***The Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA) 2018 Landscape Awards Program!***

The Oregon Landscape Contractors Association, (OLCA), recognizes the *work of outstanding Landscapers in the following categories-*

* Landscape Construction
* Landscape Construction Residential
* Landscape Maintenance Residential
* Landscape Construction Design/Build
* Landscape Renovation
* Landscape “Special Features.”

Annually, OLCA hosts this prestigious event in support of our Landscape Design Professionals. Homeowners who are looking for a Highly skilled, Award Winning Professional to renovate their Landscape, also have an opportunity to see the very BEST work and professionals the Landscape Industry has to offer.

All of the participants for these Awards are highly skilled, extremely experienced and are true Masters of their Craft in Landscape Design, Build, Hardscaping, Softscaping and Landscape Maintenance.

Below, we salute the Winners of the Landscape Awards and hear a few quotes about the projects that were submitted. A testimony to the extraordinary work that they provide…

***Jesse Brough, Blessing Landscapes – “I'm not sure who was more thrilled to win - the homeowners or us.  I’ll never forget the text I received after our client found out we won.  It was very simple, but I could feel his excitement when he replied, “AWESOME!!!”  Celebrating winning the OLCA Grand Award with our client may have been the single most rewarding client relation experience I’ve had in 27 years of working with homeowners.***

***I’d like to give special thanks first and foremost to our client who made this all possible.  Without your trust in us and the vision we shared for your yard, none of this would have been possible.  To Roger Anderson, Blessing Landscapes Designer, for being part of the design team and helping lay out the incredible amount of plants on the project.  Also, to Dave Ferron with Unique Lighting for helping design and install the phenomenal lighting system.  To Aaron with Curtis Heintz Excavation, thank you for graciously bearing all my two-inch adjustment requests on countless 6,000 lb boulders.  And, of course our very own Blessing Landscapes Construction Teams who made it all happen day after day.  Finally, David Dillon, our Foreman who was most responsible for the success of this installation.  You thoroughly impressed me and continue to do so day after day.  Thank you for your commitment to the project and congratulations to all on a job well done!***

***Thank you OLCA and all the volunteers who invested hours to manage this great awards program.  It is such an encouragement to our staff to have one of these under our belt and we look forward to submitting another project this year!”***

***Grand Award - Landscape Construction Residential 35k - 75k Aspen Creek Landscaping, featuring the “Lakeside Retreat.”***

***\*This project included both Hardscaping as well as what is known as “Softscaping” or plants added to the project between $35,000 and $75,000 for the project itself.***

**Bill Spelbring, Landscape Designer and Construction Specialist**

**Bill moved from the Midwest in the late 1970s and earned his Landscape Architecture degree from University of Oregon in 1983. Bill enjoys the contrast of man-made elements softened by Aspen Creek’s rich palette of plants.**

**Bill’s comments about project, *“A beautiful, yet challenging site due to grade changes and difficult access. One of the more rewarding aspects of working on this project was the seamless collaboration with the various trades involved in the project, from the general contractor on the home, to the landscape architect, ( Shapiro/Didway Landscape Architects), stone masons, project manager, and of course, the owners.”***

***2nd Place Landscape Construction Residential 35k – 75k. Aspen Creek Landscape featuring, “Fireside at the Vintages.”***

***\*The project includes Residential Construction, Hardscaping and Softscaping at a cost between $35,000 and $75,000.***

**Phillipa Peach - Landscape Designer**

**Phillipa Peach joined Aspen Creek Landscape in 2016 from PCC’s Landscape Design Program. As a former IT Project Manager, Phillipa’s attention to detail, and lifetime experience in Horticulture sets her apart from her peers. Her extensive botanical knowledge and trained, refined eye are evident in every project that she designs.**

**About her design - *“Our client, The Vintages Trailer Resort, in wine country near Dundee, has great character and style, so it was a pleasure to continue this unique vibe throughout the new outdoor entertaining area Aspen Creek Landscaping designed and installed. The design incorporated a fun and modern style using clean lines, corrugated metal, concrete and wood. The three new gas fire pits and custom seating encourage guests to get together and relax; all with a view through an open trellis and plantings to the Dundee Wineries.”***

***1st Place Landscape Maintenance Residential over $500/month – Aspen Creek featuring the “Lake Oswego Estate”***

***\*This project features Landscape Maintenance at a revenue of over $500.00 per month.***

**Jeremy Tobin - Maintenance and Special Services Manager**

**Jeremy has been managing landscape maintenance on the West Coast since 2003. Jeremy is this years’ past president of OLCA. He enjoys spending his free time with his wife and two children.**

**Aspen Creek Landscapes - *We are a full-service Landscape Contractor that focuses primarily on the high-end residential marketplace.***

**Jeremy’s comments about the Lake Oswego Estate - *“Nestled atop a hill in Lake Oswego, this estate provides privacy, stunning spaces for entertaining and a challenging canvas for our maintenance crew. The garden features a diverse plant palette, unique topiaries and vast area to maintain. Vibrant, seasonal colors bring added life to the landscape year-round with annual floral displays in many of the beds and planting containers. Highlights of the property include sweeping boxwood hedges, multiple water features and a beautiful pool deck for entertaining. The crew’s attention to detail shines through as there are a mix of plantings, sun exposures and a variety of spaces to maintain. They work diligently in the garden twice per week to achieve a manicured and “always ready to entertain look.” Their pruning skills shine through as there are a multitude of plant types to keep groomed and shaped. This garden is a show piece and is always ready to welcome visitors to bask in its beauty.”***

**Importance of OLCA – “*We feel that our active membership in OLCA allows us to network and learn from the best minds in our industry.”***

