

**THE
GARDEN
MASTERS
EXPOSITION 2016**

Spring
HOME/GARDEN SHOW
31ST ANNUAL SM

Del Mar Fairgrounds
March 4, 5, 6, 2016

San Diego Horticultural Society
Award Criteria for Garden Masters Exhibition 2016

The San Diego Horticultural Society will be providing the team for judging the gardens at the Garden Masters Exhibition 2016 event at the 31ST Annual Spring Home/Garden Show.

I. Suitability of design to purpose/exhibit - 15 points

- Execution of theme
- Selection and arrangement of hardscape, plants, and elements

II. Design - 50 points

- Visual design appeal, beauty, and harmony
- Principles of design: balance, proportion, scale, rhythm and contrast
- Elements of design: light, space, line form pattern, texture, and scale
- Originality, distinction, style

III. Plants - 30 points

- Plants of high quality
- Compatibility of plants
- Scale, balance, selection
- Cultural relationship (plants that would grow together)
- New or uncommon plants successfully used
- Correct labeling
- Botanical accuracy
- Appropriate execution

IV. Educational Value - 5 points

The San Diego Horticultural Society hopes that the exhibitors will find ways to educate the public in a greater appreciation of the skill and art of gardening and landscaping through their themes, use of plants, labeling, design and all elements described above