



64th Annual Orange County Chapter CLCA Beautification Awards “Entry Rules and General Information”

Lighting Entry Deadline: April 16, 2024
Landscape Entry Deadline: June 13, 2024

Entry Rules

1. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible.
2. A separate and complete entry form must be submitted, along with any required information and fees for each entry. For purposes of category determination, “total contract amount” includes all change orders. *Entries not falling into a listed category should still be entered and will be placed where appropriate at the discretion of the Awards Committee.*
3. 75% or more of the landscaping of any project entered must have been completed by the entrant.
4. An award-winning project from a previous year may not be entered in the same category for current year.
5. The residence of a member cannot be entered.
6. Category cost limitations and descriptions must be adhered to and written verifications may be required.
7. Judges reserve the right to move entries into appropriate categories.
8. Installation categories must have been completed after June 2022.
9. Maintenance categories must have been maintained by the same contractor for at least one continuous year prior to the entry deadline.
10. Judges must be provided access to the project.
11. It is mandatory that several “before” photographs be submitted with each entry in a renovation category.
12. All design and build entries must submit a plan with the entry.
13. In order to be considered a renovation, the new landscape must incorporate at least 25% of the old landscape (i.e. large trees, shrubs, etc.).
14. All entries will be personally inspected by the judges. Lighting entries will be judged at night – evening access req’d.
15. Violation of any of these rules will result in forfeiture of entry and entry fees.
16. The Orange County Green Category is for water conservation entries that practice the efficient use of water and produce “little or no run off.” Entries should utilize water-saving products, materials and techniques – including the use and implementation of any or all of the following: mulching, drought-tolerant plant material, artificial turf, highly efficient sprinklers, “smart” controllers or rainwater harvesting.

Entry Fee

\$135 per entry fee (except lighting, which is \$150).
\$195 outside chapter boundaries (no entries for lighting accepted outside chapter boundaries).
***Add \$50 to any entry submitted late.**
Paperwork must accompany payment for entry to be considered complete.

NOTE: The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry – for example, but not limited to: any entry that may require special arrangements or fees; or where unusual logistics for judging occur.

Judging Dates

Lighting judging will take place between April 22-23, 2024.
Landscape judging will take place between June 27-29, 2024.
Property owners should be notified of judging dates.

Entry Deadline

All lighting entries must be received by April 16, 2024.
All landscape entries must be received by June 13, 2024.

Special Awards

(WINNERS ARE SELECTED FROM ALL CATEGORIES)

EXCELSIOR AWARD

Best entry by a new member of CLCA who joined after June 1, 2022.

BRILLIANCE AWARD

Best overall lighting project combining workmanship, craftsmanship, and creativity.

ALLEN CHARITON MEMORIAL JUDGES AWARD

Best entry in any landscape maintenance category.

ROBERT WADE MEMORIAL PRESIDENTS AWARD

Best entry in any landscape installation, landscape renovation, or water conservation category.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

Best overall entry in the competition.

Presentation of the Awards

Awards will be presented to the winners at the California Landscape Contractors Association, Orange County Chapter Beautification Awards Banquet held at a yet to be determined location in September 2024.

Duplicate plaques are available at extra cost upon request.

Judges and Judging Procedures

Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge and experience in various specialties of the landscape industry. Judges will exhibit integrity, objectivity, and independence. Entry forms will be coded to conceal the identity of the entrant. All entries will be judged based on the quality of workmanship and materials utilized, as well as the adherence to industry standards and execution of the details.

Disqualification

Any entry form with insufficient information for a basis of judging, or with incomplete or erroneous information, shall be withdrawn from the competition. Where owner’s consent for judges to enter the property has not been obtained and/or judges are refused admission, such entries will be withdrawn. No entry refunds will be made for any of these infractions. The Beautification Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. It also may require special arrangements to be made, or surcharges to be levied, should judging of the entry necessitate unusual logistics.



64th Annual Orange County Chapter CLCA Beautification Awards “Categories”

Lighting Entry Deadline: April 16, 2024
Landscape Entry Deadline: June 13, 2024

****IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL CATEGORIES****

Depending on how many entries are submitted, and at what dollar amount, the Awards Committee reserves the right to divide the listed categories into separate categories.

Landscape Installation Categories (L)

- L1.** Small Residential A: Landscape installation at a residence with a contract amount up to \$30,000.
- L2.** Small Residential B: Landscape installation at a residence with a contract amount between \$30,001–\$60,000.
- L3.** Medium Residential: Landscape installation at a residence with a contract amount between \$60,001–\$160,000.
- L4.** Large Residential: Landscape installation at a residence with a contract amount between \$160,001–\$320,000.
- L5.** Unlimited Residential: Landscape installation at a residence with a contract amount \$320,001 and above.
- L6.** Commercial, Industrial, and Multi-Unit: Landscape installation of any Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Unit residential dwelling, Public Works or Sports Complex, public or private.
- L7.** Design-Build: Landscape design and installation by same company (*blueprint required*).

Landscape Renovation Categories (R)

- R1.** Small Residential: Landscape renovation of any existing landscape with a contract amount up to \$100,000.
- R2.** Large Residential: Landscape renovation of any existing landscape with a contract amount \$100,001 and above.
- R3.** Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Unit: Landscape renovation of a commercial, industrial, apartment, condominium or H.O.A. property.

Special Effects (S)

- S1.** Fountains, Ponds, Streams or Waterfalls.
- S2.** Special Features: Any landscape element as part of the landscape that integrates a unique design element or demonstrates good color arrangements, specialty gardens, succulents, monuments and/or pots.

