

CALL FOR ENTRIES: 2011 Awards Program

CLCA San Francisco Bay Area/East Chapter



General Information

You are invited to participate in the 2011 CLCA-SFBAE awards program. The deadline for entries is April 1, 2011. Entries must be postmarked by midnight on April 1 and received by April 5, 2011 to qualify. No entries will be accepted after these deadlines. Judging will take place April 31-May 1, 2011, and the awards will be presented to the winners at the ceremony on June 4, 2011. If the committee receives too few entries, this year's program will be cancelled and entry fees refunded. Judges are selected from outside our chapter. Projects are judged anonymously. All qualified entries will be evaluated by the judges and scored according to the guidelines outlined on this page. Contact Calvin Craig 925/935-5269 or email at calvin@craiglandscaping.com. Mail entries with fee payable to: CLCA SFBAE Chapter, c/o Laura Leuer, 655 English Oak Court, Brentwood, CA 94513.

Entry Categories

- 1. Small Residential Installation:** Any single-family residence with landscaping costs not exceeding \$30,000.
- 2. Medium Residential Installation:** Any single family residence with landscaping costs between \$30,001 and \$75,000.
- 3. Large Residential Installation:** Any single-family residence with landscaping costs between \$75,001 and \$150,000.
- 4. Custom Residential Installation:** Any single-family residence with landscaping costs between \$150,001 and more.
- 5. Small Commercial Installation:** Any multi-family, industrial or other commercial project with landscaping costs not exceeding \$50,000.
- 6. Large Commercial Installation:** Any multi-family, industrial or other commercial project with landscaping costs exceeding \$50,000.
- 7. Public Works Installation:** Any project financed by public funds.
- 8. Small Design/Build Installation:** Any project with a total cost not exceeding \$100,000, designed and installed by contractor. Plans are required, or entry will be disqualified. Judging will be based 50% on the quality of design, and 50% on quality of construction.
- 9. Large Design/Build Installation:** Any project with a total cost exceeding \$100,000, designed and installed by contractor. Plans are required, or entry will be disqualified. Judging will be based 50% on the quality of design, and 50% on quality of construction.
- 10. Renovation Installation:** Not less than 40% of existing site features must be retained or preserved and incorporated into the renovated project. The objective is to insure that finished improvements are well integrated into the site, respectful of pre-existing conditions. All entries must be accompanied with a minimum of three "before" photos that represent preserved site features.
- 11. Special Effects Installation:** Any project using unique construction methods or materials for special artistic effects in (a) Outdoor lighting or (b) Water features. Outdoor lighting entries must be accompanied by a minimum of three photos demonstrating the special effects produced by the lighting during the nighttime.
- 12. Small Residential Maintenance:** Complete landscape maintenance on residential property with monthly contract amount not exceeding \$350.
- 13. Medium Residential Maintenance:** Complete landscape maintenance on residential property with monthly contract amount of \$351 to \$800.
- 14. Large Residential Maintenance:** Complete landscape maintenance on any residential property with monthly contract amount exceeding \$801.
- 15. Small Commercial Maintenance:** Maintenance of multi family, industrial or any other type of commercial project with monthly contract amount not exceeding \$2500.
- 16. Large Commercial Maintenance:** Maintenance of multi family, industrial or any other type of commercial project with monthly contract amount exceeding \$2501.
- 17. Sustainable Landscape Installation:** Any installation project designed, installed and maintained to conserve resources such as water and fuel (in terms of mowing, shearing blowing, etc.), and/or uses recycled or enduring materials. The project must rely on maintaining soil health as opposed to synthetic fertilizers, employ Integrated Pest Management to minimize toxic applications, minimize runoff from site, and support desirable wildlife and biodiversity.

There is a possibility that a category may have no awards presented, even though entries were submitted. In addition to the regular entry categories, additional projects may be awarded at the judges' discretion for the following special award categories:

The Excelsior Award honors a project performed by a company who has been a member less than two years and demonstrates excelsior (striving higher) qualities.

