

2008 GROWERS PROGRAM



Awards of Excellence

Recognizing the best our industry has to offer

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Only Landscape Ontario members can enter.
- There is no entry fee.
- Please fax 905-875-3942 or mail your entry form in by September 19, 2008.

PLANT MATERIAL GUIDELINES

NOTE: All plant material entered will be auctioned off.

- Plant material must be Ontario-grown at your nursery for at least one year.
- Plant material should be finished and retail-ready (eg: for sale to a garden centre).
- EACH skid of plant material entered for judging must have a skid form filled out.
- All plant material must be identified:
 - Botanical nomenclature used must conform with the publication: *Hortus Third* 1976.
 - Perennials must conform to: *Naamlijst van vaste planten*.
 - Finished sizes must be noted in metric units and sized according to the *Canadian Standards of Nursery Stock* (7th Edition) available from Canadian Nursery Trades Association.
- Plant varieties may be mixed on a pallet as long as there are a minimum of five per variety (exceptions: Category 7 – two specimens only and Category 10 – four specimens only).
- Plant material will be accepted at the facility on Wed., Sept. 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thur., Sept. 25 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT TIME.**

AWARDS

- Awards will be given only to those entries worthy of attention as determined by the judges. All decisions are final.
- Winners are not eligible to enter the same plant variety in the same category for two years; plants may be re-entered in the third year.



Held in conjunction with:

LO Growers Research Auction Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mori Nurseries Limited, 1695 Niagara Stone Rd.,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- Winners will be announced at the end of the auction.
- A formal presentation of the award plaques will be held in conjunction with the Garden Centre Symposium luncheon on Oct. 20, 2008 during Garden Expo at the Toronto Congress Centre.

JUDGING CRITERIA

NOTE: A skid form must be filled out for EACH skid of plant material entered for judging.

The judging form takes the following into consideration:

- Presentation and impact of the plant material on the skid. Skids packed full have a very striking appearance.
- Ensure the material is the correct size and type for the category entered and there are at least 5 of each size and variety. Use correct botanical nomenclature.
- **Plant Health:** Nutrition and freedom from pests and diseases.
- **Root Development:** Judges do remove the pots and examine the root system. Marks are taken off where root balls fall apart (suggesting: overwatering, recent potting or poor management practices).
- **Tree Guards:** Please remove prior to judging. Judges examine the bark.
- Recent pruning for shape is not favourable.
- **Quality of plant material:** Uniformity in growth and habit, colour, lushness and density of growth.
- Sizes of plant material should be in metric units
- New introductions are interesting and exciting but it is the quality of the individual specimens and uniformity of the lot that matters most.

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

See reverse for categories

2008 GROWERS ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form to notify us of your intention to enter. You **MUST** also fill out a skid form for each entry submitted. **Please keep the skid form with the corresponding skid and bring it with the skid to the Auction. Do not separate form.** For more information, contact Kathy (ext. 306) or Kathleen (ext. 309) at 1-800-265-5656.

<hr/> COMPANY NAME
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Please send me _____ Skid Forms

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES

This form must be signed by the submitting company. We, the undersigned, hereby give to Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association (LOHTA) all publication rights to all materials submitted in conjunction with the Awards of Excellence Program. We further agree that LOHTA may, in turn, publish these materials or release them for use in, but not limited to: magazines, videos, newspapers, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by LOHTA.

SUBMITTING COMPANY:

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE (PLEASE PRINT)

DATE SIGNATURE

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- AWARD CATEGORIES:**
1. Evergreens – Field Grown, Upright and Spreading
 2. Evergreens – Container Grown, Upright and Spreading
 3. Broadleaf Evergreens
 4. Deciduous Shrubs
 5. Deciduous Ornamental Trees – 300 cm or less
 6. Deciduous Ornamental Trees – Top Grafted/Worked
 7. Caliper Trees (Minimum of two specimens)
 8. Vines and Groundcovers
 9. Perennials
 10. Unusual and Rare Plants (Worthy of attention, minimum of four specimens)
 11. Design on a Skid (New!)
- Judges Choice Award: The judges will choose the best overall entry to receive this special award.

**LO Growers
Research Auction**

Landscape Ontario's Growers Group
invites you to attend its annual
fundraising auction.

Thursday, September 25, 2008
at Mori Nurseries Limited
1695 Niagara Stone Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Lunch 11:30 • Live Auction begins 1 p.m.

Make your bid on the best plant material in Ontario,
while helping raise funds for research and scholarships.

Help grow the horticulture industry!

COMPLETE AND FAX TO 905-875-3942



Landscape Ontario
HORTICULTURAL TRADES ASSOCIATION

Deadline: 4 p.m. September 19, 2008

Contact awards@landscapeontario.com or call Kathy McLean (ext. 306) or Kathleen Pugliese (ext. 309) at 1-800-265-5656