

LANDSCAPE ONTARIO *Awards* of Excellence

Construction, Maintenance AND Design PROGRAM

OPEN FOR ENTRY: July 1 to October 1, 2015

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE CEREMONY JANUARY 12, 2016



► LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

Construction projects must have been completed no more than four years ago.

Judges will be using the following criteria:

HARD LANDSCAPE TECHNIQUES: Quality of workmanship, installation techniques, craftsmanship, quality of materials used, execution of construction details, overall appearance, installation challenges encountered, unique use of hard/soft materials, completeness of installation.

PLANT MATERIAL: Horticultural correctness, integration of materials, compatibility with environment, quality of materials used, seasonability, harmony, colour, unique use of plant material, proper installation techniques. Design: Originality, degree of difficulty, site problems solved, effectiveness and harmony of design elements, integration of plants, landscape, ornamentation, ease of maintenance.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: Design/Built by your firm or in conjunction with an independent designer:

1. Under \$10,000
2. \$10,000-\$25,000
3. \$25,000-\$50,000
4. \$50,000-\$100,000
5. \$100,000-\$250,000
6. \$250,000-\$500,000
7. \$500,000-\$1,000,000
8. Over \$1,000,000

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION: Multi-residential and industrial landscape construction - design/built by your firm or in conjunction with an independent designer:

9. Under \$10,000
10. \$10,000-\$25,000
11. \$25,000-\$50,000
12. \$50,000-\$100,000
13. \$100,000-\$250,000
14. Over \$250,000
15. **SPECIAL INTEREST CONSTRUCTION:** A focus on a specific area of the garden. Unique or unusual use of concepts and materials - examples of hard or soft landscaping. Entries must be from one project only.
16. **WATER FEATURES:** Unlimited (waterfalls, fountains, etc.)
17. **PLACE OF BUSINESS:** Your own business entrance as seen by your customers; NOT including your personal/private residence area. (Company name may be referenced in both images and project summary).
18. **ROOFTOP OR BALCONY GARDEN:** Entries will be judged on feasibility of construction and overall visual impact.
19. **THEME GARDENS:** This must be a permanent installation. Please state the intended theme. (Butterfly Garden, Rock Garden)

► LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

Entries must promote the use of landscape lighting, both low and line voltage, as an essential extension of the landscape plan, well integrated into its environment.

20. Under \$10,000
21. \$10,000-\$30,000
22. Over \$30,000
23. **HOLIDAY LIGHTING:** Use of decorative lighting to enhance the property for seasonal festivals or holidays.

► WEBSITES

This category is open to all industry sectors (construction, maintenance, interior and design). USE YOUR WEB ADDRESS FOR YOUR PROJECT NAME on the entry form. Judges will navigate through the website. Project summary should include what you are trying to achieve with your site, and how it has helped your business. Please submit 1-3 digital images as a sample from your website for use on the plaque/in the ceremony. (1-3 screen captures or pages).

24. **COMPANY WEBSITE**

► LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Maintenance projects must have been maintained for a period of not less than two seasons.

Judges will be using the following criteria:

TURF: Quality of turf cut, health of turf, weeds, IPM practices, cut lines, burn out/overwatering, length of cut/mower height, edging and trimming, cleanliness.

BEDS: Overall impact, quality of materials used, design, overall appearance, site challenges encountered, completeness of installation, cleanliness.

► SUBMIT ENTRIES AT: **LOawards.com**

PLANT MATERIAL: Horticultural correctness, pruning, quality of materials used, health of plant material, seasonability, harmony, colour, unique use of plant material, proper installation techniques, integration of plants, landscape, ornamentation.

PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE - Single Family Homes:

25. Under 15,000 sq. ft. lot size
26. 15,000 sq. ft.-1 acre
27. 1 acre or more

MULTI RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE - Condominiums, senior citizen/nursing homes, townhouses, apartments:

28. Under 2 acres (excluding parking)
29. Over 2 acres (excluding parking)

CORPORATE BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Industrial Complexes, Public or Retail Buildings:

30. Under 2 acres (excluding parking)
31. Over 2 acres (excluding parking)
32. **SPECIAL INTEREST MAINTENANCE - Residential or Commercial:** A focus on a specific maintenance area featuring annuals, topiary, espalier, etc.
33. **NON-TURF MAINTENANCE:** Sites must feature maintenance on areas other than turf.

