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***Association of Professional Landscape Designers®
Presents Annual Landscape Design Awards Program Winners***

(HARRISBURG, Pa.) – The Association of Professional Landscape Designers® (APLD) announces its Annual Landscape Design Awards Program winners. Awards are to be presented at the APLD International Landscape Design Conference being held July 13 – 19, 2009, in Portland, Oregon.

Landscape designs in five categories were submitted for this year’s program – residential, non-residential, small gardens, planting design and specialty project. The criteria used to evaluate submissions included originality and creativity, functionality of design, effective integration of plants and hardscapes, relationship to site, project impact, technical merit and planting design.

The APLD Landscape Design Award “Designer of the Year” was bestowed upon Margie Grace of Grace Design Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif. She also won a Gold Award in the residential design category.

Winners are as follows:

Designer of the Year

- Margie Grace, Grace Design Associates, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Gold Awards

- Gold Award: Residential Design – Margie Grace, Grace Design Associates, Santa Barbara, Calif. – “Casa Pedregosa.”
- Gold Award: Small Gardens – Andy Sturgeon, Andy Sturgeon Landscapes and Garden Design, Brighton, United Kingdom. – “Hampstead Gardens.”

- Gold Award: Specialty Project – Andy Sturgeon, Andy Sturgeon Landscapes and Garden Design, Brighton, United Kingdom. – “Cancer Research, UK. RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2007.”

Merit Awards

- Merit Award: Planting Design – Amelia B. Lima, APLD, Amelia B. Lima & Associates, San Diego, Calif. – “Front Gate Garden.”
- Merit Award: Residential Design – Barry Block and David Barnes, Barry Block Landscape Design & Contracting, Inc., East Moriches, N.Y. – “Osaki Residence.”
- Merit Awards: Residential Design – James Doyle, James Doyle Design Associates, LLC, Greenwich, Conn. – “KMP Residence.”
- Merit Awards: Residential Design – William Ripley, APLD, Architectural Landscape Design, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio – “Middendorff Residence.”
- Merit Award: Residential Design – Melissa Clark, APLD, Landscape Projects, Inc., Bethesda, Md. – “Collins Garden.”
- Merit Award: Residential Design – Patrick Zaremba, Zaremba and Company, Davisburg, Mich. – “Quarton.”
- Merit Award: Residential Design – Patrick Zaremba, Zaremba and Company, Davisburg, Mich. – “Martell.”

The judging panel was comprised of well known experts in the field including Robin Templar Williams, APLD, Gregory Pierceall, Andrew Wilson, C. Colston Burrell and Norman Booth.

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The Association of Professional Landscape Designers is an international organization representing over 1,300 members in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and other countries. Its goal is to advance landscape design as an independent profession and to promote the recognition of landscape designers as highly qualified, dedicated professionals. APLD was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Harrisburg, Pa. For more information about APLD or about their certification program, visit www.apld.org.

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