

## LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

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

### Judges will be using the following criteria:

For '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

For '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

For '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. **Lighting Design & Installation:** Entries must promote the use of landscape lighting, both low line and voltage, as an essential extension of the landscape plan, well integrated into its environment.

18. **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).

19. **Balcony/Container Gardening:** Entries will be judged on feasibility of construction and overall visual impact.

20. **Theme Gardens:** This must be a permanent installation. Please state the intended theme. (Butterfly Garden, Rock Garden, Knot Garden, Ornamental Grass Garden, etc.)

## WEBSITES

### 21. Website

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 web site for use on the plaque/in the ceremony. (1-3 screen captures or pages).

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

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

### Judges will be using the following criteria:

**For 'Turf':** Quality of turf cut, health of turf, weeds, IPM practices, cut lines, burn out/overwatering, length of cut/mower height, edging and trimming

**For 'Beds':** Overall impact, quality of materials used, design, overall appearance, site challenges encountered, completeness of installation

**For '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.

22. Under 15,000 sq. ft. lot size
23. 15,000 sq. ft.-1 acre
24. 1 acre or more

**Multi Residential Maintenance:** Condominiums, senior citizen/nursing homes, townhouses, apartments.

25. Under 2 acres (excluding parking)
26. Over 2 acres (excluding parking)

**Corporate Building Maintenance:** Industrial Complexes, Public or Retail Buildings:

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

**Special Interest Maintenance:** Residential or Commercial:

29. A focus on a specific maintenance area featuring annuals, topiary, espalier, etc.

30. **Non-Turf Maintenance:** Sites must feature maintenance on areas other than turf.

## INTERIOR LANDSCAPING

Judges will be using the following criteria:

**For 'Design/Installation':** design, creativity and aesthetics of the project, emphasis on coordination, challenge and quality of work performed.

**For 'Maintenance':** quality of work performed, emphasis on scope of the project, maintenance schedules and procedures, and significant challenges.

**Design/Installation:** Primary involvement by contractor in both the design and installation aspects, including supply of plants and materials.

31. Projects less than \$10,000 total value
32. Projects greater than \$10,000 total value

**Interior Landscape Maintenance:** Contractor must have maintained the project for a minimum of one year and must be the current maintenance contractor.

33. Projects less than \$2,500 service value per annum
34. 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. Project name should be indicated on the front of the design board. Before pictures may also be attached to the back of the board. 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 & detailing, plant selection, organization & completeness. Photos of your board are required for both judging reference to your physical board submission, as well as in the case that your project receives an award, we will use the photos of your board to showcase your work. Provide a minimum of 3 photos.

**Private Residential Design:**

35. Under 2500 sq. ft. a) Hand Drawing b) Computer Drawing
36. 2500 to 5000 sq. ft. a) Hand Drawing b) Computer Drawing
37. 5000 sq. ft. or more a) Hand Drawing b) Computer Drawing

**Commercial Design:** May not include submitting company's place of business.

38. a) Hand Drawing b) Computer Drawing

39. **Planting Design:** Must be less than 10% construction, commercial or residential a) Hand Drawing b) Computer Drawing

## Entry fee

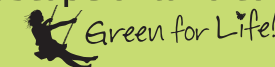
The fee is \$125 for each entry. We accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express.

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# 2012 Construction, Maintenance and Design Program

HORTICULTURAL TRADES ASSOCIATION  
landscapeontario.com



Deadline: October 3, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.

Enter online at:  
[www.loawards.com](http://www.loawards.com)



**Showcase** your favourite projects this year by entering the Construction, Design and Maintenance Awards of Excellence — recognized and respected as the *premier distinction* the industry has to offer!

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#### ELIGIBILITY

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

See over for all Awards of Excellence entry categories



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

#### ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITY

- Client permission for any use of the images and project information
- Photographic fees
- 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.

## Need help with your photos?

Make your properties stand-out from the rest. Learn *tips* and *tricks* to capture your award-winning design.

On Tuesday, August 9th, 2011 Landscape Ontario will run a full day landscape photography course.

Visit: [www.horttrades.com/seminars](http://www.horttrades.com/seminars) for more information or to register.

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Awards of Excellence Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**, at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in conjunction with the annual Congress Trade Show; Awards of Excellence plaques will be presented at that time. 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.**



This year's Awards Ceremony theme: **Sports**

## Green Stamp



The judges will also be awarding 'Green Stamps' to projects that qualify. They will be looking for 'Green Practices' and the quality of construction, maintenance and design in sustainable landscapes. Criteria such as permeable paving, native plantings, water conservation and re-use, best practices, and green roof technology, etc. will be considered. Please include information on the above in your project summary as well as any photos.

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