

2026

GALA

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LANDSCAPE
AWARDS

The tradition started with the Metro Atlanta Landscape and Turf Association, then continued with the Georgia Urban Ag Council. For nearly 30 years, we have celebrated the excellence of our members by showcasing their projects.

[The celebration continues.](#)

Entry deadline: January 14 | **Judging:** Early February | **Notification:** Mid February | **Ceremony:** March 23



Atlanta Fine Gardens
2025 Gold + Judges' Choice Award

Shine a light on your good work.

More exposure

- 🌿 **Radio and social media.** GALA winners will be featured on WSB radio's *Green and Growing* with Ashley Frasca in Spring 2026 and through the show's social media.
- 🌿 **Email and blog posts.** The GALA awards section of UAC's website will be used as a landing page for email blasts, directing people to blog posts with photographs and project descriptions created for Gold and Silver winners.
- 🌿 **Press coverage.** The Georgia Urban Ag Council will promote the GALA awards through press releases to the local and trade press.

More awards

- 🌿 **Newcomer of the Year award**, for a member who joined UAC in 2022 or later.
- 🌿 **Supplier of the Year award**, nominated by UAC members to recognize superior service from their suppliers.
- 🌿 **MVP award**, nominated by UAC members to recognize a team member who goes above and beyond to help the company reach their goals.
- 🌿 **Earth Aware honor**, for projects that create a positive impact on the environment through best practices and innovation.



Art of Stone Gardening
2025 Gold + Judges' Choice Award



Ed Castro Landscape
2025 Gold + Judges' Choice Award

Valuable resources

- 🍃 **Mentors for first-time entrants.** Reach out to designated award-winning UAC members and get their feedback BEFORE you submit your entry.
- 🍃 **Learn from past awards.** View past projects, including the judges' comments, on UAC's website.
- 🍃 **Put your best foot forward.** We'll supply a list of photographers who have experience working with landscape projects to help you tell your story.

Smoothing the path to success

- 🍃 **Simplified categories and judging criteria.** Fewer categories, wider dollar ranges and a point system to determine awards.
- 🍃 **Interiorscapes.** Submit your residential and commercial projects that focus on interior landscapes.
- 🍃 **Photo retouching.** Go ahead, edit your photos to make slight corrections - just provide the original of the photo so we can see what corrections were made.
- 🍃 **No need to upload the contract signature page.** Just fill in the dollar amount of the contract on the application.
- 🍃 **We're here to keep you motivated.** Opt in to awards coaching and you'll get texts with periodic updates, prompts, and tips to keep you on track with your awards submission.

Why enter?

GALA is for all kinds and sizes of projects

- > Projects from under \$25k to over \$500k
- > Residential or commercial, interior or exterior
- > Design/Build/Installation
- > Seasonal Color (includes container designs)
- > Landscape Management
- > Landscape Lighting
- > Community Stewardship
- > Earth Aware

GALA is for your company and your team

- > Use the project photos for all your marketing efforts
- > Get additional exposure from UAC's promotion of the awards
- > Use the judges' feedback to build a stronger company
- > Gain credibility and visibility in the industry
- > Reward your team for their hard work
- > Attract the kinds of employees you want to recruit

“We got a residential design/build project - over \$60,000 - and we did nothing to get it, it was a completely passive sale. It all happened because of our involvement in the awards, because our projects and their photos were out there. When you can create sales without effort, that's huge.”

~ Todd Guilmette
Unique Environmental Landscapes

*The GALA entry fee
could be the smartest
marketing dollars you
will spend all year.*



City Garden Company
2025 Gold + Newcomer Award



Garden Lights Landscaping
2025 Gold Award

Awards

Entry submission does not guarantee an award.

Gold	For projects judged as greatly exceeding all criteria for the category
Silver	For projects judged as superior in their overall evaluation
Bronze	For projects that meet the standard in the category
Judges' Choice	For projects that "WOW" the judges, a special designation that may be given, at the sole discretion of the judges
Newcomer of the Year	For a member who joined UAC in 2022 or later, a special award that may be given, at the sole discretion of the judges
Earth Aware honor	For projects that create a positive impact on the environment through best practices and innovation, a special honor that may be given, at the sole discretion of the judges

Categories

Residential or commercial; interior or exterior

- Design/Build/Installation
- Seasonal Color (*includes container designs*)
- Landscape Management
- Landscape Lighting
- Community Stewardship

Dollar breakdowns within the categories:

1. Under \$25,000
2. \$25,000 - \$100,000
3. \$100,000 - \$250,000
4. \$250,000 - \$500,000
5. Over \$500,000

Judging procedures

1. Entries do not compete against each other; they are evaluated using the judging criteria.
2. Judges may designate multiple entries to receive awards within any category.
3. All entries are judged without knowledge of who entered the project.
4. A panel of professionals representing various aspects of the industry evaluate the entries.
5. All judges' decisions are final.

