

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Hotel guests and readers of the international luxury travel guide *Condé Nast Johansens* have recognized **Kurotel Longevity Center and Spa** in Gramado, Brazil, as “The Most Excellent Spa in South America” for the second year running. 604-737-7397

**Balensi’s Institute Skin Care & Spa** in Chula Vista, CA, has been honored with the Spa Week Luxe Award for “Best Facial.” 619-476-0706, info@balensispa.com



Lorena Balensi



From left, Miriam Lytle, owner and esthetician with Wolf Mountain Day Spa, and Hannelore Leavy, executive director of the Day Spa Association

The Day Spa Association has awarded its 2008 Distinguished Day Spa Award to **Wolf Mountain Day Spa** in Grass Valley, CA, noting the spa’s philanthropic efforts and nurturing environment. 530-477-2340

Capping a year of exciting growth, **Spa Velia** in San Diego has been awarded Citysearch.com’s Editor’s Choice for “Best Massage 2007” and was chosen by Citysearch.com readers as “San Diego’s Best Day Spa 2007.” 619-235-0000



### SpaBoom

The online gift certificate provider announced its Instant Gift Certificate Platform has enabled more than \$20 million in online sales for spas, salons and massage therapists, doubling its growth since October 2007. 800-940-0458, info@spaboom.com

### SpaFinder

Working to differentiate between rehab facilities’ detox programs and the detox programs found at spas, the company has released a special trend report discussing the current surge in clients seeking spa detox services, as well as an overview of detox versus rehab misconceptions and recommendations on top detox spas. 212-924-6800, ext. 221