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Judges Criteria Information and Points 2026



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Design

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 10 points)

- Client vision and considerations.

Adherence to Design Standards (Max 20 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion.

Creativity (Max 30 points)

- Originality of design, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Environmental Considerations (Max 10 points)

- Light appropriate for plant health, Temperature (controlled vs. non-controlled), Other cultural or area requirements.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 15 points)

- Service issues and considerations, Life span of plant material, Use or non-use of sub-irrigation technology.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 5 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Installation

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Client vision and considerations.

Adherence to Installation Standards (Max 10 points)

- Timeliness of project completion, use of appropriate tools and equipment, working to specifications, Safety Standards required.

Complexity (Max 20 points)

- Meeting client needs and/or expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles.
- Following accepted installation techniques. Special requirements per space or client

Special Features (Max 20 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Use or Non-Use of irrigation/sub-irrigation, Unique or unusual selections of materials.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 15 points)

- Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Appropriate material for light conditions.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 5 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Major Renovation

Judging Criteria

Appearance of Project Prior to Renovation (Max 5 points)

- Visual documentation, Description of challenges, Client vision and requirements.

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Clients vision & considerations, scope & scale of the total project.

Creativity (Selected Replacement Materials) (Max 20 points)

- Originality of design, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Actions to Remedy Pre-Existing Problems (Max 10 points)

- Challenges – Outcomes.

Addressed Environmental/Longevity Concerns (Max 10 points)

- Plans for long term success of the installation.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 10 points)

- Use or non-use of Sub-irrigation/planting methods, Maintenance schedules/rotations of seasonal.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 10 points)

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Special Event & Holiday

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Event's Theme (Max 30 points)

- Client's vision and considerations, Scope and scale of the total project.

Adherence to design standards (Max 10 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion.

Degree of difficulty & creativity of the project (Max 20 points)

- Originality of design, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Installation standards (Max 25 points)

- Safety/fire and product stability, specific challenges/requirements, special needs/requirements, & maintenance requirements.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 5 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Replica/Hybrid - New for 2026!

This is for entries that consist of Silk, Replica and Preserved projects including those that have some live plant material mixed in.

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 25 points)

- Client vision and considerations, Scope and scale of total project.

Design Standards (Max 20 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion.

Creativity (Max 20 points)

- Originality of design, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Installation Standards (Max 20 points)

- Safety/fire and product stability, Specific challenges/requirements, Special needs/requirements, Maintenance Requirements.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 5 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Horticultural Service

Judging Criteria

Appearance of Project

(Max 40 points)

- Overall plant material health, Effective pruning practices, Disease and pest control practices, Maintenance of design integrity, Length of service since installation/contract inception.

Special Maintenance Requirements

(Max 35 points)

- Unique service requirements, Rotational color effectiveness, Access/maintenance difficulty, Irrigation control (sub-irrigation use or non-use), Special features.

Quality of Entry Materials

(Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Client Testimonials (optional – no pts deducted if not incl.) (Max 10 points)

- Testimonials will add 10 points (no deduction if missing).

Safety Considerations

(Max 5 points)

Technician Recognition

Judging Criteria

Appearance of Projects

(Max 30 points)

Special Maintenance Requirements

(Max 20 points)

Quality of Entry Materials

(Max 10 points)

Contributions to the Entrant Company

(Max 20 points)

Client Satisfaction (Described by Co.)

(Max 20 points)



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Atrium/Garden Plantings, Interior

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Client vision and considerations, Environmental Concerns, Energy water conservation.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards (including planter construction) (Max 20 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion, Appropriateness to site.

Complexity (Max 15 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Sequencing of procedures, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client, Reasons for system choice.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used, Walkways, seating, educational opportunities.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 10 points)

- Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Use or non-use of irrigation technology

Quality of Entry Materials. (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms.
- Quality of photos.
- Quality of descriptive narrative.
- Adherence to rules.

Irrigation Efficiency Considerations (Max 5 points)

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Conservatory

Judging Criteria

- Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)
- Client vision and considerations, Environmental Concerns, Energy water conservation – Educational opportunities.
- Adherence to Industry Design Standards (including planter construction) (Max 20 points)
- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion, Appropriateness to site.
- Complexity (Max 15 points)
- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Sequencing of procedures, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client, Reasons for system choice.
- Special Features (Max 10 points)
- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used, Walkways, seating, educational opportunities.
- Maintenance Considerations. (Max 10 points)
- Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Use or non-use of irrigation technology
- Quality of Entry Materials. (Max 10 points)
- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.
- Irrigation Efficiency Considerations (Max 5 points)
- Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)
- Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Living Wall

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Clients vision & considerations, scope & scale of the total project. Energy/water conservation.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards. (Max 15 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion Appropriateness to site.

Complexity (Max 15 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of plants in design, lighting, shape/sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 15 points)

- Lighting Requirements, Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Water requirements, Use or non-use of irrigation technology, Reasons for system choice.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 10 points)



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Moss Wall

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 25 points)

- Clients vision & considerations, scope & scale of the total project.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards. (Max 15 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion Appropriateness to site.

Complexity (Max 20 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles.
- Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Special Mosses, use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 5 points)

- Service considerations.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 10 points)



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Green Roof or Rooftop Gardens (Containerized)

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Client vision and considerations, Environmental Concerns, Energy/water conservation.

Adherence to Industry Standards (including planter construction) (Max 20 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion, Appropriateness to the site.

Complexity (Max 15 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Sequencing of procedures. Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client, Reasons for system choice.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used, Walkways, seating, educational opportunities.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 10 points)

- Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Use or non-use of irrigation technology.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Irrigation Efficiency Considerations (Max 5 points)

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Hotel Pool & Resort

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Clients vision & considerations, scope & scale of the total project. Energy/water conservation.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards. (Max 15 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion Appropriateness to the site.

Complexity (Max 20 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials to create a unique space.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 15 points)

- Lighting Requirements Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Water requirements, Use or non-use of irrigation technology.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)



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Exterior Building & Façade

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Client vision and considerations, scope & scale of the total project.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards. (Max 15 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion Appropriateness to site.

Complexity (Max 20 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client, Environmental Concerns, Energy/water conservation.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 15 points)

- Lighting Requirements, Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Water requirements, Use or non-use of irrigation technology, Reasons for system choice.

Quality of Entry Materials (Max 5 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms, Quality of photos, Quality of descriptive narrative, Adherence to rules.

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 10 points)



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Free-standing containers, interior or exterior

Judging Criteria

Enhancement of the Environment (Max 20 points)

- Client vision and considerations, Environmental Concerns, Energy water conservation.

Adherence to Industry Design Standards (including planter construction) (Max 20 points)

- Form/Shape, Texture/Color/Patterns, Scale/Proportion, Appropriateness to site.

Complexity (Max 15 points)

- Meeting client needs and expectations, coping with access and/or work area obstacles, Sequencing of procedures, Following accepted installation procedures, Special requirements per space or client, Reasons for system choice.

Special Features (Max 10 points)

- Use of water, rock, lighting, sculpture, Unique or unusual selections of materials used, Walkways, seating, educational opportunities.

Maintenance Considerations (Max 10 points)

- Service considerations, Life span of plant material, Use or non-use of irrigation technology

Quality of Entry Materials. (Max 10 points)

- Completeness of Entry Forms.
- Quality of photos.
- Quality of descriptive narrative.
- Adherence to rules.

Irrigation Efficiency Considerations (Max 5 points)

Biophilic Design attributes (Max 5 points)

Safety Considerations (Max 5 points)