The Sweepstakes Award honors those projects deemed most outstanding in their respective categories. Two such awards will be presented: One in the installation categories and another in the maintenance categories.

The Judges Award representing the highest award given will be presented to the project deemed by the judges to be the finest of all the projects entered in the program regardless of category, size, or monetary value.

AWARDS JUDGING GUIDELINES

The following information is provided so you can better prepare your projects to be judged.

Installation Categories

Judging for installation categories shall be based on:

- 1. Grading/Drainage:** Good gradient transitions, proper use and setting of drain inlets, no soggy low areas.
- 2. Soil preparation:** Incorporation of amendment by area and/or pit planting.
- 3. Plant material:** Healthy appearance, root ball planted at the proper height, new trees properly staked and tied.
- 4. Lawn:** Smooth and even grades with good physical appearance, consistent texture and good green color.
- 5. Edging:** Good tight installation properly set and staked.
- 6. Irrigation:** Zoned systems with consistent head type, spacing and coverage. Proper installation of valves, backflow prevention device, and wiring.
- 7. Masonry:** Dry stacked or mortared walls and patios consistently laid, evenly aligned, structurally sound.
- 8. Concrete flatwork:** Consistently finished surfaces, no standing water, joints even and regular.
- 9. Woodwork:** Consistently matched materials, regular screw and/or nail spacing, sound footings, structurally sound, good carpentry joinery and detailing.
- 10. Water features:** Good circulation and aeration. High quality finish and no apparent leaks. The pump must be running!
- 11. Outdoor Lighting:** Correctly installed fixtures, transformers and other parts of system with no exposed wires. Placement of fixtures and type should be consistent with garden design.

Maintenance Categories

Judging for maintenance categories shall be based on:

- 1. General appearance:** Overall appearance excellent, hardscape clean, beds free of weeds, excellent curb appeal.
- 2. Plant material:** Good healthy appearance structurally pruned and properly staked. No mower or string trimmer damage to trees.
- 3. Lawns:** Green and lush in appearance, weed-free, mowed and edged neatly.
- 4. Seasonal color:** Well-planted accent color, neat and weed-free. Good quality for time of year. Perennials properly trimmed and healthy.
- 5. Irrigation:** Even distribution of irrigation heads in appropriate areas and quantities to service all types of plant materials. Irrigation components set properly to correct grade.
- 6. Weed and pest control:** Excellent control of weeds and pests including insects, diseases (fungi, bacteria, viruses), snails and slugs throughout landscape.
- 7. Fertility:** Healthy plants, no evidence of chlorosis or fertilizer burn on plant material.

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Please do not use tape on entry forms



Entry No. _____

Project Information

Entry Category: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Owner: _____

Project Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Client Phone Number (include area code): _____

Important: Include a copy of the Thomas Brothers map page with the project area circled.

County: _____ Map page: _____ Map Coordinate: _____

Please indicate on a separate piece of paper actual areas to be judged if it is unclear, or if only part of the property is to be judged.

Contractor Comments:

Do not use name of your firm or any subcontractors. Use this area to describe the project. Explain any challenges, extreme conditions, special circumstances that you overcame related to the project.

What was the final and complete price for this project? _____

Date project started: _____ Date project completed: _____

Will you be requesting additional plaques if this project wins? _____ If so, how many? _____

Please be advised additional plaques are \$60.00 for regular category awards and are \$100.00 for special category awards.

Owner's Consent

I/We hereby grant permission to enter our property or premises for the purpose of judging, photographing and publicizing the landscape project in this competition to the accredited representatives of the California Landscape Contractor's Association. It is understood that no fees or charges of any kind are required of the Owner to enter the contest.

Judging will take place April 31-May 1, 2011. Entries with locked gates or unattended dogs will not be judged.

Project Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number (include area code): _____