***1st Place Landscape Construction Design/Build 75k - 150k, Precision Landscape Services, featuring the “Hubbard Residence”***

***\*In this project Design, New Construction, Hardscaping and Softscaping were utilized at a project cost between $75,000 and $150,000.***

**Tyrone Foster - CEO of Precision Landscape Services**

**Precision Landscape Services has been delighting Portland clients with high quality landscaping services for 40 years. Precision Landscape Services offers end to end services for both residential and commercial clients by providing construction and maintenance with beautiful stone work, a rich and diverse plant pallet, and decades of proven experience. Precision Landscapes also provides a licensed and skilled Horticulturist that can manage all your foliage and lawn care needs.**

**Hubbard Residence – *“The client was very happy with the combination of beauty and practicality; the raised beds supplying such a large percentage of their food, the plunge pool giving a relaxing audio and visual aspect, then the slate patio, plantings and flowers making it comfortable and livable.”***

**Importance of OLCA- *“OLCA membership provides access to local industry knowledge that isn’t available elsewhere.”***

**Tyrone – *“It is an honor to be recognized by our peers”***

***1st and 2nd Place - Special Features less than 35k – Natureworks LLC “Baltensperger Residence” & Edelweiss Perennials***

***\*In these projects, the term “Special Features” refers to key elements or highlights within a project at a cost of less than $35,000 per project.***

***Howard Lehmann - Founder***

**Founder of Natureworks LLC, Howard Lehmann has over 40 years of experience in the Landscaping Industry. Prior to coming to Portland, Howard and his company were crafting beautiful Natural Landscapes in Mammoth Lakes CA. Howard has also installed numerous award-winning landscapes in San Diego, CA. Howard brings a depth of knowledge of many Hardscaping staples, such as - living spaces, drainage, irrigation, pavers, water features, fences and walls.**

**Baltensperger’s comment – *“We wanted to tell you how much we enjoy and appreciate the work you have done here. A high***

***quality job without out going over budget!”***

**Howards comment on project – “A*nytime you can make marked improvements on a project, it is rewarding. The entry to the home was in need of updating. The path had settled by the front door. The patio needed to be enlarged to accommodate their needs.***

***Very little grade change made the positive drainage away from the structures a challenge. To accomplish the practical and aesthetics at the same time is satisfying.”***

**Importance of OLCA – “*To say that you are a Landscape Professional is easy. To incorporate the Education and Training one receives into a viable, beautiful product takes effort and fortitude. We are reminded each day of our responsibility to present ourselves as honest and trustworthy Professionals. The Landscape Industry is a profession. To me, being a member of OLCA.”***

***1st Place Landscape Renovation Residential 35k - 75k, D&J Landscape Contractors, featuring the “Boyd Residence.”***

***\*In this project, the existing Landscape was renovated, using both hardscape and Softscape to achieve the goal at a cost between $35,000 and $75,000.***

**D + J Landscape Contractors - Donna Burdick**

**Clients comment *–“We watched you plant and dig and then our garden became a spectacular sight. Squares of green blossomed into this beautiful landscape. We give Amy, and Donna and her team, our highest recommendation”. - Ted and Maryann Bond***

**About D&J Landscape Contractors- *For over 30 years, Donna Burdick and her team have all believed in actively participating in the collaborative process with creative, local designers. D & J Landscape Contractors ascribe to the long-held principles of integrating landscape and gardens into client’s home and life, similar to Frank Lloyd Wright and Ellen Biddle Shipman. Serving the Portland Metro Area and SW Washington, Burdick’s Landscape contracting firm transforms ordinary spaces into extraordinary landscapes.***

***First Place – Residential Design Build over $150,000, featuring the “Bracelin Residence.”***

***\*This project features the use of Design and Build as a New Landscape and Hardscape over $150,000.***

**Victor E. Design Build Landscape -**

***“Our name says it all… Design Build Landscape... We design custom landscapes and have the crews available to fully install the projects. We have been in the industry for over 11 years and specialize in Hardscape Installations.”***

**Highlights of project - *Incredibly challenging engineered walls and grand front entrance. The project included virtually all types of hardscaping – brick, pavers, concrete, stucco, walls and flagstone.***

**Client’s comment - *“Unbelievable transformation…A dream come true...”***

**Importance of OLCA – “*OLCA sets the standard for excellence and business comradery.”***

**JUDGING for the Awards and Landscape Entires…**

A panel of diverse professionals representing the landscape Industry will evaluate each of the projects independently of the other entries on the basis of:

* Difficulty
* Quality of products used
* Proper installation practices
* Tree staking/guying
* Soil preparation
* Grades
* Positive surface drainage
* Irrigation installation practices
* Drainage installation practices
* Hardscape installation practices
* Electrical connections (waterproof covers on outlets, conduit, lighting connections, etc.)
* Overall appearance of project. (Not design!)

\*Additional Criteria/Design-Build~

* Selection of plant materials (do they belong together from a cultural standpoint?)
* Future maintainability
* General appearance of design.

Congratulations to all of the Participants of the Oregon Landscape Contractors Association, (OLCA), 2018 Landscape Awards Program. We salute your commitment to the Industry and thank you again for bringing this opportunity to the Community.

**About OLCA**

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Oregon Landscape Contractors Association is to serve the needs of its members and to promote the growth and well-being of the Landscape Industry.

**What is OLCA?**

OLCA is a not-for-profit statewide professional organization that advocates for the landscape industry on local, state and national issues affecting both the profession and the world we live in. OLCA functions through the active volunteer work of our membership.

The Oregon Landscape Contractors Association membership includes:

* Landscape Contracting Professionals
* Landscape Maintenance Professionals
* Suppliers to the landscape industry
* Staff from educational institutions and students in the horticulture program

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