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PIA Interior Plantscape Award Winners and Color Bowl Design Contest Winners Announced at CalScape Expo

Ukiah, CA – Nine companies from across the United States were honored at the Plantscape Industry Alliance’s Interior Plantscape Awards Ceremony and Hall of Fame Banquet held during CalScape Expo in Palm Springs on Sept. 18. The top honor, the Judges Award, went to Botanical Designs, Seattle, WA, for US Bank Centre. Entries are judged solely on their own merit against a point system. Each entry is reviewed individually within its category and dollar valuation. The following is a list of the winners in PIA’s sixteenth annual awards program.

Two individuals were recognized with Technician Excellence awards, they are Linda Anderson of Greenery Office Interiors, Calgary, and Robin Pitalo of Heroman Services Plant Co., Baton Rouge.

Judges Award

Botanical Designs, US Bank Centre

Design

Merit \$2501 – 7,500: Shelagh's Plantscapes, Portofino Hotel

Merit \$7,501 - 15,000: Botanika Interior Plantscapes, The Muller Company

Merit \$25,001 - 50,000: Heroman Services Plant Co., The Battlehouse, Renaissance Hotel

Excellence \$100,000 +: The Rain Forest, Sunpower

Silk, Replica, & Preserved

Merit \$50,001 - 100,000: Plants By Design, Emerald Princess Sanctuary

Installation

Excellence \$15,001 - 25,000: Good Earth Plants, Southblock Apartments

Merit \$100,000+: The Rain Forest, Sunpower

Special Event & Holiday

Merit \$7,501 - 15,000: Botanical Designs, Civica Office Commons

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Major Renovation

Excellence \$15,001 - 25,000: Botanical Designs, US Bank Centre
Excellence \$100,000+: Plant Interscapes, Marriott Rivercenter Hotel

Exterior Garden

Merit \$50,001 - 100,000: Ambius/San Francisco, Madison-Marquette Bay Street
Excellence \$50,001 - 100,000: Heroman Services Plant Co., The Battlehouse, Renaissance Hotel

Green Roof

Excellence \$15,001 - 25,000: Good Earth Plants, Amour Roof

Technician

Excellence: Linda Anderson, Greenery Office Interiors; Robin Pitalo, Heroman Services Plant Co

PIA thanks the following interiorscape professionals for serving as judges for this year's awards program, Matthew Gardner, The Wright Gardner, San Francisco, CA; Carole Horowitz, Plantscape Inc., Pittsburgh, PA; and Kathryn O'Donnell, Botanicus, Buffalo, NY.

Interested companies are encouraged to enter the 2009 PIA Interior Plantscape Awards Program and are reminded to take photos for the Holiday & Special Event category over the upcoming holiday season for entry in the 2009 contest. 2009 entry forms and deadlines will be posted on PIA's website www.piagrows.org.

The **Color Bowl Design Contest** is a fast paced CalScape Expo event challenging participants to use their imagination, foliage, color, and staging materials to create an outstanding color bowl. This year's theme was "Magical/Mystical" with Jim Camargo, Pacific Coast Plants, taking the top prize. The second place winner was Lee Fones, Coastal Plantscapes, and third place was captured by Roel Ventura, Ambius.

CalScape Expo 2009 will be held at the Flamingo, Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2009. For more information, contact PIA at 707-462-2276, pia@piagrows.org, or visit www.piagrows.org.

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