the plant material needs of interiorscapers and architects from its base in Orange County, California.