

WISCONSIN MASONRY ALLIANCE

# EXCELLENCE IN HARDSCAPING

*2023 CALL FOR ENTRIES*



ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023

# 2023 EXCELLENCE IN HARDSCAPING AWARDS

## *Your Work Deserves a Showcase!*

Enter the Wisconsin Masonry Alliance, Excellence in Hardscape Awards. Awards are given for projects that showcase innovation, beauty and sustainability in the use of hardscape products in landscaping. Award winning projects will be presented at a gala dinner in April 2023. The award winning projects are showcased in a professional presentation. There is no cost to enter. Eligibility and submission details are included below.

### **JUDGING**

A panel of industry professionals will be asked to select projects that accommodate hardscaping products in their inherent capacity to fulfill their role in establishing the landscape. Their decision will be made on overall excellence of design, creativity, functionality, selection and quality of hardscape materials, installation techniques, craftsmanship and finished appearance.

Participants will be informed by mail of the judges' decision, and winners will be given adequate notice to receive their awards at an awards presentation sponsored by the WMA.

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

An awards dinner will be held in April 2023. Selected images of the winning entries will be shown during the program. Details on the program will be provided to all participants.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any individual involved in the design, supply or construction of a landscaping project may participate. Participants need not be a member of the WMA, WLCA or WGIF.

### **WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?**

1. Projects that feature concrete pavers, clay pavers, concrete retaining and garden wall units or natural stone products produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.
2. Projects completed within five years of the date of submission.
3. The project size only includes the hardscape portion of the project. Each project may only be entered into one category for consideration. More than one project may be entered by the same applicant.
4. Entries that include and meet all entry requirements. Projects that do not meet these requirements will be eliminated from the judging.

*\*Any project that has won a WMA award previously may not be re-entered.*

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Projects that do not meet all of the following entry requirements will be eliminated from the judging.

One (1) ZIP file containing the below materials per submission. Each entry must be emailed individually to [info@wma-online.org](mailto:info@wma-online.org).

1. Completed Entry Form
2. Completed Project Description: A 200 word minimum including detailing job challenges, special characteristics and project goals. Do not include company names in the description
3. Photographs – Five (5) to Ten (10) Low Resolution Project Images
  - a. Two (2) photos must include detail views showing masonry components, structure, interfaces, etc.
4. Submitting project design plans, including perspective, elevations, diagrams and details is recommended. An 11 x 17 format is preferred, and copies are acceptable. In addition, you are encouraged to include 3-4 additional photos (any size) of the project before and during construction.
5. No Entry Fee Required

*\*There will no longer be an online submission portal. All entries must be emailed.*

## **SELECT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

There are 19 categories in which to enter. Each project must be designated for one of the categories, with the appropriate number and letter indicated (i.e.: 1a or 2b). There may be up to three finalists awarded in each category (Gold, Silver Bronze).

### **1. Residential Landscape Design & Construction Categories**

*Projects that feature a combination of concrete, clay and/or natural stone landscape products either produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.*

#### **Front Yard or Front Entrance Projects - (May include sides of residence if project is a continuation of the front)**

- 1a. Best overall front yard/entrance project under 1,000 sq ft
- 1b. Best overall front yard/entrance project over 1,000 sq ft

#### **Outdoor Living or Outdoor Kitchen Projects**

- 1c. Best outdoor living/kitchen project under 1,000 sq ft
- 1d. Best outdoor living/kitchen project over 1,000 sq ft

#### **Driveway Projects**

- 1e. Best driveway application

#### **Permeable Paver Projects**

- 1f. Best permeable paver residential application

#### **Water Feature Projects**

- 1g. Most creative water feature project
- 1h. Best pool deck or pool surround project

#### **Specialty Wall Projects**

- 1i. Best specialty wall project (featuring creative use of seat walls, columns, light pillars, freestanding walls, terraces, planting beds and other applications)

#### **Segmental Retaining Wall Projects**

- 1j. Best segmental retaining wall +/- 1,500 sq ft

### **2. Commercial Landscape Design & Construction Categories**

*Projects that feature concrete, clay and/or natural stone landscape products either produced or supplied by a member of the WMA.*

#### **Concrete Paver Projects**

- 2a. Best concrete paver commercial application under 2,500 sq ft
- 2b. Best concrete paver commercial application over 2,500 sq ft
- 2c. Best permeable paver commercial application

#### **Clay Paver Projects**

- 2d. Best clay paver commercial application under 2,500 sq ft
- 2e. Best clay paver commercial application over 2,500 sq ft
- 2f. Best permeable paver commercial application

#### **Segmental Retaining Wall Projects**

- 2g. Best structural retaining wall commercial application under 2,500 sq ft
- 2h. Best structural retaining wall commercial application over 2,500 sq ft
- 2i. Best creative use of segmental retaining wall in a commercial app

#### **Natural Stone Projects**

- 3h. Best use of natural stone in a commercial application

## ENTRY FORMS

Entry Forms & Materials must be submitted via email to [info@wma-online.org](mailto:info@wma-online.org) no later than February 1, 2023. Each entry must be emailed individually.

## DEADLINE FOR ENTRY

Entry materials must be submitted in to the Wisconsin Masonry Alliance no later than February 1, 2023.

## ENTRY STATUS NOTIFICATION

In February, a notification letter will be sent to the contact listed on the project entry form, explaining the status of the entry. Winners will be notified of the category their respective projects placed and will be invited to attend the 2023 Excellence in Hardscaping Awards Dinner to be held in April. High resolution project images will be requested of winning entries.

If the project was not selected for a 2021-2022 Excellence in Hardscaping Award, the entry will remain in eligible for the 2023 and 2024 award years.

## QUESTIONS

Contact: Jeff Roach at 608.221.3148 OR via email at [info@wma-online.org](mailto:info@wma-online.org).

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