Landscape Lighting Categories (LL)

- LL1.** Landscape Lighting: Projects using 35 fixtures or less.
- LL2.** Landscape Lighting: Projects using between 36–80 fixtures.
- LL3.** Landscape Lighting: Projects using 81 fixtures or more.

Orange County Green Categories (OCG)

The OC Green categories include those projects that demonstrate the efficient use of water demonstrating “little or no runoff.” Water-saving products, materials, and techniques shall include the use of any or all of the following methods: mulching, drought-tolerant plant material, artificial turf, highly efficient sprinklers, “smart” controllers, and rainwater harvesting.

- OCG1.** Single-Family Residential Orange County Green: Any single-family dwelling practicing green techniques.
- OCG2.** Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Unit and Retail Orange County Green: Any non-residential project practicing green techniques.

Landscape Maintenance Categories (M)

- M1.** Residential: Landscape maintenance with a contract amount less than \$500 per month.
- M2.** Residential: Landscape maintenance with a contract amount between \$501–\$1,000 per month.
- M3.** Residential: Landscape maintenance with a contract amount \$1,001 per month and above.
- M4.** Multi-Unit Residential Dwelling: Landscape maintenance of H.O.A.s and apartments with a contract amount up to \$4,000 per month.
- M5.** Multi-Unit Residential Dwelling: Landscape maintenance of H.O.A.s and apartments with a contract amount between \$4,001–\$8,000 per month.
- M6.** Multi-Unit Residential Dwelling: Landscape maintenance of H.O.A.s and apartments with a contract amount \$8,001 per month and above.
- M7.** Public Works: Landscape maintenance of non-private property such as parks, schools, streets, highways or sports complexes.
- M8.** Retail/Office/Industrial: Landscape maintenance of shopping centers, malls, strip malls, office buildings, medical centers, industrial parks.
(Depending on how many entries are submitted, and at what dollar amount, the Awards Committee reserves the right to divide this category into separate categories.)
- M9.** Any Landscape Maintenance Project: Landscape maintenance of project over 30 years old with a contract amount of up to \$3,000 per month.
- M10.** Any Landscape Maintenance Project: Landscape maintenance of project over 30 years old with a contract amount \$3,001 per month and above.

Have questions while filling out your entry form?

Call: Richard Cohen at (949) 768-0599
or Dave Horton at (949) 653-1101



Entry No. _____

2024 CLCA Beautification Awards Landscape Lighting Entry Form

Note: The committee reserves the right to refuse entries where special arrangements or logistics are needed.

ENTRY FEE: \$150
 Not accepted outside chapter boundaries
PAYABLE TO CLCA-OC

Mail entry form, fee, map page, and photo(s) to:
 Richard Cohen \ Entries can be remitted electronically
 C/O CLCA OC Chapter \ to eyescapes@yahoo.com.
 21391 Aliso Court, Lake Forest, CA 92630

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
 RECEIVED BY TUESDAY
 APRIL 16, 2024**

Arrangements must be made for judges to access all projects behind guard gates or locked entries. Make sure CLCA is listed as the entrant to these projects and include gate codes when applicable.
For entries submitted after April 16, add \$50. Entries submitted after April 19 will need to be accompanied by a phone call to the Committee Chair and will be accepted at committee discretion.

Please type/print all information requested. **Each entry requires a separate entry form.**

Payment must accompany paperwork for entry to be considered complete.

Member's Name _____ Emergency Contact No. _____

Company Name _____ Phone No. _____

Date Joined CLCA _____ E-Mail _____

Company Address _____ Cell No. _____

Project Name _____

Project Address, City, Zip Code _____

Category Entered _____ Number of Fixtures _____ Date Completed _____

Please complete appropriate information on the corresponding category judges' worksheet to aid judges in viewing your project.

Project 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 the above named competition to accredited representatives of the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA), Orange County Chapter. It is understood that no fees or charges of any kind are required of the owner. Lighting judging will occur between April 22-23, 2024; Landscape judging will occur between June 27-29, 2024. Notification of specific times and dates cannot be determined. **Contractors: Please initial below acknowledging that you've read and understand the competition rules.**
Note: Consent by owner may be remitted via email. Include a copy of the emailed consent from owner with your entry form.

Owner Name _____ Date _____

Owner Signature _____ Owner Phone No. _____

I have read and understand the competition rules: _____ (Contractor's Initials) Gate Code _____

Landscape Lighting

IMPORTANT – Attach a copy of the map page (Thomas Bros., Google, Yahoo, MapQuest, etc.) which locates the entry.
Please include a detailing of where the transformer is located.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE EXCELSIOR AWARD: Please check here [] to confirm that you have been a member of CLCA for one year or less (Joined CLCA since June 2022).

EFFECTS

Dramatic	<i>First impression: How dramatic is the lighting upon first arrival?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Combined Effects	<i>Path lighting, up lighting, down lighting, etc.</i>	1	2	3	4	5					
Special Effects	<i>Wall washing, moon lighting, fountain lighting, fiber optics, etc.</i>	1	2	3	4	5					

INSTALLATION

Proper Usage of Beam Spread and Proper Fixture for the Application	<i>Is the light going through the canopy of the tree?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Voltage Drop	<i>Is the voltage drop visible at the fixture?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mountings	<i>How secure or stable on canopy or stake?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Color Rendition	<i>Lamps used against greenery and hardscape</i>	1	2	3	4	5					
Controller(s)	<i>Ease of controls by client, V/A Timer</i>	1	2	3	4	5					
Safety	<i>Safe and hazard-free placement and mounting of fixtures</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
TOTAL SCORES											

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

***PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU FEEL MAY BE HELPFUL WHEN JUDGING YOUR PROJECT.**