



Columbia Tree & Appearance Commission and Columbia Green are pleased to present the 8th Annual Columbia Choice Awards

Recognizing

individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, developers, and organizations whose work has significantly enhanced the appearance and quality of life of our Columbia environment.

To qualify, entries must be
received by the
Columbia Tree & Appearance
Commission
no later than September 17, 2010

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New Construction/Site Development

Recognizes new construction and site development projects that exemplify development excellence. Selection criteria include suitability for and enhancement of surrounding area; overall appearance and design; quality of landscaping; creative site planning; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

Renovation/Reuse

Recognizes excellence in restoration, renovation or adaptive reuse of an existing property. Selection criteria include creativity of use of existing site; adaptation to current building codes and standards; quality of landscape design; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

Site Beautification Management

Recognizes property that has, over time and in all seasons, demonstrated a commitment to excellence in maintenance, landscape design, consistency of visual appeal and enhancement of our surroundings.

Education

Recognizes any individual, school or organization which promotes attention to our urban environment, its beautification, maintenance and preservation. Selection criteria include overall visual enhancement, educational value, and/or heightened awareness of the environment.

Neighborhood/Community

Recognizes a civic, community or neighborhood organization whose effort has significantly added to the quality of life and beautification of a portion of Columbia. Selection criteria include overall visual effect, community participation, and perceived quality of life enhancement.

Special Achievement Award

Recognizes a government agency, community interest group, civic organization, business or individual who has made a significant contribution to the appearance of our community and to the overall quality of life in the City of Columbia.

ENTRY MATERIALS

Photos, drawings or other material which will adequately represent the project should accompany the entry form. Materials must be submitted on 8½ x 11 sheets and are limited to five (5) pieces. All materials will be available for presentation and promotional purposes unless a written objection accompanies the entry form. All material will be available for pickup after the awards presentation. The official Columbia Choice Awards entry form must be completed in its entirety and must accompany each entry. Use the attached form, which may be duplicated as needed for multiple entries. Nominations will be accepted from anyone. To be eligible, all projects must be within the city of Columbia and entry materials must be received no later than **September 17, 2010**.

AWARDS

For each winning project, recognition will be given, when appropriate, to both the project owner and the primary person or organization most responsible for the design, implementation or maintenance of the project. This person or organization shall be designated on the entry form. The jury reserves the right to forego conferring an award in any given category. More than one award may be given in each category at jurors' discretion. Awards will be presented at Columbia Green's Annual Meeting in November.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

City of Columbia
Forestry & Beautification
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ENTRY FORM

PROJECT NAME/ADDRESS

PROPERTY OWNER NAME / ADDRESS /PHONE _____

PERSON OR ORGANIZATION MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION OR
MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT _____

_____ ADDRESS/PHONE _____

ENTRY CATEGORY (CHECK) New Construction/Site Development Renovation/Reuse
 Site Beautification Management Education
 Neighborhood/Community Special Achievement

REASON FOR ENTRY (DESCRIBE) _____

ENTRY CONTACT PERSON / ADDRESS / PHONE _____

PLEASE PRINT AND SUBMIT TO:
COLUMBIA TREE & APPEARANCE COMMISSION C/O FORESTRY & BEAUTIFICATION
2910 COLONIAL DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203

Past Columbia Choice Awards Winners

NEW CONSTRUCTION/SITE DEVELOPMENT

Cox & Dinkins, Inc. (2004)
USC Sumter Street Streetscaping (2005)
Palmetto Health Heart Hospital (2006)
Serenity Garden at the South Carolina Oncology Center (2007)
Hilton Hotel Columbia Center (2008)
CanalSide Streetscape (2009)

RENOVATION/REUSE

First Presbyterian Church Thornwell Education Building (2004)
DiPrato's Delicatessen (2005)
USC Wheat Street Streetscaping (2007)
Beckham Garden, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2008)
UCI Medical Affiliates (2009)
Carolina Fair Park (2009)

SITE BEAUTIFICATION/MANAGEMENT

Columbia College (2005)
National Advocacy Center (2006)
Palmetto Baptist Hospital (2007)
Kings Grant Subdivision Entrance Wand and Median Renovation (2008)
Continental American Insurance Co. (2009)

EDUCATION

USC West Quad Living and Learning Center (2005)
South Carolina Governor's Mansion (2006)
Historic Columbia Foundation's Seibels House Garden (2007)
Heathwood Hall Middle School Native Garden (2008)
Richland County School District 1 (2009)

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY

Hollywood Park & Garden (2001)
College Parkway (2003)
Cottontown Neighborhood (2004)
Columbia College (2006)
Arbor Hill Development (2007)
Columbia Housing Authority's Celia Saxon Development (2007)
Lutheran Theological Southern University (2008)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

The Preserve Subdivision (2004)
USC Le Conte Gibbes Garden (2005)
First Citizen Bank Headquarters (2006)
Grounds of the South Carolina State House (2007)
USC Belser Arboretum (2009)