



TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

CATEGORY EXPLANATION:

UNIQUE FEATURES

GENERAL GUIDELINES / RULES

- Projects submitted are specific projects within a "whole" installation. Projects that are submitted as a whole installation should be considered for a Special Project category entry.
 - *Hint: Good projects to consider are outdoor lighting projects after a landscape is installed, smaller water features incorporated into an installation, an outdoor kitchen or a pergola as part of an outdoor living installation.*
- 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)



Formal entrance to treehouse from atop levee. Only one branch was removed to allow for construction (upper right.) Nowhere did we attach directly to tree. Full-thickness lumber used at treehouse decking for increased strength across larger spans. (Note crenelated equal board lengths at approach below.)

EXAMPLE 2)



Natural looking and remotely located with limited access, no electricity, and able to withstand heavy torrents of water at times; the only logical solution was to go old school. The Romans have the best solutions. A dry stacked arch bridge was the best way to achieve the goal considering the list of challenges.