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27th Annual Professional Grounds Management Awards

The awards
will be presented
during the
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Grounds Management Society

Annual Meeting, Nov. 15 in Baltimore, MD. Grand award winners will be featured in *Landscape Management* magazine. Honor award winners will appear in the *PGMS Forum*.

ou are invited to enter the 27th annual maintenance awards program co-sponsored by Landscape Management magazine and the Professional Grounds Management Society.

The annual Professional
Grounds Management Awards
Program brings national recognition to grounds maintained
with a high degree of excellence. The program complements other national landscape
award programs that recognize
outstanding landscape design
and construction. This program
salutes the landscape contractor
or grounds manager responsible
for maintaining a well-manicured landscape year-round.

Grand and Honor Awards are offered in 13 categories covering all types of private, public, commercial and industrial landscapes. To qualify for entry, a landscape must be at least four years old and under continuous maintenance for at least two years. See the entry form (page 64) for complete details of eligibility, categories and awards.

#### **Deadlines**

The deadline for entries is Aug. 6, 1999. All entries must be submitted to the Professional Grounds Management Awards, c/o Professional Grounds Management Society, 120 Cockeysville Road, Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21030.

### **Entry Categories**

- 1. Small site (budget under \$80,000)
  - 2. Residential landscape
- Public works sites (includes parkways & intersections)
  - 4. Shopping area
  - 5. Hospital or institution
- Government building or complex
  - 7. Cemetery or memorial park
  - 8. Industrial or office park
- Park, recreation area or athletic field OR — multiple sites under same management
- School or university grounds OR urban universities

- 11. Condominium, apartment complex or planned community
  - 12. Hotel, motel or resort
- 13. Amusement or theme park.

#### **Judging**

A distinguished panel of judges selected by the Professional Grounds Management Society and Landscape Management will determine the winners.

#### Presentation of Awards

Awards will be presented during the annual conference of the Professional Grounds Management Society, Nov. 15. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Green Industry Expo '99 in Baltimore, MD.

### **Purpose**

The aims of the Professional Grounds Management Awards program are:

- To bring national recognition to grounds manicured with a high degree of excellence.
- To recognize individual professional efforts leading to high maintenance standards and high quality appearance of the landscape.
- To challenge those responsible for maintenance of grounds throughout the country to achieve a higher level of excellence. In sponsoring this

awards program, Landscape
Management magazine and the
Professional Grounds Management Society wish to extend
their mission in promoting wellmaintained landscapes throughout the country.

## **Eligibility**

An entrant must be professionally engaged in, and responsible for, the maintenance of grounds described in ENTRY CATEGORIES. Projects for which an entry was submitted in a design or construction award competition are eligible in the Professional Grounds Management Awards program, even if the project won an award, because maintenance is the criterion upon which an entry is judged in this award program.

Grand Award winning projects in the Professional Grounds Management Awards program are ineligible to re-enter the program for a period of two years. For example, 1997 Grand Award winning projects are ineligible until 1999.

Any size landscape for which the entrant has the main responsibility for maintenance and beautification may be entered. The amount of money in the landscape operating budget is not a criterion for judging. Rather, the judges will consider the quality, challenge and performance in maintenance of the grounds for a period of at least



two years, beginning at least two years after construction.

#### **Awards**

There are two classes of awards: Grand Awards and Honor Awards. Only one Grand Award may be presented in each of the categories listed. The judges may grant as many Honor Awards as they deem deserving, and they may decide no entries are deserving in a given category. Awards will be in the form of certificates mounted under Lucite on walnut plaques.

#### **How to Enter**

#### All entries must include:

1. Fifteen (15) color 35mm slides — ten (10) showing the overall beauty of the total landscape project and five (5) showing the crew at work. DO NOT USE 'POSED' SHOTS. Furnish a descriptive caption for each slide.

2. Ten (10) 5- by 7-inch color prints — five (5) showing the overall beauty of the landscape and five (5) showing how the grounds crew works in areas that are difficult to maintain. DO NOT USE 'POSED' SHOTS. Label each photograph with a descriptive caption containing all pertinent information.

**Important note:** Put your best scenes on the slides, which are critical to both judging and final banquet display.

One recent photograph of yourself, as the person in charge, working in the landscape.

4. INDIVIDUALLY LABEL all slides and photographs with the

name of the entrant and the site. DO NOT USE TAPE to mount photographs and/or slides. Please put in plastic or metal mounts.

