



2016 Landscape Trophy Awards Call for Entries

All entries must be postmarked by August 19th, 2016
Awards to be presented at NLA Awards Banquet, in the Silver Legacy Casino
November 4, 2016

Trophy Awards encourage interest in landscaping; recognize craftsmen who produce outstanding landscapes; create pride in superior workmanship and bestow public recognition on companies for their interest in building pride in the Green Industry and keeping Nevada beautiful. The awards represent the pride these individuals and companies have in their work, and their dedication to excellence and professionalism within the Green Industry.

To Enter

Please type or print all information requested in detail. Fill out a separate entry form for each entry and return the form, along with the required entry fee to:

Nevada Landscape Association
P.O. Box 7431
Reno, NV 89510-7431

Entry Fee

The fee is \$70 per entry for members see **note under entry rules**. (Note: \$70 per entry into each category. Example: Enter one property into three categories, fee is \$210. Separate forms must be used for each category or categories.)

- **Nevada Landscape Association Members may receive *one* free entry. Entries can now be done online at www.nevadanla.com.**

Entry Deadline / Late Fees

Entry deadline is August 26th, 2016. A \$35 late fee will be charged for each entry received after August 19th. All entries must include a completely filled out entry form, entry fee, signed project owner's consent, photographs and plans if needed. (Send in three photographs showing the property at its best. You may also put photos on a disc or e-mail them.) If you have before pictures, send them – it helps judges understand the work that was done.)

Incomplete entries will be returned.

Judging Dates September 1st – 25th, 2016.

Weather dependent. There will be no judging over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Entry Rules

The Trophy Awards Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to these awards without recourse of any kind. Any questions not covered in these rules shall be decided by the Trophy Award's Committee. Their decision will be final.

- Limit of 2 entries per category per company.
- Entry deadlines cannot be extended.
- **Forms must be completely filled out.**
- Awards competition is open to members in good standing or entries, who pay the entry fee and a membership fee, with exception of special awards.
- Please add comments, it helps judges to understand the complexity of the job.
- Installation projects cannot be more than two years old and must be completed before judging.
- Maintenance projects must have begun by 4/1/16.
- **Projects that did not win the previous year, may be re-entered.**
- Judges must be allowed access to the project with owner's consent. (See entry form.)
- Three photographs are required – if you have before photographs – send them. You can send in actual photographs, a disc or e-mail pictures.
- As built plans are preferred for construction and custom-built entries.
- All entrants must have all required licenses for submitted work.
- Violation of any of the above rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of fees.
- Special awards are by nomination only – no fee is required.
- Please attach map and specific directions to project site.

Judging the Entries

Judging Procedures

1. Judges will apply NLA standards.
2. Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge, integrity and objectivity.
3. Entries are not judged against one another; rather each entry is judged on its own merit.
4. Each entry is judged without knowledge of who entered the project; the contractor is anonymous.
5. Judges reserve the right to change the category in which an entry is designated for consideration. Entrants will be notified.
6. Type, size and cost of projects are not considered criteria for judging, only for the appropriate category.
7. Each entry is judged independently on site by the judges using separate judging sheets. Judges must then reach a consensus to decide award winners of each category.
8. Committee members cannot be judges.
9. Awards will be presented to the top entrants, regardless of the category.

A. Installation/Renovation Entries

1. Grading and drainage (subsurface/surface)
2. Quality of plant installation
(tree staking, mulch, elevation, selection and placement)
3. Design / Plant palette (The quality/appropriateness of the plant material and the harmony of design within the surroundings)
4. Quality of lawn & edging
5. Irrigation design & water management
(meet industry standards)
6. Hardscape (as part of Installation or Renovation)
7. Water Feature (as part of Installation or Renovation)

B. Maintenance Entries

1. General appearance
2. Trees (staking, pruning, tree wells, pest free)
Shrubs (shearing versus proper pruning, natural form, pest free)
Groundcover (within bounds, density, color)
3. Lawn (color, mowing height, pest free)
4. Edging (vertical versus tapered)
5. Annuals / Perennials (color, harmony, density, species for area, mulch and surface treatment of planting beds)
6. Irrigation (water management, coverage, scheduling, meets industry standards)
7. Water Feature (as part of regular maintenance.)

C. Water Feature Entries

1. Artistic design
2. Setting and grading
3. Form and function
4. Blending in with landscaping
5. Water clarity, circulation, filtration, skimming
6. Planting and management of aquatic plants and perimeter landscape plants
7. Flow of water or fountain (Sound, size, effect)

D. Hardscape Entries

1. Creative use
2. Structural integrity
3. Blending in with surroundings
4. Quality of material
5. Attention to detail
6. Drainage
7. Form and function

E. Landscape Lighting (Judged after dusk)

1. Design and placement
2. Fixture use and quality
3. Installation (Wire & Transformer)
4. Blending with landscape
5. Creativity and dramatic effect
6. Safety and security
7. Controls

2016 NLA Award Categories

Category # Installation

1. **Large Commercial or Public Installation**
Landscaping costs exceeding \$50,000
2. **Small Commercial or Public Installation**
Landscaping costs under \$50,000
3. **Commercial Renovation** (Require before
and after photos)
4. **Residential Renovation** (Require before
and after photos)
5. **Residential Installation**
Landscaping costs exceeding \$50,000
6. **Residential Installation**
Landscaping costs between \$25,000 &
\$50,000
7. **Residential Installation**
Landscaping costs below \$25,000

Category # Maintenance

8. **Large Commercial or Public Maintenance**
Monthly contract \$4,000 and up
9. **Medium Commercial / Public Maintenance**
Monthly contract between \$1,500 and \$4,000
10. **Small Commercial or Public Maintenance**
Monthly contract less than \$1,500
11. **Large Residential Maintenance**
Monthly contract \$500 and up
12. **Small Residential Maintenance**
Monthly contract under \$500

Category # Special Features

May be included as part of installation entry **and/or**
entered in separate category

13. **Water Features**
14. **Hardscape Entry**
15. **Landscape Lighting**

Special Awards

The NLA Environmental Award and the President's Award are decided upon by the judges. Peer awards include the Lifetime Achievement Award, Tony Armstrong Humanitarian Award, Education/Research Award and Ambassador Award, and are voted on by the members of the Nevada Landscape Association. Ballots are sent out in early fall.

