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PIA Interior Plantscape Award Winners Announced at Plantscape Industry Expo

Ukiah, CA – The outstanding work of interiorscape companies from across the United States and Canada has been recognized by the Plantscape Industry Alliance (PIA) with sixteen companies winning a prestigious Interior Plantscape Award of Excellence or an Interior Plantscape Award of Merit. A total of thirty-seven awards were presented at a Sept. 1 Gala held during PIA's Plantscape Industry Expo.

A Judges Award for an exceptional project was awarded to Ambius, Buffalo Grove, IL, for the Longwood Gardens East Conservatory Expansion, a project which included a stunning green wall designed by famed British landscape architect Kim Wilkie. A second Judges Award was bestowed upon Good Earth Plant Company, Inc., San Diego, CA, for the Sharp Hospital, a 5,000 sq ft. green roof depicting the initial musical notes of 'Ode to Joy' designed to be viewed from patient recovery rooms.

Awards 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 nineteenth annual awards program.

Atrium

Excellence

Planterra, West Bloomfield, MI, Rideau Hall, Palmhouse, \$100001+

Design

Excellence

Ambius, Carrollton, TX, The Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center, \$25001-50000
Associated Group, Santa Ana, CA, MPG Office Wells Fargo Center, \$50001-100000

Exterior Garden Award

Excellence

Cityscapes, Inc., Boston, MA, Intercontinental Boston Hotel Exteriorscaping, \$50,001-100,000

Green Roof Award

Excellence

Good Earth Plant Company, Inc. dba Greenscaped Buildings, San Diego, CA, Sharp Hospital, Green Roof, \$100001+

Horticultural Service

Excellence

Foliage Design Systems of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, Landmark Center, \$25001-50000

Installation

Excellence

Ambius, Buffalo Grove, IL, Celebrity Cruise 'ECLIPSE', \$25001-50000

Ambius, San Francisco, CA, Restoration Hardware, \$25001-50000

Good Earth Plant Company, Inc dba Greenscaped Buildings, San Diego, CA., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, \$25001-50000

Merit

Botanical Designs, Seattle, WA, "Gaming Company" Installation, \$100001+

Major Renovation**Merit**

Ambius, Orlando FL, Florida Mall Redesign, \$50001-100000

Botanical Designs, Seattle, WA, Seattle University Biology Wing Renovation, \$7501-15000

Special Event & Holiday**Excellence**

Parker 3D, Scotch Plains, NJ, RiverTown Crossings, \$100,001+

Botanical Designs, Seattle, WA, The Bravern's Enchanted Holiday, \$100,001+

Botany Bay Landscape Services Inc., Surrey BC, Blossom at Richmond Centre, \$100,001+

Associated Group, Santa Ana, CA, Venetian/Palazzo Las Vegas, \$25001-50000

Ambius, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA, South Coast Plaza Easter 2011 Display, \$15001-25000

Air Strength Canada, Manitoba, Canada, The spring shopping bag experience at Polo Park, \$25001-50000

Ambius, Inc., San Francisco, CA, Christmas Tea Party at Cushman & Wakefield, \$7501-15000

Plant Interscapes, Inc., San Antonio, TX, Renaissance Worthington Hotel, \$25001-50000

Southern Botanical, Inc., Dallas TX, Regional Managers Meeting, Corporate Client, \$100001+

Sherrariums Plantscaping, Houston, Texas, Ringling Bros.® Animal Open House in Botanical Oasis, \$100001+

Merit

Associated Group, Santa Ana, CA, The Ritz Carlton, \$50001-100000

Ambius, San Francisco, CA, Tishman-Speyer - One Bush Plaza, \$7501-15000

Ambius, Santa Fe Springs, CA, Intercontinental Los Angeles at Beverly Hills, 25001-50000

Technician Recognition**Excellence**

Foliage Design Systems of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, Barb Lyons

Silk, Replica, & Preserved**Excellence**

Planterra, West Bloomfield, MI, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Meditation Garden, \$100001+

Merit

Plantworks Designs LP, Las Vegas, NV, Cosmopolitan Hotel & Casino Porte Cochere & Pool Deck Area, \$100001+

Plantworks Designs LP, Las Vegas, NV, Tropicana Hotel Espalier Wall, \$100001+

Living Wall Award**Excellence**

Ambius, Buffalo Grove, IL, Longwood Gardens E. Conservatory Expansion - Green Wall, \$100001+

Planterra, West Bloomfield, MI, Living Wall and Bar, \$25001-50000

Kim Parker Plants, Inc., Milpitas, CA, Software Company BIOwalls, \$100001+

Interiorscapes, Inc., Birmingham, AL, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, \$15001-25000

Good Earth Plant Company, Inc dba Greenscaped Buildings, San Diego, CA, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Living Wall, \$25001-50000

Merit

Ambius, Carrollton TX, The Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center, \$25001-50000

Judges Award

Ambius, Buffalo Grove, IL, Longwood Gardens E. Conservatory Expansion - Green Wall, \$100001+
Good Earth Plant Company, Inc., San Diego, CA, Sharp Hospital - Green Roof, \$100001+

PIA thanks the following interiorscape professionals for serving as judges for this year's awards program, Mary McCormick, Creative Plant Design, Inc., San Jose, CA; Betsy Bates, Corporate Green Inc., Dallas TX; and Fran Schreibman, Blondie's Treehouse, Mamaroneck, NY.

The PIA Awards Program Chair is Cheri Ratay, CD Design, Woodinville, WA, with assistance from Elliott Bennett, Air Strength Corporation, Manitoba, Canada.

Interested companies are encouraged to enter the 2012 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 2012 contest. 2012 entry forms and deadlines will be posted on PIA's website www.piagrows.org.

The Botanical Design Challenge held Sept. 1 at Plantscape Industry Expo is a fast paced trial of ingenuity, expertise and design sense in the creation of an outstanding color bowl. The theme "Sustainable Design of the Future" inspired participants to new heights with Miko Morita, Personal Plant Service winning first place, Sandra Ortiz, Mr. Plant – Las Vegas winning second, and Candice Goldman, Sunborne Nursery taking third.

About the PIA Interior Plantscape Awards Program: The awards program was established to recognize outstanding examples of excellence and professionalism in the interior plantscaping industry. Categories include Design; Installation; Major Renovation; Special Event & Holiday; Silk, Replica, & Preserved; Exterior Garden; Green Roof; Atrium; Technician; and Horticultural Service. Awards levels include Excellence, Merit, and Judges' Award.

PIA's mission is to advance the professionalism of interior plantscapers and industry affiliates through quality programs, educational materials and networking opportunities.

For more information, contact PIA at 707-462-2276, pia@piagrows.org, or visit www.piagrows.org.

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Excellence and Judges' Award winners from Ambius accept their plaque for Longwood Gardens East Conservatory from PIE Tradshow Chair Bill Meade.



Ambius's Judge's Award winning entry "Longwood Gardens East Conservatory Expansion."



Jim Mumford, Good Earth Plant Company (center), receives his Judges Award plaque from Exhibitor Showcase Chair Bill Meade and Nicole Meade.



Good Earth Plant Co.'s winning entry "Sharp Hospital Green Roof."