



# 2020 GROWERS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

JUDGING OF THE ENTRIES - SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Entries to the Growers Awards of Excellence Program must be delivered to  
Landscape Ontario | 7856 Fifth Line South Milton, ON L9T 2X8  
**Sept. 16 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sept. 17 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**  
**Deliveries WILL NOT be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on Sept. 17th**

## AWARD ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- The triplicate skid form must be completed by submitting company and **MUST** be on skid when delivered (will be mailed to you, if you fax in previous page).
- Landscape Ontario members only, are eligible to enter.
- There is no entry fee.
- Winners are not eligible to enter the same plant variety in the same category for two years; plants may be re-entered in the third year.

## AWARD CATEGORIES:

1. Evergreens – Field Grown, Upright and Spreading
2. Evergreens – Container Grown, Upright and Spreading
3. Broadleaf Evergreens
4. Deciduous Shrubs
5. Deciduous Trees – 300cm or less
6. Deciduous Trees – Top Grafted/Worked
7. Caliper Trees (Minimum of two specimens)
8. Vines and Groundcovers
9. Perennials
10. Unusual and Rare Plants (Worthy of attention, minimum of four specimens)
11. Design on a Skid – be creative, anything goes (as long as it fits on a skid!)
12. Judges Choice Award: The judges will choose the best overall entry to receive this special award

## PLANT MATERIAL:

NOTE: All plant material entered will be auctioned off.

- Plant material must be Ontario-grown at your nursery for at least one year, and must be free of pests and diseases.
- Plant material should be finished and retail-ready (eg: for sale to a garden centre).
- Ensure the material is the correct size and type for the category entered and there are at least five of each size and type.
- Sizes of plant material should be in metric units.
- EACH skid of plant material entered for judging must have a skid form filled out.
- All plant material must be identified by botanical name as well as common name.
- Finished sizes must be noted in metric units and sized according to the Canadian Standards of Nursery Stock (9th Edition) available from Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA).
- Plant types may be mixed on a pallet as long as there are a minimum of five per type (exceptions are Category 7, two specimens only and Category 10, four specimens only).

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

**New Introductions:** Interesting and exciting but it is the quality of the individual specimens and uniformity of the lot that matters most.

**Plant Health:** Nutrition and freedom from pests and diseases.

**Presentation:** Impact of the plant material on the skid - Skids packed full have a very striking appearance.

**Quality of Plant Material:** Uniformity in growth and habit, colour, lushness and density of growth.

**Recent Pruning:** For shape is not favourable.

**Root Development:** Judges do remove the pots and examine the root system. Marks are taken off where root balls fall apart (suggesting overwatering, recent potting or poor management practices).

**Tree Guards:** Please remove prior to judging. Judges examine the bark.

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

- Awards will be given only to those entries worthy of attention as determined by the judges.
- All decisions are final.
- Winners will be announced during the Fall Dinner on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.
- A plaque will be presented to each winner during the Awards Ceremony held at the Fall Dinner on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

# Awards of Excellence – Entry Form

September 17, 2020

Donations of nursery stock (single variety or mixed lots), hard goods, landscape supplies, garden decor, gift certificates and silent auction items are all appreciated. All donors will be recognized in Landscape Ontario magazine.

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**COMPANY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I would like to donate to the Industry Auction:**

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|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Nursery stock | <input type="radio"/> Hard goods         | <input type="radio"/> Silent Auction item     |
| <input type="radio"/> Giftware      | <input type="radio"/> Landscape supplies | <input type="radio"/> Cash Donation* \$ _____ |

*\*Cheques payable to Landscape Ontario Auction, 7856 Fifth Line South, Milton, ON L9T 2X8*

**YES, I would like to enter plant material into the Growers Awards of Excellence**  
(Entry Guidelines and categories can be found at [IndustryAuction.ca](http://IndustryAuction.ca))



**PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ AWARD SKID FORMS (One form per skid entered into Awards Program)**

**Each entry submitted requires a skid form to be placed on it – a triplicate form that cannot be photocopied, and must be mailed to you.** Indicate the number of forms you require and they will be mailed. Please keep the skid form with the corresponding skid and bring completed form, on the skid, to the Auction. Do not separate the form.

**This form must be signed by the company representative if submitting into the Awards program.** We, the undersigned, hereby give to Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association (LOHTA) all publication rights to all materials submitted in conjunction with the Awards of Excellence Program. We further agree that LOHTA may, in turn, publish these materials or release them for use in, but not limited to: magazines, videos, newspapers, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by LOHTA.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO: [Auction@LandscapeOntario.com](mailto:Auction@LandscapeOntario.com)**

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