



2010-2011 Sunset Dream Garden Awards

The Sunset Dream Garden Awards competition has been celebrating great garden design for more than a decade. Our search for entries in our 2010-2011 competition begins with some exciting categories designed to show distinctive Western design. Landscape architects and landscape designers of new or newly renovated gardens (completed after January 2007), from the 13 Western states and British Columbia, Canada, are invited to submit completed designs in five categories:

Outdoor Living and Entertaining gardens

Regional gardens

Small gardens

Sustainable gardens

Garden renovation (Before&Afters)

Who is eligible

The competition is open to landscape professionals who earn most or all of their income designing gardens. Entries must be located in and be the work of registered landscape architects and designers in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, or British Columbia, Canada. Only garden projects completed after January 2007 are eligible. The jury will consider each entry on its own merits and is empowered to grant as many awards as the submissions justify. Names on entries will be masked; entrants will remain anonymous during the judging process.

Categories for entries

•**Outdoor living and entertaining.** These gardens make the best use of space and design to optimize outdoor living. They might include kitchens, fireplaces or firepits, play areas, outdoor offices, sport courts, pools, pizza ovens or other activity-oriented structures.

•**Regional Gardens.** Landscapes that use materials and plants most appropriate for the climate and terrain of a particular region, whether Pacific Northwest; the West's mountain regions; Northern California; Southern California; Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico); or Hawai'i.

•**Small Gardens.** Compact urban or suburban landscapes that feature innovative design, good use of space (including living walls or compact roof gardens), and interesting plants in an area of 1,500 square feet or less.

•**Sustainable gardens** are designed to “touch the land lightly” and to conserve precious resources such as water. Examples include native plant gardens, meadows, rain gardens (designed to channel, store, and reuse rainfall), waterwise or firewise gardens, edible gardens, and landscapes that make good use of recycled materials).

•**Garden Renovations (Before & Afters).** These landscape makeovers, of front yards, sideyards, or backyards, clearly demonstrate fresh design of tired or outdated spaces. Presentations must include before images as well as “afters”, ideally taken from roughly the same angles.

Submission requirements

All entries must be submitted on CD AND as hard-copy printouts in an 8 1/2- by-11-inch presentation book with 12 clear sleeves, such as the Avery Flexi-View Presentation book from Office Depot or the Itoya Profolio 11-12, available online and at office supply stores. Please print 2 copies of registration form: Fold and insert first copy into CD jewel case; include second copy in payment envelope (see “7. Registration form”). On the CD, please number the digital files to correspond with the order in which images appear in the binder. JPEGs should be saved as 300 dpi RGB images. Minimum: 4 by 6 inches. Maximum: 8 by 11 inches. Both horizontal and vertical orientations are acceptable. Please include firm and project name on the CD itself, on the jewel case, and on the binder cover.

INCLUDE ON CD AND IN BINDER IN THIS ORDER:

1. Descriptive material and identification

The first document on the CD and first page of the binder shall contain the following information:

- Category
- Project's complete address
- Year entry was completed
- Name, address, city/state, ZIP code, email, and telephone number of owner
- Name, firm name, address, city/state, ZIP code, email, and telephone number of the landscape architect or designer.
- Name, address, city/state, ZIP code, email, and telephone number of photographer

2. Statement

Each entry shall contain a brief statement (not to exceed 350 words) of the landscape architect's or designer's purpose in approaching the specific problems involved, as well as any other information that can give the jury a better understanding of the project. For the Sustainable garden category, the statement should include how your project addressed environmental objectives.

3. Site plan

JPEG format. Show context and include North arrow.

4. Images

JPEG format. Up to 16 images of the completed project. These must show environment (where relevant) and overalls of the garden plus appropriate details for a comprehensive presentation. For a garden remodel, photographs of the project before alterations shall be submitted if available

5. Planting plans

JPEG format. Include North arrow.

5. Sections/elevations (optional)

JPEG format. Maximum 2.

6. Plant lists

(Where applicable).

7. Registration form

·Hard copy. Include signed registration form (page 2 of PDF) and your entry fee in a sealed envelope.

·Include firm and project name on the CD itself, on the jewel case, and on the binder cover.

Deadline and fees

Completed packages must be received by **May 19, 2010**, and must include a check or money order (payable to Sunset) in the amount of \$50 for each entry. A reduced fee of \$30 per entry is available for entries received by **May 10, 2010**. Send to Sunset Dream Garden Awards, 80 Willow Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Please note that entry fees are nonrefundable.

Judging

Judging (by Sunset editors and established landscape professionals) will take place in early June, with results announced soon thereafter.

Announcement and publication of awards

Awards will be announced in a 2011 issue of *SUNSET* magazine and publicized on *SUNSET.COM* and in other media. Winning firms may be asked to submit images for press packets, as well as appropriate authorization for use of any photographs and drawings for publicity purposes.

Use of entries

All entries and accompanying photographs are made with the understanding that no restricting copyright or prior agreement limits publication of an award-winning garden by Sunset Publishing Corporation, including *Sunset.com*. When awards are announced, photographs of award-winning entries will be released to other publicity media. If submitted photographs are published in *SUNSET*, photographers will receive credit and will be paid at *SUNSET*'s standard rates.