

Miniscapes Competition Judging Criteria

These will be the guidelines the judges will use to score each team design. 100 points are possible.

Design Aesthetics 50 points total (5 elements @ 10 pts each)

- Display follows contest theme
- Plant groupings and types suitable for same types of weather conditions (water, temp, light needs). For instance: All plants in the same container can handle full sun conditions
- Plant design elements appropriate for container size and theme
- Additional media or design only enhances without taking away from plantings
- Entry designed to be viewed from all sides with equal visual interest from all sides

Staging & Team Dynamics 25 points total (5 elements @ 5 points each)

- Display shows imagination, creative thought, uniqueness, and originality
- Plants are planted within container correctly and sustainably to promote healthy growth. For instance: Don't divide a single plant root ball into multiple pieces or cover root balls adequately with soil
- Team worked together communicating and used time wisely
- There were NO pre potted plants placed in design. Prebuilt design elements (trellis or other non-plant elements) prepared before time
- Entire team was prepared with a clear design idea, able to explain to judges why this theme is important to them and had knowledge of plant types selected. Each team will confer with the judges for a five-minute time frame once they are finished designing

Planting & Design Quality 25 points total (5 elements @ 5 pts each)

- Display attracts attention, holds viewer's interest, and is sale worthy in auction
- Plants are healthy and free of disease
- Plants within the design work well collectively to grow sustainably in a 'like-minded' environment
- Plants are main part of design, only enhanced by other elements
- Area cleaned and container is watered well after design is complete