5. Include a brief description of the site.

6. All entries must contain a COVER LETTER releasing the material for publication at the discretion of Landscape Management magazine. All entries become the property of the sponsors and may be published in Landscape Management magazine or used for other purposes the magazine deems ap-

propriate. NO ENTRY MATERIAL WILL BE RETURNED.

7. Enclose a check for the ENTRY FEE: \$125 for members of the Professional Grounds Management Society or \$180 for non-members.

For a reduced rate of \$250, non-members can join PGMS and enter the contest. There is not limit to the number of categories an organization may enter. Each entry, accompanied by the entry fee, must be sent in a separate envelope.

8. To qualify, all elements of the entry must be COMPLETE in

one mailing envelope.

9. Submit entries to:

#### Professional Grounds Management Awards

c/o Professional Grounds Management Society 120 Cockeysville Road, Suite 104 Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Call 410/584-9754 with any questions.

10. Entries must be received by Friday, August 6, 1999.

SEE THIS YEAR'S ENTRY FORM ON PAGE 64!

## How to get bragging rights

Winning a landscape services award can have an amazing effect on your employees, your customers and your peers. Not only is your organization recognized for high quality work, but you can reap additional benefits by turning that award into more business. In fact, the process of preparing contest materials itself is a lesson in smart marketing.

Several industry associations sponsor awards programs to honor outstanding workmanship and skillful management of landscape projects ranging from single-family homes to entire institutions. Although many enter, only a few win, and that is often because they provide first-class entry materials.

#### WHAT JUDGES WANT

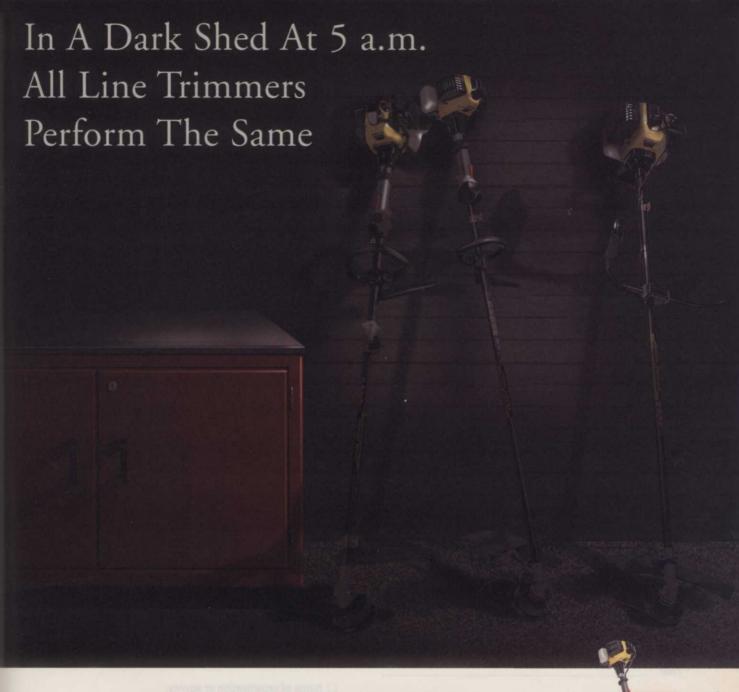
Judges look for certain criteria in all entered projects. But most of all, they look at quality of materials, workmanship and overall appearance. Both judging panels for the Professional Grounds Management Award study the property's description, its special challenges (such as excessive use, budget limitations, weather conditions, complexity, etc.), slides and photographs showing it and how all those elements come together.

Judges see each project's best points through:

- Clear statements of the property's characteristics and challenges.
- ▶ High-quality photography depicting landscapes at their best times and professional looking staff working on them, wearing appropriate safety gear. (Hint: A sunrise, steam coming off of a pond, aerial view or night lighting will add drama to your presentation.)
  - Neat and complete materials.
  - ▶ Best slides placed first and last they will be viewed the longest in the presentation.
  - Presentations that begin positively and end with a bang.
  - Concise but specific descriptions.
  - Maintenance project close-up shots; long shots of the plant material.
  - "Worthy" projects. Some aren't especially difficult or challenging.
  - Follow instructions and enter the right category!

Frequent winner David Frank, president of David J. Frank Landscape Contracting Inc., Germantown, WI, said entering an awards program adds some pizzazz to a job. "Some firms that are too busy or choose not to participate should be encouraged to participate, and I think they're missing something. They're missing a chance to celebrate."

