

CHICAGO CULTURE CENTER WINS AWARDS

The Mayor's Landscape Awards Program has again recognized the gardens at the SGI-USA Chicago Culture Center, this year with the 1st Place Award for Community Garden in the city's Region No. 3.

Chicago member Paul Reid, who designed and installed the landscaping, accepted the award on Nov. 6. The grounds have been maintained since the Culture Center's opening in 1995 through the volunteer efforts of many Chicago members.

Last year, the garden won 2nd Place citywide in the category of Naturalized Gardens. The grounds are open to members and visitors during the operating hours of the center.

Meanwhile, *Faith and Form* magazine and the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture have decided to give the 2000 Design Award for the Chicago Culture Center in the category of Religious Architecture—New Facilities. The Culture Center was one of only seven projects nationwide honored in this category.

Faith and Form and IFRAA will recognize the winning designs at the 2000 IFRAA Biennial Conference in Boston next October. An exhibition of the award-winning projects will be displayed at the 2000 Convention of the American Institute of Architects in Philadelphia.

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