

Judging Criteria

'Natural Stone Awards'

The 'Natural Stone Award' is to recognize outstanding quality and workmanship using natural stone. The applicant needs to prove the understanding of designing with natural stone and/ or the installation of natural stone projects that will enhance the overall aesthetic value of a landscape. Attention to technical detail as well as correct installation is essential and a creative and innovative use of natural stone is desired.

Total – 100 Points

Total Category Value - 20 points

Design / Layout

- Value 4 points - Overall Appearance, Aesthetic Impression
- Value 4 points - Clients Impression
- Value 4 points - Site Challenges addressed
- Value 4 points - Functionality
- Value 4 points - Creativity and Innovation

Construction / Installation

Total Category Value - 40 points

Retaining Walls

- Value 4 points - Appearance, Aesthetic Impression
- Value 4 points - Selection of stone appropriate for site
- Value 4 points - Proper base installation according to industry standards
- Value 4 points - Proper drainage installation according to industry standards
- Value 4 points - Different sizes, if possible with stone type
- Value 4 points - Wall pattern; no runners
- Value 4 points - Skill level/ difficulty
- Value 4 points - Size of spaces between stones considering stone type
- Value 4 points - Properly backfilled
- Value 4 points - Stability

Total Category Value – 24 points

Flagstone

- Value 4 points - Appearance, Aesthetic Impression
- Value 4 points - Selection of stone appropriate for site
- Value 4 points - Skill level/ difficulty
- Value 4 points - Proper base installation according to industry standards

- Value 4 points - Appropriate joint size
- Value # points - Flagstone installation (level)

Total Category Value - 16 points

Boulders, Stone mulch, etc.

- Value 4 points - Appearance, overall Impression
- Value 4 points - Appropriate selection for site
- Value 4 points - Placement/ Location
- Value 4 points - Improving aesthetic value of project