

2017 Pink Flamingo Awards

In what was the Pink Flamingo's highest level of interest since the recession, a merry group of "Belles and Beaus" came out for the southern family style 2017 Pink Flamingo Awards Banquet, held at Honeysalt restaurant on December 1, 2017. Colleagues, sponsors, and honored guests mingled

with one another while enjoying the beverages sponsored by GPH, Gothic, Ironsmith, Kalamazoo, and Mountain States Wholesale Nursery. While the quarters were close, attendees were still able to meander through the venue seeking out the perfect raffle item(s) to put their tickets in, which were generously donated by Aria Landscape Architecture, JWZunino Landscape Architecture, Lage Design, Lisa Ortega, Moon Valley Nurseries, Nevada ASLA, Rainbird, Southwick Landscape Architects, Vangson Consulting, and Victor Stanley.

Our lovely emcee, Chapter President Laura Miller, had many groups to thank for their participation and support of the chapter and this event including the Executive Committee, Sponsors, the Nevada State Board of Landscape Architects, and Chapter and Event chairs. Samantha Solano, along with Hunter representative Trae Sadler, presented the Hunter Scholarship awards to UNLV students Sara Younis, Michael Hernandez, DK Roth, and Susy Martinez. TMCC student Jordan Bridgeman also received a Hunter scholarship, presented by the Northern Section at their most recent meeting.

As attendees were seated at the long tables in preparation for dinner to begin, they were greeted by striking decor put together by Mirella Garcia, Melissa Gonzalez, Diego Alvarez, and Cory May. The greenery, terrariums, string lights, and candles added another level of warmth to the room and would not have been possible without the generous theme sponsorship of Nevada Sales Agency and Star Nursery.

Cecilia Schafler, Awards chair, kicked off the annual awards portion of the evening by thanking the Michigan Chapter who graciously judged this year. 15 projects were submitted in 8 categories: Commercial, Institutional, Multi Family, Park, Planning and Analysis, Roadways, Unbuilt, and Legacy Landscape- a new category this year recognizing sound design principals that have enabled designed landscapes to endure and serve their intended function over the long term. Awards were presented for the following:

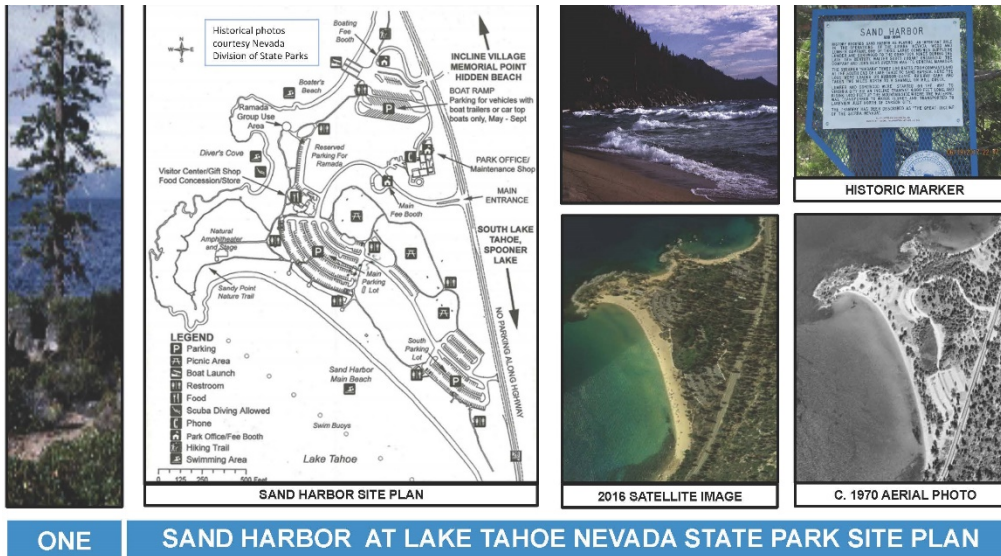
Roadways – Ascaya Streetscape | Southwick Landscape Architects



Multi Family – Elysian at Stonelake | Chaddick and Associates and Silver Lands



Legacy Landscape – Sand Harbor Unit | Ronald E. Blakemore, ASLA and Nevada Division of State Parks



Parks – Seans Park | Southwick Landscape Architects



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