



38th Annual Landscape Awards Program

Categories • Details • Judging criteria

Category Number & Name	Details	Judging Criteria
1. Residential Installation		Residential and Commercial categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance, 15 points • Design program, 10 points • Degree of comprehensiveness or scope of design, 10 points • Design, execution and quality of construction details, 10 points • Selection, quality, and location of plant materials, 10 points • Harmony of design with surroundings, 10 points
2. Commercial Installation		
3. Unique or Unusual	Unique use of concepts & materials—plant materials and/or hard goods. Please state the unique or unusual characteristic of the design.	Unique or Unusual category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Degree of difficulty, 10 points • Overall appearance, 15 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Design program, 10 points • Degree of unique or unusual character, 20 points • Quality of installation & construction, 15 points • Quality, location and selection of plants and/or materials, 10 points
4. Water Features	Waterfalls, fountains, water features, etc.	Water Features category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance/design, 15 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Site adaptation, 15 points • Quality of installation & construction, 20 points • Quality and selection of materials, 15 points
5. Theme Gardens, Show Gardens or Educational or Informative Display of Horticultural Products or Techniques	Knot garden, butterfly garden, rock garden, dwarf conifer garden, garden show displays, etc. This can be a permanent or temporary installation and must include a plan. Please state the intended theme.	Theme Garden category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance/design, 15 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Proper application of theme, 20 points • Quality of installation & construction, 15 points • Quality of plants and/or materials, 15 points
6. Residential Landscape Maintenance	Must include one project maintained by entrant. In this category, the planting under consideration must have been cared for by the entering firm for a period of 12 months or more. If this does not include lawn care, be sure to indicate. No plans are necessary in this category, however, images showing seasonal progression maintenance details are suggested.	Residential or Commercial Maintenance categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance, 15 points • Quality of turf, 10 points • Condition of plant material, 10 points • Pruning of plant material, 10 points • Seasonal color treatment, 10 points • Mulch and surface treatment of beds, 10 points
7. Commercial Landscape Maintenance		

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8. Garden Structures	Examples: arbors, hot tubs, decks, fencing, pools, walls, gates, etc. Must contain vertical elements. Plans are necessary in this category.	Garden Structure categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance & design, 15 points • Execution of construction details, 20 points • Structural integrity, 15 points • Quality of materials, 15 points
9. Pavements	Examples: patios, walkways, driveways, steps, etc. Plans are necessary in this category. Show detail of patterns, colors and combinations of materials.	Pavement categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Degree of difficulty, 15 points • Overall appearance, 15 points • Design function & aesthetics, 15 points • Selection of materials, 15 points • Execution of construction detail, 20 points
10. Use of Seasonal Color, Container Gardens or Perennial Gardens	Must be a progression of seasonal color (winter, spring, summer, fall) on a single client's project or window boxes, patio or street planters, etc. This may include the use of annuals, perennials, bulbs, etc. No plans are necessary in this category	Seasonal Color/Container Garden category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Degree of difficulty, 10 points • Overall appearance/design, 15 points • Attention to detail, 15 points • Seasonal effect, 25 points • Quality of installation & construction, 10 points • Quality and selection of plants and/or materials, 20 points
11. Outdoor Lighting	Interesting and effective use of night lighting. Plans are necessary in this category.	Outdoor Lighting category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First impression of finished project, Maximum 5 points • Overall appearance/design, 20 points • Attention to detail, 20 points • Site adaptation, 15 points • Quality of installation, 20 points • Quality and selection of materials, 20 points
Important Note: The judges reserve the option to call entrants to verify the dollar amount spent and the five-year limit on any project(s) entered. The judges also reserve the option to see paperwork verifying dollar amounts and dates.		
NOTE: Once the judging process is complete and awards are determined, the ONLA will return ONLY the judges scoresheets back to entrants.		