



RESIDENTIAL/SCHOOL CATEGORY

*You've put a lot of work into your home or school landscape —
now inspire others and be eligible to win great prizes!*

Working together to promote the principles of Xeriscape™ design, the use of native and arid-adapted plants and a long-term commitment to water conservation in the Tucson basin, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Association for Professional Landscape Designers, Tohono Chul Park and Tucson Botanical Gardens are partnering to sponsor the 11th Annual Xeriscape Contest. The Xeriscape Contest serves as an educational tool to increase awareness of the beauty and ease of Xeriscape in our community. By showcasing public and private landscapes, it honors the people who design and implement them and puts the spotlight on landscapes that demonstrate water efficiency at reduced cost and with good maintenance practices.

Just for entering, receive 4 guest passes each to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tohono Chul Park, Tucson Botanical Gardens and a subscription to Tucson Lifestyle Magazine!

Eligibility: any Xeriscape-inspired residential or school landscape in the greater Tucson area designed and installed by either the homeowner(s) or a group of students/teachers/parents without the services of a professional landscape designer, and completed no later than 2009. A newer landscape can still qualify if it has attained a mature look through the use of salvaged plants or larger nursery stock. A landscape is not required to meet all of the following guidelines in order to be entered in the contest; however, winners will be selected based on their successful understanding and incorporation of Xeriscape principles.

Xeriscape Guidelines for Residential Entries:

- water conserving design with all turf, water intensive plants, pools and water features located in the Oasis Zone
- plant selections include Sonoran and/or Chihuahuan desert natives as part of the total palette of low-water, drought tolerant and non-invasive vegetation
- all plants should be zoned by water use and irrigated accordingly, preferably with trees on a separate valve from shrubs and groundcovers, and low-water-use trees on a separate valve from high-water-use trees
- irrigation **must be** efficient and based on plant water use requirements, soil types, seasonal water requirements, microclimates and other unique site conditions
- incorporation of rainwater harvesting and/or gray water reuse for irrigation
- use of mulch and/or soil improvements to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- demonstration of proper maintenance practices

Entry Rules:

The deadline for entries is **Monday, April 4, 2011**. Address entries to Penny Poynter, Controller, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743. Applications must be **postmarked no later than April 4th** or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m.** to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

Each **Entry Packet** must include the following items:

- Completed **Entry Form**
- Completed **Payment Form** with check or credit card information
- **Judge's Form** with top portion completed
- **Street map** with easiest route marked and complete written directions to the site
- **Photos:** minimum of three (3) to maximum of ten (10) digital photos on CD, saved at high resolution (1280 by 1024 pixels or 1.5 million pixels per photo minimum). Note: 4 x 6 color prints are acceptable; however, digital photos are preferred for reproduction purposes.

Digital photos and CD must be separately labeled with:

1. name and address
2. before and after photos taken from the same spot (if possible) and dated

- **Attachments:**

1. One-page description of the design intent (how you wanted to use the space and how you accomplished this) and any special design elements such as water-saving features, technologies used, innovative ideas or special considerations of the site.
2. Plant list
3. List of irrigation water sources and components used (not all categories listed below are required, but list those used):

Drip/Spray systems:

- a) seasonal irrigation schedule
- b) controller
- c) number of zones
- d) special Features (rain sensor, seasonal schedule memory, water saver button, etc.)

Rainwater Harvesting (passive, active or combination system):

- a) swales, berms, basins (passive systems)
- b) type of cistern, storage capacity and method of distribution (active)
- c) source (roof, driveway, paving, patios, sidewalks, street diversion, etc.)

Gray Water Use for irrigation:

- a) source (clothes washer, sinks, tub, pools, air conditioner, etc.)
- b) retrofit of existing system or new construction gray water plumbing system stub-out

4. List mulches used, if applicable
5. List any recycled products used (salvaged plants, recycled or repurposed building materials, etc.)

Homeowners: Residential Entry Fee Payment Form must be accompanied by a **\$10 check** payable to *Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum – 2011 Xeriscape Contest* for residential entries; no fee is required for school entries. MasterCard or Visa may also be used to charge the fee.



RESIDENTIAL/SCHOOL CATEGORY ENTRY FORM

Instructions: Complete this form and the Information section above the Judges' Instructions on the Judging form. Homeowners must also complete the Entry Fee Payment Form and enclose a check for \$10.00 made payable to: *Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum – 2011 Xeriscape Contest.*

Residential School

Homeowner(s) Name *(as it would appear on award):* _____

School Name *(as it would appear on award):* _____

School Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Closest Major Cross Streets: _____

Please attach a map to help judges find your location. Thank you.

Date landscape installed: _____

Approx. cost of landscaping (include hardscape such as walkways, patios, ramadas, etc.):

How did you hear about the contest? _____

Why did you decide to enter? _____

Indicate which areas of the site are to be judged, for example, the front or back yard only, the right-of-way, walkways/paths, water harvesting features, etc.

Describe why your landscape should be considered for an award. Incorporate information on site issues addressed, usage considerations for the space, or on any special water-saving features you would like the judges to consider, if possible including estimated water savings. A plant list (Hint: read over the judging criteria on the first page for ideas.) Use additional sheets if necessary.



RESIDENTIAL ENTRY FEE PAYMENT FORM

Instructions: Homeowners complete this form and enclose a check for \$10.00 made payable to: *Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum – 2011 Xeriscape Contest* or provide your credit card information if you wish to charge the fee (note: only MasterCard or Visa are accepted). Mail Payment Form and fee with the entry packet to Penny Poynter, Controller, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743. Packets must be **postmarked no later than April 4, 2011** or hand delivered by **5:00 p.m.** to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

Homeowner(s) Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

MasterCard **Visa**

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____