-Kristen Constantino



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NAME OF SITE:	SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS:
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Name of company or agency owning this landscape:	2.
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I certify that all information provided on this form and in the accompanying entry is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that no materials will be returned and that all material may be used for publication in *Landscape Management* magazine or for other purposes deemed appropriate.

Signature of entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 6, 1999** 

(IMPORTANT) Year site was built:

Total acres maintained:

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The Lowe Model 7 hydraulic trencher adds versatility to smaller skid steer loaders in the 800- to 1000-lb. class.

## CAN YOU DIG IT?

## Trenchers and backhoes get down and dirty

By CURT HARLER/ Contributing Editor

Whether you're installing irrigation pipe or running accent lighting along a pathway, use the right equipment to speed the job, minimize damage to surrounding turf, shorten the time to refill the open trench and cut down on reseeding or sodding.

Backhoes can be compared to chain saws: best used on big jobs (like placing irrigation mains or digging deep, long cuts for drainage pipe). They can dig down farther and faster than other machines, but count on spending some time filling in the trench and hand-raking a lot of soil and stone left behind after the excavated ground is replaced.

On the other hand, trenchers are like hand-saws. They leave a smaller cut than a backhoe and are much gentler on the surrounding turf. In fragile turfgrass areas or in residential areas where a backhoe is too noisy or too cumbersome, a trencher is likely to be the tool of choice.

Mini-trenchers are like pruning shears. They can get into even the smallest area. Lightweight and maneuverable, they weigh about half the standard walk-behind trencher's 700 to 1,000 pounds. That makes mini-trenchers super for short-run jobs.

#### Brown Manufacturing 800/633-8909

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The BedEdger F-780H Trencher is designed for defining landscape beds or installing plastic or steel edging, saving time up to 90% over a shovel. Manufactured in Ozark, AL, the BedEdger is equipped with steerable rear wheels and an 8-hp Honda engine.

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## Burkeen Manufacturing Co. 800/647-9824

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From Olive Branch, MS, the Burkeen B-30 Combination Trencher/ Vibratory Plow has a 30-hp diesel engine, features a two-speed transmission, plow self-centering system, sod cutter, bolt-on plow blades and a lifetime warranty. It is equipped with a rotary boring unit for tunneling under streets or sidewalks; a trencher attachment for trenching in large-diameter pipe or opening pits for boring applications; and a rotary-boring unit for installing



The Burkeen B-30 Combination Trencher/Vibratory Plow

pipe of various types up to 2 inches in diameter.

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#### Bush Hog 334/872-6261 www.bushhog.com

The Bush Hog 762H is the Selma, AL, company's backhoe of choice for landscapers, electrical contractors and golf course superintendents. It is designed for operator comfort with a walk-through design on the operator's platform. The maximum digging depth is 7'6" and maximum reach is 9'6". Regular and heavy-duty buckets are available in 9-, 13-, 16-, 24- and 36-in. widths. Circle No. 252

#### Ditch Witch 800/654-6481 www.ditchwitch.com

The Ditch Witch Model 5700 trencher has 57 hp and an all-hydrostatic design. Made by The Charles Machine Works Inc., Perry, OK, it has a 20-degree swiveling operator's seat for comfort during long jobs. A single handle controls the backfill blade, with a float function for easier job site restoration. A new long-arm steerable vibratory plow attachment and long-arm steerable combo attachment add versatility and offset plowing capabilities. Trenches can be as deep as 52 in. Backhoe attachment can dig as deep as 64 in.

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#### Elite Trenchers 800/223-5468 www.elitetrenchers.com

Elite offers four trencher styles ideal for installing sprinkler systems, bed edging, root pruning, cable installation, telephone cable installation and golf course drainage. The

products, made in Cape Coral, FL, dig at depths ranging from 6 to 12 in. The push-forward disc blade type trencher can dig 20 to 30 ft. per minute. The 900-lb. winch design



Elite offers four trenchers.

and roller wheel body allows the machine to roll up and down easier. Circle No. 254

#### Glenncorp Inc. 870/239-4796

Glenncorp's GCI-500 3-Point Hitch Trencher has a 3-ft. digging depth, a reservoir, filter system and PTO pump. The Paragould, ARbased company includes a two-spool control valve. Standard equipment includes open platform, joy stick weight keeps it from tearing up turf. The 6018 can be towed on a trailer behind a pickup truck.

