



# OUTDOOR LIVING



# GARDEN GUIDE



## Pavers add old-world charm

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Vancouver landscape contractor Rob Kyne used Pavestone pavers to create a driveway at The Cottage, a custom, old European-style home in the 2008 Clark County Parade of Homes.

Kyne said the pavers, all 2 5/8-inches thick and patterned with varying sizes ranging up to 12-inches square, were set on a base of three to four inches 1 1/4-inch to 1 1/2-inch gravel topped with three to four inches of 5/8-inch minus gravel and one-inch of sand. Spaces between the pavers were packed with coarse sand. The entire driveway was enclosed with snap edging, with edges secured by spikes at intervals of every six inches.

An old European look was obtained by using Venetian-style, warm earth-tone pavers manufactured by Pavestone, Inc., which were purchased

from wholesale distributor United Pipe & Supply, said Kyne.

Kyne said he was committed to capturing an old world look. "The owner of The Cottage said she wanted this home to look like it was lifted from a European setting and placed right here," he said.

In addition to a striking driveway, Kyne's company did the landscaping at The Cottage. Kyne said landscaping was done in keeping with a theme of "building green."

Workers used cedar boards to create raised garden beds, bordered tan-toned decomposed granite pathways with steel edging.

Drip irrigation systems were installed throughout the landscape, said Kyne. He said drip irrigation is about 70-percent more efficient than traditional watering systems.

Kyne said he used lots of native plants in the landscape. Highlights include

boxwood and laurel hedges, roses and perennials. Colorful geranium plants spill from Iron planter boxes under windows. Other landscape features include grapevines weaving along a living fence and a walk-through trellis. In keeping with a Continental feel, Kyne's crew installed a pergola in the backyard where visitors can relax in the shade.

Born in California, Kyne was raised near Chicago, IL. He said he was 12 years old when he saved enough money to buy a riding lawn mower. Mowing neighborhood lawns helped him with spending money during his school years. Kyne said he graduated with a computer science degree from Montana University, but decided to return to landscaping when the dot-com crash occurred. He has operated his own landscaping business in Clark County for the past eight years.



**ROB KYNE**, owner of Kyne Landscaping of Vancouver, installed Pavestone pavers on driveway to create an "old world" look at The Cottage, a 2008 Parade of Homes entry.