How to enter

- Step 1:** Read the complete entry details for your category.
- Step 2:** Download the worksheet for your category.
- Step 3:** Gather your photographs.
- Step 4:** Use the information from your completed worksheet to complete the online entry form, then upload your photos and the required documents.
- Step 5:** Pay entry fee of \$150/entry. *Be sure to enter by January 14, 2026 to avoid the late fee!*
- Step 6:** Submit your entry and you're done!

Timeline & fees

Deadline for entries

5:00 pm | January 14, 2026

Late entry deadline (late fee will apply)

5:00 pm | January 21, 2026

Judging of entries

Early February 2026

Notification of awards

Mid-February 2026

Awards ceremony

March 23, 2026

Entry fee

\$150 per entry

\$50 late fee for entries after 1/14/26

Current UAC member
companies only.



Arcoiris Design Gardening
2025 Gold Award



“This is our Super Bowl.”

~ Andrew Montecino
Meadows Landscapes

The best people
want to work for
the best companies
and the best
companies win
awards.

Start attracting the
kinds of employees
you want to recruit
for your team.

Get recognized.
Get rewarded.
Enter the
awards.

Start picturing your team in the winners’ circle.

Work hard, celebrate harder

You and your crews are used to working long, hard hours but when was the last time you celebrated your success?

Take the time to take a bow. The GAEA awards are a great way to reward yourself and your team.

Get started today at urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards

Questions? Need help with your application?

Feel free to reach out!

Contact us: 706.750.0350 or office@georgiauac.com

Learn more online:

urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards

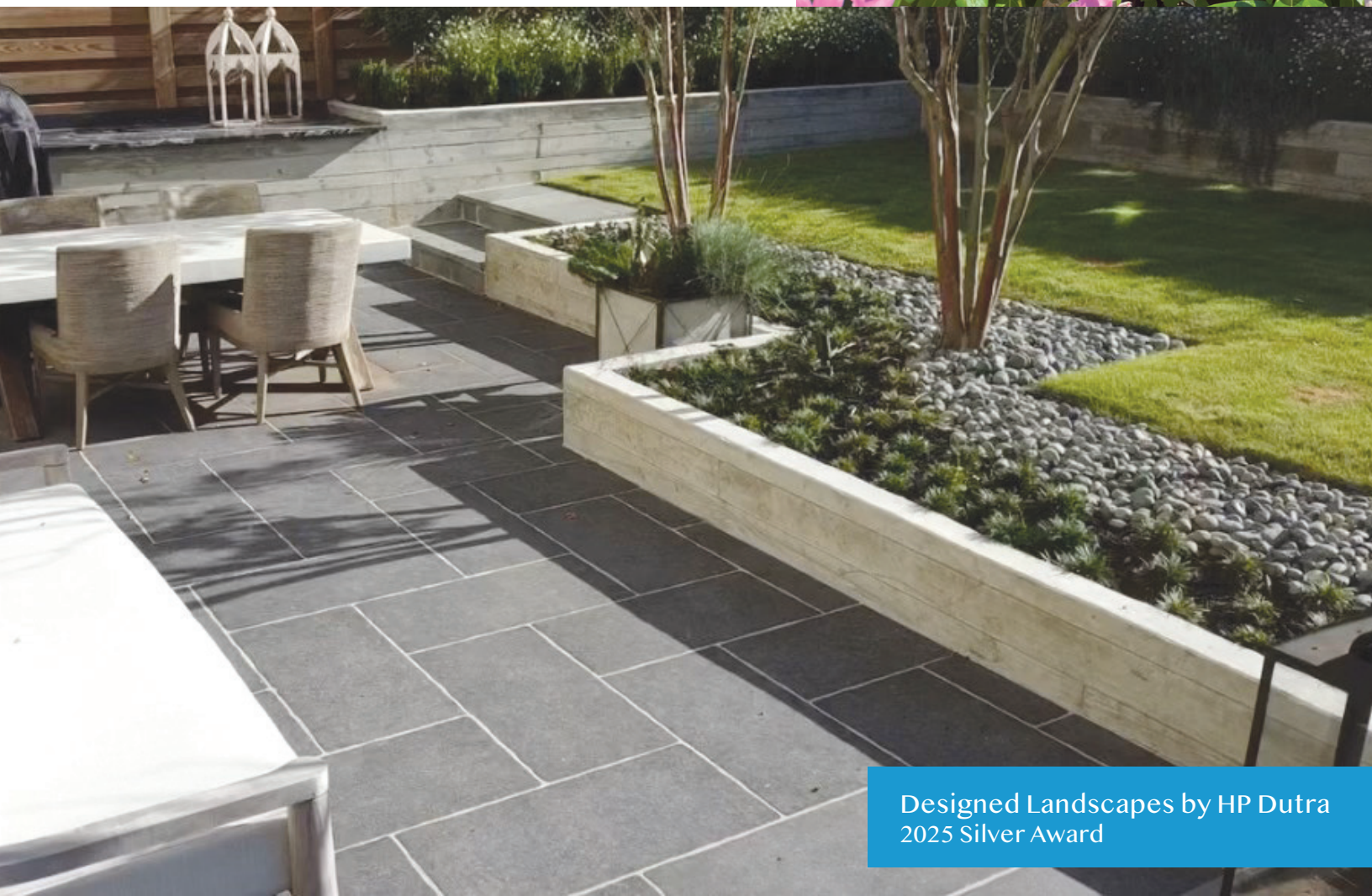
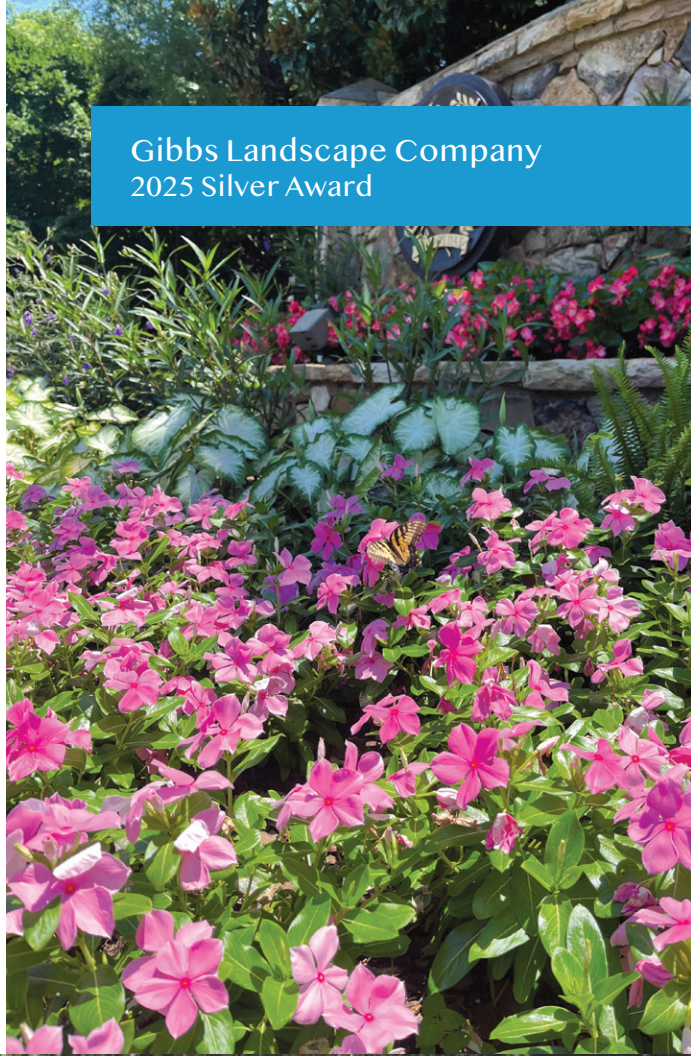
- 🌿 Past award winners
- 🌿 Rules of entry
- 🌿 Judging criteria for all categories
- 🌿 Photo criteria and tips
- 🌿 Success tips
- 🌿 Worksheets
- 🌿 Online application

Want to make a nomination?

If you would like to nominate another UAC member for the MVP or the Supplier of the Year award, visit our website to complete the online form:

urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards

Gibbs Landscape Company
2025 Silver Award



Designed Landscapes by HP Dutra
2025 Silver Award