Circle No. 256

#### JCB Inc. 888/PICK-JCB www.jcbna.com

JCB's Backhoe Loader from Great Britain uses a new tool-carrier coupler. It features a two-position loader linkage to maximize bucket or pallet fork performance. Larger diameter loader arm pipework and a detent for the third valve spool provide power for continuous-flow attachments like sweepers. All of the models (JCB 214S, 215S and 217S) feature the Smooth Ride System to eliminate front-end bounce. Maximum backhoe dig depths range from 14'7" to 17'3".

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#### John Deere 800/537-8233 www.deere.com

John Deere's 47 and 48 Backhoes, when teamed with a John Deere 4000 series tractor, create an enhanced digging force with faster bines power and compact size with the Kubota Backhoe Attachment. The two Japanese-made products together can dig to 9.2 ft. The fourpoint, quick-attach mounting system with reinforced frame provides worry-free backhoe operation when elevated by stabilizers. The B5550 Trencher, designed for use with the B21, operates quietly and digs to 3 ft. deep and from 3 to 12 in. wide. It has 11 trench size combinations with rapidly changeable boom and digging chain lengths. The gear box, rated at 20 hp, is easily accessible for normal service requirements.

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#### Little Beaver, Inc. 409/327-3121 www.littlebeaver.com

The Kwik-Trench Earth Saw is a portable trencher for residential sprinkler systems, cable TV, satellite dish drops, electrical, plumbing, telephone, gas lines, landscape edging, drainage lines and root pruning. It is easy to load and all rotating parts are shielded. The product is made in Livingston, TX.

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#### Lowe Manufacturing Co. 888/DIG-LOWE www.loweman.com

The Lowe Model 7 hydraulic trencher is an economical and solid basic trencher attachment for most models of skid steer loaders. Made in Readstown, WI, this unit adds versatility to smaller skid steer loaders in the 800- to 1,000-lb. class. Included are a 34,000-lb. digging chain, a removable spoil auger and seal bearings in the nose. Model 7 has a 3,000-psi continuous operating pressure capability. Model 21C trenching attachment is designed for larger skid loaders and hydraulic flows between 13 and 25 gallons per minute. It has a 50,000-lb. antiback flex digging chain.

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Melroe Ingersoll-Rand 701/241-8700 www.bobcat.com The Bobcat 607 Backhoe A

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Glenncorp's GCI-500 3-Point Hitch Trencher can dig three feet.

controls, outrigger guides, cushioned seat, replaceable bushings and 160-degree rotation. Digging depths range from 6 ft. to 12 ft.

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#### Ingersoll Equipment Co. Inc. 920/582-5000 www.ingersoll-inc.com

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#### Toro 800/476-9673 www.toro.com

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INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

99 290 Sports Complexes

10 295 Parks

11 300 Right-o-Way Maintenance for Highways, Railroads or Utilities

12 305 Schools, Colleges, Universities

13 310 Industrial or Office Parks/Plants

14 315 Shopping Centers, Please or Males

15 320 Private/Public Estates or Museums

16 325 Condominiums/Apartments/Housing Developments/Hotels/Resorts

17 330 Cemeteries/Memorial Gardens

18 335 Hospitals/Health Care Institutions

19 340 Military Installations or Prisons

20 345 Airports

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21 350 Multiple Government/Municipal Facilities
Other Groundscare (please specify)
SUPPLIERS AND CONSULTANTS

22 355 Extension Agents/Consultants for Horticulture 23 360 Sod Growers, Turf Seed Growers & Nurseries 24 365 Dealers, Distributors, Formulators & Brokers 25 370 Manufacturers Other (please specify)

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26 10 Executive/Administrator - President, Owner, Partner, Director, General Manager, Chairman of the Board, Purchasing Agent, Director of Physical Plant

27 20 Manager/Superintendent - Arborist, Architect, Landscape/Grounds Manager, Superintendent, Foreman, Supervisor

28 30 Government Official - Government Commissioner, Agent, Other Government Official

29 40 Specialist - Forester, Consultant, Agronomist, Pilot, Instructor, Researcher, Horticulturist, Certified Specialist

30 50 Other Titled and Non-Titled Personnel (please specify)

50 K Paving, Deck & Patio Installation 51 L Pond/Lake Care 52 M Landscape Installation 53 N S now Removal 54 O Other (please specify)

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