



TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

CATEGORY EXPLANATION:

DESIGN CATEGORY

GENERAL GUIDELINES / RULES

- Designs submitted are completed projects that were designed by the entrant. Projects must have been installed completely for the entry to be accepted.
- ~~Entries must have been under full responsibility by entrant and should include photos or descriptions of what entrant is submitting. If there are photos that show features not part of the unique feature submission by the entrant, these **MUST BE** noted on photo descriptions.~~
 - ~~*Hint: If you installed a unique feature as part of a landscape, highlight this feature and explain why the feature was necessary or how it fits with the entire project.*~~
- ~~All projects will be judged on the design/build aspect of the unique feature including installation of the feature, not necessarily the design or maintenance of the unique feature.~~

5 TIPS TO GAIN THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MAINTENANCE ENTRY

1. Be brief and straight to the point on your photo descriptions. Do not fill a description with "fluff" information, only say what you want the judges to hear.
2. Be technical with your photo descriptions. Tell the judges what made your feature unique or more difficult to install than other entries. Also explain the relevancy of that feature within the entire scope of the project.
3. Highlight special challenges and explain how you overcame those challenges you faced with your unique feature. Provide plenty of photos of these challenges so the judges can see what you faced.
4. If any special techniques were used, let the judges know! The judges can only judge you on what you show and tell them.
5. Show work in progress pictures. Highlight the installation of the feature and show the judges, just remember not to capture faces of your workers or company logos.

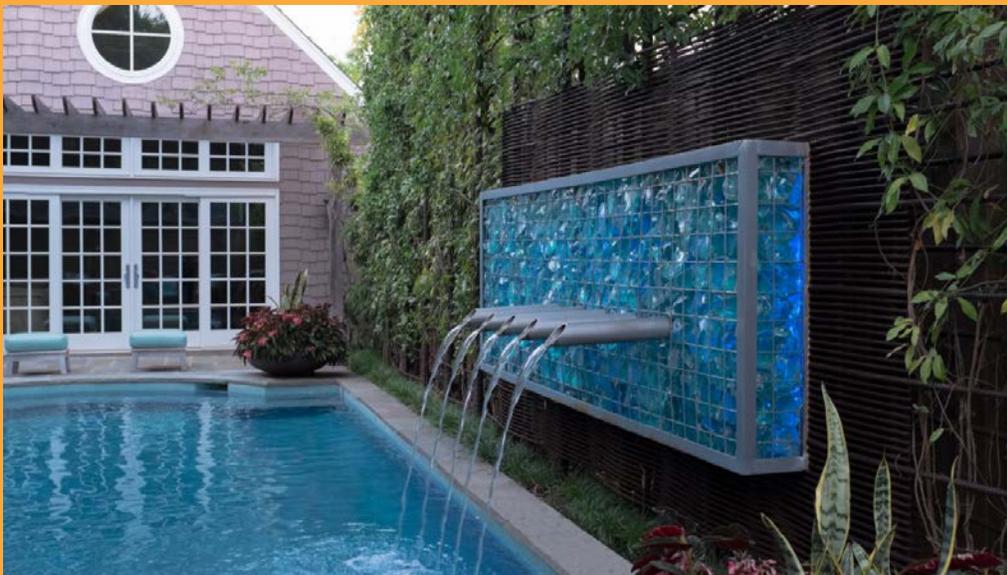
EXAMPLES OF AWARD WINNING SUBMISSIONS:

EXAMPLE 1)



The limestone fountain wall that separates the entry plaza from the pool terrace is covered with Boston ivy that provides a backdrop to the pool and its dining terrace. In various forms, the use of limestone block material is prevalent in the landscape design. In this location, the rectangular blocks were set in strategic locations to double as seating elements near the adjacent Zoysia lawn pad that flanks the pool.

EXAMPLE 2)



A major design opportunity was the eye sore of a large stucco home constructed directly behind the residence. Due to the limitations of an existing pool located 3' from the property line and a narrow unpaved alley we chose to create an artistic woven rebar wall that would provide a 32' wide x 16' tall green screen. We then placed a 4' x 11' galvanized steel gabion cage filled with blue slag glass and back-lit with 5 - 3" diameter stainless steel scuppers used to create sound. The rebar wall and fountain were designed to be modern art placed in a formal setting, providing conversation, light, sound, texture, and function.