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**ALCA’s 2016 EXCELLENCE IN LANDSCAPING AWARD WINNING RECIPIENTS**

Members of the Arizona Landscape Contractors’ Association gathered to celebrate and recognize the fine work and artistry that the landscape industry provides to our beautiful state at the 40th annual Excellence in Landscaping Awards Program and Banquet held on November 19, 2016, at the beautiful JW Marriott Starr Pass in Tucson, AZ.

The ALCA awards program reflects the association and industry’s commitment to designing and maintaining our southwest environment as well as applying practices and methods that promote sustainability.

Congratulations to all of the 2016 winners:

The **Presidential Award** is given to a project that demonstrates the highest level of excellence & creativity. This award is the “best of show” landscape project chosen from over 90 projects that were submitted.  This prestigious award was presented to **Michael Rockwell with Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc** for the Kaminski Residence in the category of Single Family Residential Installation $170,001- $200,000. This award was sponsored by Hunter Industries/FX Luminaire.

The **Best Landscape Management Award** reflects and recognizes the precise efforts of landscape care.  Proper pruning of all plant material follows the sustainable landscape management practices.  Proper monitoring of irrigation systems minimizes water use but is sufficient for all species to flourish.  Attention to every detail gives this project a pristine look that everyone can appreciate and enjoy.  The award was presented to **Frank Marquez with Sustainable Landscape Services, Inc** for Vi at Silverstone in the category of Commercial Maintenance $350,001- $500,000. This award was sponsored by The Toro Company/Irritrol/Unique Lighting Systems.

The **Xeriscape Award** was given to a project that is planned and designed to create practical use of turf areas, has a selection of plants that appropriately uses mulches, soil amendments or improvements and efficient irrigation.  When properly designed and maintained, the xeriscape project saves water, time and money through reduced plant water needs and lower maintenance requirements. The award was presented to **Mike Robinson with Sustain Scape LLC** for the McEnany Residence in the category of Single Family Residential Installation $75,001- $125,000. This award was sponsored by Ewing Irrigation and Landscape Supply.

In addition to acknowledging the award winning landscape projects, four ALCA members were recognized for their outstanding dedication and commitment to the industry and the association.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** went to an individual member who has demonstrated overall dedication to the green industry.  The award criteria include exemplary leadership, service and commitment, and diligent promotion of professionalism to both ALCA and the Green Industry.  This year, the award was in memory of **Jim Trog with Four Peaks Landscape Management**. Accepting the award was Jim’s wife and brother, Karen Trog and Gene Trog. All Season Wholesale Growers sponsored the award.

The **Budding Contractor of the Year Award** is given to an individual member who has been in the landscape business or has started a landscape business within the past five years and has demonstrated outstanding service to the association and the industry. This award was presented to **Luis Ochoa with BP Landscape LLC.**  The award was sponsored by Hill & Usher Insurance & Surety.

The **Outstanding Associate Member of the Year Award** is given to an individual who represents their company by volunteering their time and contributing resources to make a positive impact for the good of the association and the landscape industry. This award was presented to **Scott Richardson with Canterbury Law Group**.  The award was sponsored by DIRT Insurance & Risk Management.

The **Outstanding Customer Service of the Year Award** is presented to an individual who provided outstanding customer service to the members of ALCA and the industry. This year, the award went to **Brian Whitcher with The Toro Company**.  The award was sponsored by Horizon Distributors, Inc.

The prestigious **Outstanding Landscape Contractor of the Year Award** is given to an individual member that has demonstrated a strong passion for the industry and contributes their time and talents to better the association. This year, the award was given to **Mitchell Owens with CareScape, Inc**.  The award was sponsored by SiteOne Landscape Supply

In addition to these prestigious awards, 93 projects received awards in 40 different categories of residential and commercial areas of installation and maintenance projects. Judging is based on projects designed and constructed in Arizona by professional contractors and is based on both technical and aesthetic aspects of each project based on guidelines set forth by the Arizona Landscape Contractors’ Association.

WINNERS AT THE AWARDS PROGRAM INCLUDE:

Single Family Residential Installation under $25,000

Sponsored by Dow AgroSciences

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Pascale Land Design

Single Family Residential Installation $25,001- $40,000

Sponsored by Helena Chemical Company

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc

Single Family Residential Installation $40,001- $55,000

Sponsored by The Synthetic Grass Store

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Think Green Inc (3 awards)

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Vox Landscaping & Construction Company

Single Family Residential Installation $55,001 - $75,000

Sponsored by Southwest Sod

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Santa Rita Landscaping

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Native Resources International, Inc

Single Family Residential Installation $75,001- $125,000

Sponsored by Belgard Hardscapes

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Pascale Land Design

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Integrated Landscape Management LLC

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Sustain Scape LLC

Single Family Residential Installation $125,001- $150,000

Sponsored by TMS International

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc

Single Family Residential Installation $150,001- $170,000

Sponsored by West Coast Turf

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Solana Outdoor Living

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc

Single Family Residential Installation $170,001- $200,000

Sponsored by Pavestone

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Solana Outdoor Living

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Azul-Verde Design Group, Inc

Single Family Residential Installation Over $500,000

Sponsored by Armstrong Growers

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Blooming Desert Construction; Brent Gentry - Mike Bateman

Model Homes Installation

Sponsored by Diversified Print Solutions

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Valley Rain Landscape & Maintenance Inc / Cal Atlantic Homes

Santa Rita Landscaping

Small Garden Installation

Sponsored by Turf & Sport/ Artificial Grass Superstore

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Vox Landscaping & Construction Company

