

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

- Leaf **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.
- Leaf **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.
- Leaf **Press coverage.** The Georgia Urban Ag Council will promote the GALA awards through press releases to the local and trade press.

### More awards

- Leaf **Newcomer of the Year award**, for a member who joined UAC in 2022 or later.
- Leaf **Supplier of the Year award**, nominated by UAC members to recognize superior service from their suppliers.
- Leaf **MVP award**, nominated by UAC members to recognize a team member who goes above and beyond to help the company reach their goals.
- Leaf **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

- Leaf **Mentors for first-time entrants.** Reach out to designated award-winning UAC members and get their feedback BEFORE you submit your entry.
- Leaf **Learn from past awards.** View past projects, including the judges' comments, on UAC's website.
- Leaf **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

- Leaf **Simplified categories and judging criteria.** Fewer categories, wider dollar ranges and a point system to determine awards.
- Leaf **Interiorscapes.** Submit your residential and commercial projects that focus on interior landscapes.
- Leaf **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.
- Leaf **No need to upload the contract signature page.** Just fill in the dollar amount of the contract on the application.
- Leaf **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.*

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





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 GALA awards are a great way to reward yourself and your team.

Get started today at [urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards](http://urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards)

**“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.**

## Questions? Need help with your application?

Feel free to reach out!

Contact us: 706.750.0350 or [office@georgiauac.com](mailto:office@georgiauac.com)

Learn more online:

[urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards](http://urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards)

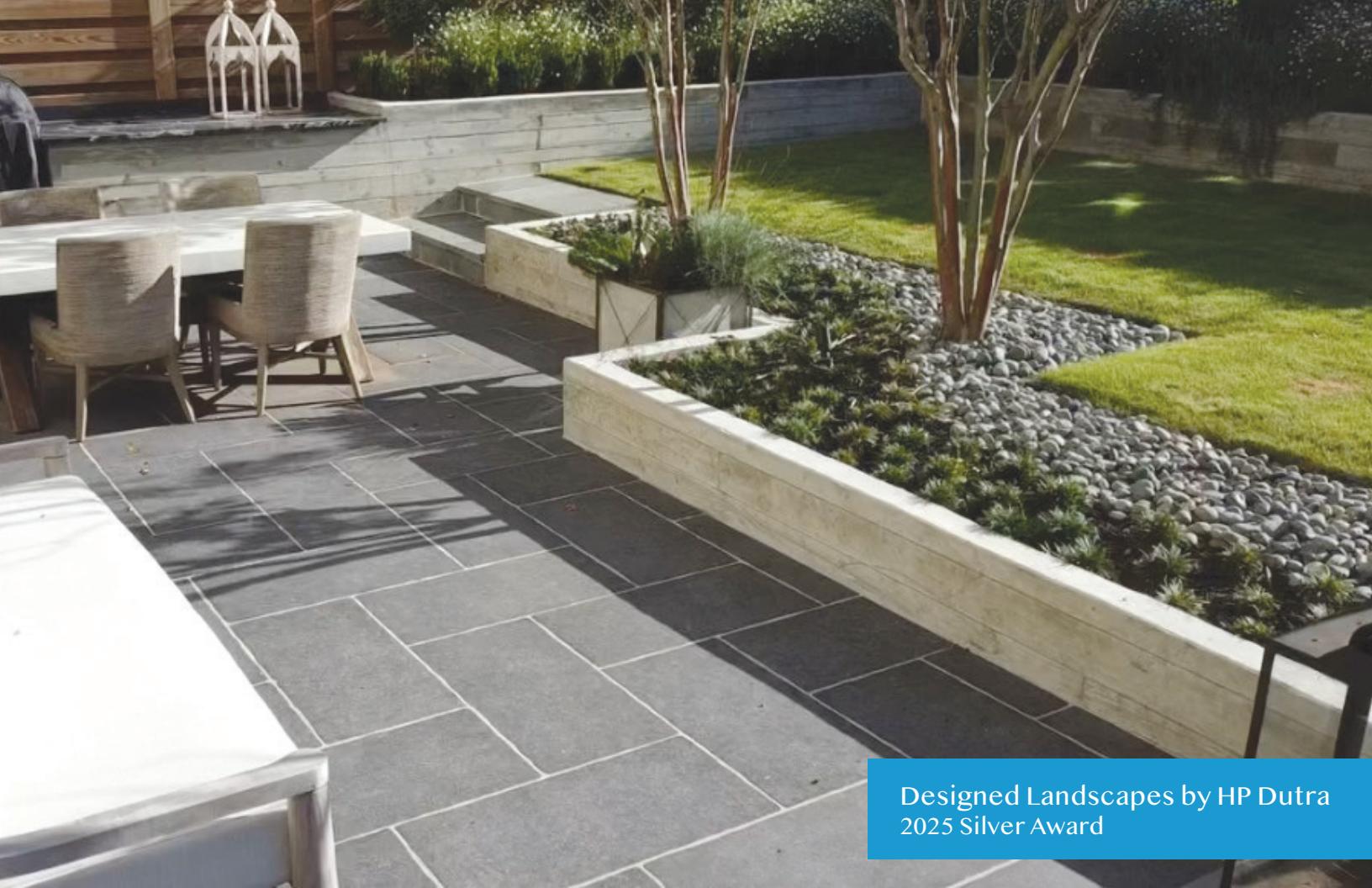
- leaf Past award winners
- leaf Rules of entry
- leaf Judging criteria for all categories
- leaf Photo criteria and tips
- leaf Success tips
- leaf Worksheets
- leaf Online application

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](http://urbanagcouncil.com/gala-georgia-landscape-awards)

Gibbs Landscape Company  
2025 Silver Award



Designed Landscapes by HP Dutra  
2025 Silver Award