



## TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

### CATEGORY EXPLANATION:

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES / RULES

- Projects submitted must be “whole” projects and not unique features of whole projects. Examples of Special Projects include complete outdoor living design/build spaces not being part of an entire landscape installation, nature restorations, tree preservation projects, Zen gardens, aquatic habitat installations and water reclamation projects.
- Entries must have been under full responsibility by entrant and should include photos or descriptions of what entrant completed. If there are photos that show features not part of the Special Project submission by the entrant, these **MUST BE** noted on photo descriptions.
  - *Hint: If you did not install the patio or landscape but did install the outdoor living space, tell the judges that so the judges will not focus on the patio or landscape during the judging process.*
- All projects will be judged on the installation of the project, not the design or maintenance of the project.
  - *Hint: To maximize the judging of your project, highlight special difficulties or techniques you used when installing the Special Project. If the judges do not hear what and how you did something, they cannot judge you it.*

#### 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 installation process descriptions. Tell the judges what made your project different or more difficult to install than other entries.
3. Highlight special challenges and explain how you overcame those challenges during your installation. 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. Special Project is judged on the effectiveness of the installation of the project, just remember not to capture faces of your workers or company logos.

### EXAMPLES OF AWARD WINNING SUBMISSIONS:

#### EXAMPLE 1)



One of the challenges of this native prairie restoration is effectively removing non-native plants. Here, our team is just completely the removal of barnyard grass by hand tools.

#### EXAMPLE 2)



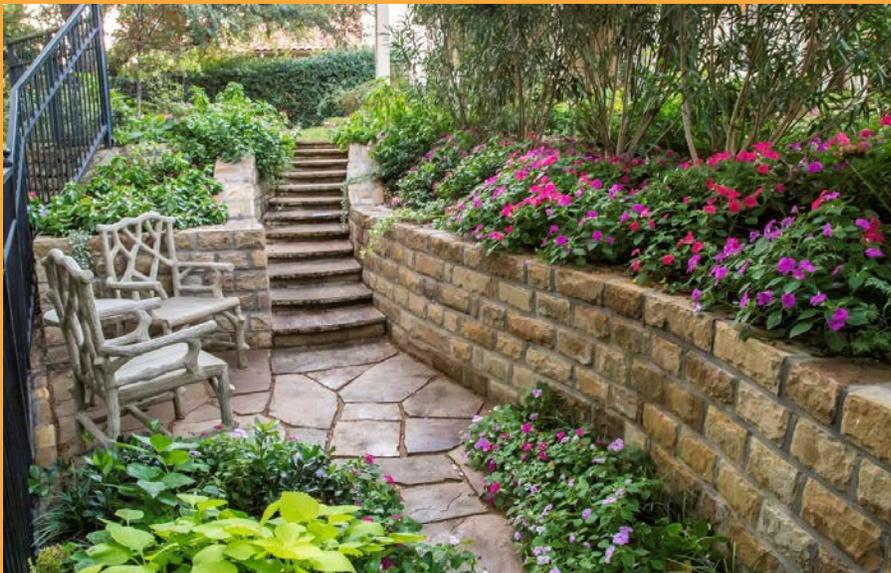
All materials were crane lifted; 610 lifts in total. Each of the trees was rigged to balance the palms in an upright position to plant directly into the roof-top planters.

### EXAMPLE 3)



Three fourths of the upper tank was placed below grade. The masonry walls provide slope retention and act as a visual barrier to the tank. To further screen the view an arbor was designed and built on top to reduce the visual impact from surrounding properties.

### EXAMPLE 4)



Complete reconfiguring of the elevations opened up a whole new space, a secret garden of enjoyment for the family. Raising and leveling the high garden further accentuates the change in elevation making the secret garden more private. Now situated 4.5' below the pool and 8' above creek, the secret garden has become the favorite place for morning coffee and evening cocktails.