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Sunburst Landscaping, Inc

Special Water Feature Residential Installation

Sponsored by AOS/The ALCA Influence Magazine

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Sunburst Landscaping, Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The Pond Gnome

Heritage

Sponsored by Arid Zone Trees

**JUDGES AWARDS**

Xeriscapes Unlimited, Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Pascale Land Design

Humanitarian Installation

Sponsored by DTR Landscape Development, LLC

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Santa Rita Landscaping, Inc

Commercial Installation Under $50,000

Sponsored by Sunstate Equipment

**JUDGES AWARD**

Xeriscapes Unlimited, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Mariposa Landscape Arizona, Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

DTR Landscape Development LLC

Commercial Installation $50,001 - $100,000

Sponsored by Arizona Wholesale Growers

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Commercial Installation $100,001 - $175,000

Sponsored by V&P Nurseries

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

DTR Landscape Development LLC

Commercial Installation $175,001 - $250,000

Sponsored by Courtesy Fleet/Commercial

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

ISS Grounds Control

Commercial Installation $250,001 - $350,000

Sponsored by RDO Equipment Company

**JUDGES AWARD**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Commercial Installation $350,001 - $500,000

Sponsored by Cutting Edge Curbing Sand & Rock

**JUDGES AWARD**

ISS Grounds Control

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

DTR Landscape Development LLC

Commercial Installation $500,001 - $1 Million

Sponsored by SunWest Golf & Reclamation, Inc

**JUDGES AWARD**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Agave Environmental Contracting Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Santa Rita Landscaping

Commercial Installation over $1,000,000

Sponsored by Midway Chevrolet/Isuzu

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

SiteWorks Landscape Development, LLC

Commercial Redesign

Sponsored by CopperPoint Mutual Insurance

**JUDGES AWARD**

Sundance Landscape Maintenance

Residential Redesign under $50,000

Sponsored by National Pool Title

**JUDGES AWARD**

Vox Landscaping & Construction Company

Rio Verde Landscape, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

Residential Redesign $50,001 - $150,000

Sponsored by Kalamazoo Materials

**JUDGES AWARD**

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Solana Outdoor Living

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Pascale Land Design

Residential Redesign Over $350,000

Sponsored by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Blooming Desert Construction; Brian Wolynia - Mike Bateman

Residential Maintenance

Sponsored by ALCA Board of Trustees

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Landscaping Contractors, CRG, LLC

Commercial Maintenance Under $20,000
Sponsored by Sprinkler World

**JUDGES AWARD**

AYR Expert Tree & Landscape Management

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

Blue Marble Landscape

Desert Classic Landscaping

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**AYR Expert Tree & Landscape Management

Commercial Maintenance $20,001-$30,000

Sponsored by Northpointe Financial, LLC/ Retirement Systems of Arizona

**JUDGES AWARD**

Sundance Landscape Maintenance (2 Awards)

Horticulture Unlimited, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Sundance Landscape Maintenance

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Back to Nature Landcare Inc

Commercial Maintenance $30,001-$40,000

Sponsored by Desert Tree Farm

**JUDGES AWARD**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Desert Classic Landscaping (2 Awards)

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Desert Classic Landscaping

Commercial Maintenance $40,001-$55,000

Sponsored by Brilliance LED

**JUDGES AWARD**

CareScape, Inc

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

CareScape, Inc

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Integrated Landscape Management LLC

Commercial Maintenance $55,001-$90,000

Sponsored by Rodeo Ford

**JUDGES AWARD**

Mariposa Landscape Arizona, Inc

Blue Marble Landscape

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Commercial Maintenance $90,001-$150,000

Sponsored by Redirect Health

**JUDGES AWARD**

Integrated Landscape Management LLC

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Desert Classic Landscaping

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The Groundskeeper

Commercial Maintenance $150,001 - $200,000

Sponsored by Grand Materials & Supply

**JUDGES AWARD**

CareScape, Inc

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

AAA Landscape

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Commercial Maintenance $200,001 - $250,000

Sponsored by Rain Bird

**JUDGES AWARD**

CareScape, Inc

Integrated Landscape Management LLC

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

CareScape, Inc

Commercial Maintenance $250,001 - $350,000

Sponsored by Evergreen Turf, Inc

**JUDGES AWARD**

Xeriscapes Unlimited, Inc

CareScape, Inc - East Valley Office

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Stillwater Landscape Management, LLC

Commercial Maintenance $350,001 - $500,000

Sponsored by Chapman Chevrolet & Isuzu

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Sustainable Landscape Services, Inc.

Commercial Maintenance Over $500,000

Sponsored by Bayer

**JUDGES AWARD**

Sundance Landscape Maintenance

Desert Classic Landscaping

**AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Desert Classic Landscaping

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Caretaker Landscape and Tree Management

Low Voltage Lighting Residential Installation

Sponsored by Vista Professional Outdoor Lighting

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Wickenburg Landscape & Irrigation, Inc

Tree Care

Sponsored by Sunrise Nursery, LLC

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Sundance Landscape Maintenance

You may view these awards in detail along with all of the award recipients on the ALCA website at [www.ALCA.org/excellence-in-landscaping-awards](http://www.ALCA.org/excellence-in-landscaping-awards).

The Arizona Landscape Contractors’ Association Awards Program accepts project applications that have been designed and constructed in Arizona by professional contractors. Awards are given to those projects that demonstrate the highest landscape quality, provide unique solutions to problems, conserve natural resources and enhance the environment. For further details on the Awards Program please call (602) 626-7091 or visit the website at [www.ALCA.org](http://www.ALCA.org).