

Judging Criteria

Landscape Lighting Award

The light effects should fit naturally into the landscape and provide dramatic effects, while increasing security and safety. Subtlety in placement and light effect is desired. Quality materials and correct installation provide a lifetime feature. The entry will be judged on the following criteria:

Total – 100 Points

Total Category Value - 60 points

Design

Value 10 points - Originality, creativity

Value 10 points - Degree of difficulty

Value 10 points - Owner's desires and restrictions met

Value 10 points - Effective use of design elements

Value 10 points - Effective integration of plants and landscape lighting

Value 10 points - Improvement of security and safety on the site

Total Category Value - 40 points

II. Quality Workmanship for Landscape Lighting

Value 10 points - Installation techniques, craftsmanship

Value 10 points - Execution of lighting design

Value 10 points - Site problems addressed

Value 10 points - Installation challenges encountered

Judging will consider:

Originality, creativity

Placement highlighting plants or desired features, Unusual lighting effects, Shadow effects, moon lighting, accenting, wall washing

Degree of difficulty

Complexity of installation, Successful execution of combined effects

Owner's desires and restrictions met

Evidence of collaboration with client

Effective use of design elements

Repetition, balance, unity, form, contrast, Property not over-lit, Fixtures in keeping with other design elements

Effective integration of plants and landscape lighting

Effective uplighting, silhouette, concealment of light source, Revealing texture or colour

Improvement of security and safety on the site

Lighting of stairs, hand rails, pathways, driveways, Use of photocells or motion detection device, Draw attention to pedestrian hazards

Installation techniques, craftsmanship

Correct transformer size and wire gauge for the installation requirement, Proper burial of wires, Provision of wiring diagram to client

Execution of lighting design

Uplighting directed away from viewing points, Light does not strike eyes of people on stairs, paths, or other areas, Success of light placement for effect

Site problems addressed

Reduction of hazard, security concerns

Installation challenges encountered

Electrical source, running of wires, placement of controls