



Montana Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.

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Dear MNLA Members,

It is that time of year when many of us are designing and installing landscapes. There are many reasons to take photos of your finished projects: They are great for print and online marketing; They help you to communicate to potential clients the type of work you are capable of doing; They are a great training tool for employees; They provide an excellent way to show the usage of various plant materials in a landscape, and; They provide a great way to record your accomplishments. There is also the upcoming **Montana Nursery & Landscape Association Best of Montana Landscape Competition!!** The success of this contest is dependent on having a sufficient quantity of quality contestants. We hope that you will consider being a contestant and helping us to make this an excellent and interesting program. A Call for Entries and an Entry Form are included in this mailing.

Contest Schedule

June - November	Call for entries
October 15	Registration—call or email MNLA to let us know that you plan to enter
November 15	Photos and Entry Submittal <u>deadline</u>
January 9	Announcement of winners

Four good reasons why you should enter:

1. To promote professionalism of the Montana nursery & landscape industry
2. To create a sense of pride within your company
3. To educate the public, students and members about current industry trends
4. To gain an advertising/marketing opportunity for you or your company

Prizes for first, second, and third place will be presented during MNLA's Annual Banquet on Wednesday, January 9th at the Montana Green Expo in Billings, Montana. You will be able to register for the banquet on the Montana Green Expo registration form on MNLA's website: www.plantingmontana.com or by emailing the office at ed@plantingmontana.com.

Jyl Story
Executive Director



BEST OF MONTANA LANDSCAPE COMPETITION CALL FOR ENTRIES

Do you have a favorite project that you and your company supplied materials for, designed or constructed?
CELEBRATE YOUR WORK AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR MNLA COLLEAGUES.

REGISTRATION

Contestants **register by emailing MNLA** (ed@plantingmontana.com) by **October 15th** to let us know you'll be participating.

ENTRY

Each contestant should submit a completed application form (included in this mailing) identifying the project name and category no later than **November 15th**. There is no fee associated with entry.

ELIGIBILITY & PROJECT CATEGORIES

Any current member of MNLA is an entitled contestant. Present projects or projects from the past two years that you have participated in that you consider special work. If a company or individual has supplied plant and landscape material for, or provided design or contracting services toward a special Montana landscape project, they are encouraged to register such work for the competition. This year we hope to receive projects for review from four different categories of landscape contracting:

- Residential
- Landscape Maintenance
- Commercial and public Space
- Restoration, Reclamation and Erosion Control

AWARDS

Plaques will be given out to:

1st place winner

2nd place winner

3rd place winner

Winning contestants work shall be put on display at the Annual MNLA meeting in Billings. A congratulatory ad will be placed in the winners' hometown newspaper from MNLA.

WINNER SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee will be invited to review your work. The selected panel of judges may include individuals who are landscape architects, Montana homeowners, members of garden clubs, park & recreation landscape professionals, professors and students of landscape design.

ENTRY FORM ON BACK

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BEST OF MONTANA LANDSCAPES ENTRY FORM due November 15th

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Participants must be members of the Montana Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA) or an employee of a MNLA member firm.
2. You may enter the competition if you or your company supplied plant or landscape material; or provided design, contracting, or maintenance services toward the work
3. Please provide, along with this form, a short narrative (200 word limit) describing the highlights of the project. Submit 20 photographs. They can be presented either as 20 PowerPoint slides with one or more images per slide or jpg digital photos copied onto a flash drive.
4. **Deadline: all entries must be submitted to MNLA by NOVEMBER 15th.**

Please complete the information below by typing or printing legibly

Name of Individual or Firm Entering Contest

Contact Person (if a firm is listed above)

Contact Phone

Contact E-mail address

Project Name

Project City or Town

Project Neighborhood

LANDSCAPE CATEGORY:

Residential Landscape
 Landscape Maintenance

Commercial Landscape
 Restoration, Reclamation, Erosion Control