- **NLA Environmental Award**

The best design/build by a licensed landscape contractor resulting in a water efficient and environmentally balanced landscape that does not sacrifice the quality of the design nor the quality of life.

- **President's Award**

Given to the individual or company who has the best overall entry.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Given to individuals who have represented the NLA in a memorable fashion throughout the years.

- **Tony Armstrong Humanitarian Award**

Given to an individual or company who has given unselfishly of their labor or materials to benefit the community.

- **Education/Research Award**

Given to the individual or company who has contributed to the education of the members of the Green Industry or done research that has benefited the Green Industry.

- **Ambassador Award**

Given to the individual that has best served as a representative for the Green Industry.

2016 Official Trophy Award Entry Form

Instructions

Please type or print in ink **ALL** information requested. Entry must be **LEGIBLE!** *Each entry requires a separate entry form. If you are submitting the same project in more than one category – fill out an entry form for each category.*

Entries must be filled out completely. If an entry is sent partially completed it will be returned.

All entries must be received by **August 19, 2016** or a \$35 late fee will be charged for each entry. **No entries will be accepted after August 26, 2016.**

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Project Information:

Project Name _____

Project Owner _____

Project Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Project Designer _____

Is this project entered in another category?

Yes No If yes, which category?

I certify that the above is true and correct.

Contractor

Signature _____

Date _____

Payment Information:

Category # _____ Category Name _____

Charge my Visa Mastercard Check Enclosed

3 digit security code on back _____

Account # _____ Expires _____

Entrant (Contractor) Information:

Firm Name _____

Company Representative Name _____

Company Representative Cell Phone _____

Firm Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Business Fax _____

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 Nevada Landscape Association. It is understood that no fees or charges of any kind are required by the owner.

Entries with locked gates or unattended dogs will not be judged. It is the contractor's and/or owner's responsibility to provide access to the project being judged.

Project Owner's Signature _____

Date _____

2016 Official Trophy Award Entry Form Details

IF THIS SHEET IS NOT FILLED OUT YOUR JOB WILL NOT BE JUDGED!

Instructions: Please type or print in ink ALL information requested. Each entry requires a separate entry form (if you are submitting the same project in more than one category.)
DO NOT COMPLETE THE "SCORE" COLUMN.
JUDGE'S INFO: Category Number _____

Category Name _____
 Project Name _____
 Judge's # _____

A. INSTALLATION/RENOVATION

Categories 1 - 7

	Check For Work Completed By Your Company	Work Completed By Your Contractor	Work Not Part of the Contract	JUDGES SCORE 1-10
1. Grading & Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Plant installation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Design / Plant palette	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
a. By contractor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
b. By architect/designer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Lawn & edging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Hardscape (as part of Installation or Renovation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Water feature (as part of Installation or Renovation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL				_____ Average _____

B. MAINTENANCE – Categories 8 – 12

1. General appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Trees, shrubs, ground cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Lawn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Edging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Annuals/Perennials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Water features	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL				_____ Average _____

C. SPECIAL FEATURES – Category 13 -15

Separate Category from Installation & Renovation – Described on Page 3

13. Water Feature	Project Value	
1. Artistic design	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Setting and grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Form and function	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Blending in with landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Water circulation/filtration/skimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Planting and management of aquatic plants/perimeter landscape plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Flow of water or fountain (sound, size, effect)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL	_____	Average _____

15. Landscape Lighting	Project Value	
1. Design and placement	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Fixture Use and Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Installation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Blending with landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Creativity and dramatic effect	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL	_____	Average _____

14. Hardscape	Project Value	
1. Creative use	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Structural integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Blending in with surroundings	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Quality of material	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Attention to detail	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Form and function	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL	_____	Average _____

2016 Official Trophy Award Entry Form Comments

To the Contractor: Please type or print clearly in ink. Describe your project in detail. Help us understand the challenges of this project. Taking the time to do this may get you a higher score.

JUDGE'S INFO: Category Number _____
Category Name _____
Project Name _____
Judge's # _____

About my project: _____

To the Judge: Please print clearly. Give helpful comments to the contractor about this project:

2016 Official Trophy Award Entry Form Directions

Instructions: Please type or print in ink ALL Information requested.

JUDGE'S INFO: Category Number _____
Category Name _____
Project Name _____
Judge's # _____

Directions

Project Address: _____

City _____

Directions to Project:

Note: PLEASE be very specific! The judges can't evaluate your project if they can't find it! **PLEASE SUPPLY GOOGLE MAP!**

Project Access: Please give instructions below if contractor or client needs to be contacted for project access. If special access is needed make sure you include either the contractor's phone or cell number or the client's phone or cell number (whatever is needed to gain access to the property).

If an access code is needed for a gate, please give instructions below.
