**International Plantscape Awards Program Judging Criteria**

A **Platinum Award** is achieved by earning 90%+ of the total judging criteria points.

A **Gold Award** is achieved with 80-89% of the total judging criteria points.

### DESIGN

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| Projects in the Design category will be judged on their overall plant design characteristics and enhancements of the environment. Special attention will be paid to form, shape, texture, color, scale, proportion, creativity, originality, container selection, and special features. Further consideration will be given to horticultural aspects such as light, temperature, and maintenance requirements. **Design projects submitted must have been designed by the entrant company within the last 2 years.** | Enhancement of the Environment: 10%  
Adherence to Design: 20%  
Creativity: 30%  
Environmental: 10%  
Maintenance: 15%  
Quality of Entry Materials: 10%  
Safety Considerations: 5% |

### INSTALLATION

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| Projects in the Installation category will be judged on the quality and complexity of the installation. Special consideration will be given to the use or non-use of sub-irrigation, proper staging materials, safety precautions, problem solving, special handling or equipment required, and planning for ongoing care and maintenance. **Projects need not have been designed by the installing entrant, but must have been installed during the past two years.** | Enhancement of the Environment: 20%  
Adherence to Installation Standards: 10%  
Complexity: 20%  
Special Features: 20%  
Maintenance Considerations: 15%  
Quality of Entry Materials: 10%  
Safety Considerations: 5% |

### HORTICULTURAL SERVICE

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| Projects in the Horticultural Service category will be judged on the overall appearance, including plant health, cleanliness of the foliage and containers, care of top dressing, appropriate pruning and trimming, and pest control. Special consideration will be given to unique maintenance requirements (e.g., color rotations) and maintenance of special features (e.g., replicas, water features, rock). **Projects must have been maintained continuously by the entrant company for at least one year.** | Appearance of Project: 45%  
Special Maintenance Requirements: 40%  
Quality of Entry Materials: 10%  
Client Testimonials (optional – no pts deducted if not incl.): 10%  
Safety Considerations: 5% |

### MAJOR RENOVATION

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| Projects in the Major Renovation category will be judged on the quality and type of materials used, but primarily on the improvement of the plantscape affected by the renovation. Special attention will be paid to enhancements such as use of sub-irrigation, new containers, new ground coverings or top dressings, etc. **At least one-half of the existing plantscape must have undergone renovation during the past two years to be considered for this category.** Two to three "before renovation" and seven to eight "after renovation" photos are required. | Appearance of Project Prior to Renovation: 10%  
Enhancement of the Environment: 20%  
Creativity (Selected Replacement Materials): 20%  
Actions to Remedy Pre-Existing Problems: 10%  
Addressed Environmental/Longevity Concerns: 15%  
Maintenance Considerations: 10% |
### Special Event & Holiday

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| Projects in the Special Event & Holiday category will be judged on the impact of the project on the event. Special consideration will be given to the overall enhancement of the event’s theme, special use of props, degree of difficulty, time constraints, client requirements, and use of color, form, light, and texture. This category includes short-term interior plantscapes such as seasonal displays or exhibits and event rentals. **The event must have occurred during the past year (May to April).** | Enhancement of the Event’s Theme 30%  
Special Use of Props/Client’s Vision 10%  
Degree of Difficulty 20%  
Timing & Time Restrictions 25%  
Quality of Entry Materials 10%  
Safety Considerations 5% |

### Atrium and Conservatory

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| Projects in this category will be judged on the quality and complexity of the installation. They are glass enclosed spaces designed to specifically mimic an outdoor environment under glass. Special consideration will be given to the use of sub-irrigation, proper staging materials, safety precautions, problem solving, special handling or equipment requirements, and planning for ongoing care and maintenance. Atrium and conservatory projects submitted must have been installed by the entrant company during the past two years. | Enhancement of the Environment 20%  
Adherence to Industry Design Standards (including planter construction) 20%  
Complexity 15%  
Special Features 10%  
Maintenance Considerations 15%  
Quality of Entry Materials 10%  
Irrigation Efficiency Considerations 5%  
Safety Considerations 5% |

### Patio, Balcony & Roof Garden

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| Projects in this category include patioscape installations (in-ground and containerized in association with a building), balcony installations on a platform projecting from a second-story or higher interior or exterior wall of a building, and containerized or in-ground plantings in a rooftop garden. Projects will be judged on their overall characteristics and enhancements of the environment. Special attention will be paid to form, shape, texture, color, scale, proportion, creativity, originality, container selection, special features, adherence to construction standards, and irrigation efficiency. Further consideration will be given to horticultural aspects such as light, temperature, and maintenance requirements. Projects in this category must have been installed by the entrant company during the past two years. | Enhancement of the Environment 20%  
Adherence to Industry Standards (including planter construction) 20%  
Complexity 15%  
Special Features 10%  
Maintenance Considerations 15%  
Quality of Entry Materials 10%  
Irrigation Efficiency Considerations 5%  
Safety Considerations 5% |

### Silk, Replica & Preserved

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| Projects in this category will be judged on their overall characteristics, visual enhancements of the environment, and installation and safety requirements. Special attention will be | Enhancement of the Environment 25%  
Design Standards 20% |
In addition to the criteria in the horticultural service category, technicians will be judged on their contribution to the entrant company and the horticultural community. Consideration will be given (if applicable) as part of “Contributions to the Entrant Company” for pesticide licensing, certification (such as CLT-I or CLP-I), on-the-job safety, timely replacements, client satisfaction, and community involvement. An entry in this category must include a project that has been maintained by that same technician for at least one year, and that individual must be at least 75% responsible for the project. Only one photo of the technician should be included with supporting photos of the project he/she maintains. Digital image files of each print should be at 300 dpi formatted to 4”x6” print size. Do not identify the technician’s company in the photos. This includes photos of the tech wearing clothing with a visible company logo.