► INTERIOR PLANTSCAPING

Judges will be using the following criteria: (Design/installation) design, creativity and aesthetics of the project. Emphasis on coordination, challenge and quality of work performed. (Maintenance) quality of work performed. Emphasis on scope of the project, maintenance schedules and procedures, and significant challenges.

INTERIOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION: Focus on design, creativity and aesthetics of the project, with an emphasis on coordination, challenge and quality of work performed. Incorporate plants, containers and other elements to create an attractive and sustainable project.

34. Projects less than \$2,500 service value per annum
35. Projects greater than \$2,500 service value per annum

INTERIOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE: Contractor must have maintained the project for a minimum of one year and must be the current maintenance contractor.

36. Projects less than \$2,500 service value per annum
37. Projects greater than \$2,500 service value per annum

► LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Design only; does not have to be built. Plans should be mounted and presented on not more than one board per entry, black foam core, no larger than 24"x36". Coloured plans only. Plans must include a detailed plant list, sufficient to illustrate the design intent, (attached to the back of the board). Indicate north and include city name for reference. Please also include a copy of the Project Summary sheet on the back of your design board. DO NOT identify your company, but do include the project name.

Judges will be using the following criteria:

Overall design impact, execution of problem/solution employed, creativity/innovation, horticultural compatibility & correctness, aesthetic appeal, technical hardscaping aspects, elements and detailing, plant selection, organization and completeness.

PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DESIGN:

38. Under 2,500 sq. ft.
39. 2,500 to 5,000 sq. ft.
40. 5,000 sq. ft. or more

41. **COMMERCIAL DESIGN:** May not include submitting company's place of business.

42. **PLANTING DESIGN:** Must be less than 10% construction, commercial or residential.

► LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

Irrigation projects must have been completed no more than two years ago and submitted by the installer.

Judges will be using the following criteria:

Quality of planning and analysis, effective use, presentation or programming of irrigation techniques and best practices, relationship to conservation initiatives, environmental responsibility, relevance to the irrigation profession, public interest and the environment, functionalism, relationship to high efficiency context.

WATER CONSERVATION: Superior professional accomplishment using reclaimed or potable water. Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting, design, and installation for commercial or public projects. For large incremental/phased projects, the first phase must be completed to be eligible for the award.

43. Water Conservation, Potable Water
44. Water Conservation, Non-Potable Water

Construction, Maintenance AND Design PROGRAM

Showcase your most outstanding projects in Landscape Ontario's Awards of Excellence Program — recognized and respected as the premier distinction this industry has to offer! **Submit entries online at LOawards.com July 1 to October 1, 2015**

ELIGIBILITY

- Only Active and Interim members of Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association may enter.
- Past projects that have won may not be entered again for two years.
- Construction projects must have been completed no more than four years ago.
- Maintenance projects must have been maintained for at least two seasons.
- Designs do not have to be built.
- More than one entry per category is allowed.



ENTRY FEE

The fee is \$150 for each entry.
We accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express.

JUDGING

- Jury of professionals from various areas in the field of horticulture will evaluate projects.
- Judging will be based on the images and descriptions submitted.
- Decisions are based on quality of materials (both hard and soft), design, completeness of installation, quality of workmanship, creativity and originality and horticultural correctness.
- Entry category should reflect the work done by your company. Be sure to enter the correct category.
- All decisions made by the judging panel are final.

Note: The judges may contact entrants to verify the dollar amounts and time limits on projects entered



ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITY

- Client permission for any use of the images and project information.
- Photographic fees (if applicable).
- Ensure that all entry information (pictures and descriptions) pertain to your work only.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- May be taken any time throughout the year.
- Company name, logo and any reference to the client **MUST** be removed from photos and descriptions.

Helpful points about photographs

- Take before and after images from the same vantage point.
- Dark or out-of-focus pictures will not be accepted and could cause project to be disqualified.
- Distracting objects should be removed (eg: debris, tools, automobiles, etc.).
- Do not add text or date stamps to images submitted.
- Photographers will not be credited.

Note: LOHTA is not responsible for the pictures selected or any edited copy used from the press package accessed by the media. Entries become the property of LOHTA and may be used for any purposes the association deems appropriate. Client/property names will not be released.

See over for categories



WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The ceremony announcing winners will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at the International Plaza Hotel in conjunction with the Congress Trade Show. All entrants into this year's program will receive an invitation, including one complimentary ticket (per entry received) to the ceremony. Winners will **NOT** be notified prior to the ceremony.

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