



26th Annual TOCA Communications Contest

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Turf & Ornamental Communicators Association (TOCA)

GENERAL RULES

- **Submit your entry, registration and payment all [online](#) unless noted differently below.**
- **Submit all entries postmarked no later than March 15, 2016.**
- This contest is open to all current TOCA members.
- Entries must be articles published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015, or collateral/ads/brochures, etc. produced and printed within the same time period.
- **Categories highlighted in yellow** must have accompanying material mailed in. Submit the entry information [online](#), and print a corresponding entry sheet and mailing label from the site.
- **Be sure your TOCA membership is current before submitting an entry.** If you need to renew or join TOCA, you can do this online at www.toca.org. Or you can renew/join with your first contest entry. For Members: First entry is \$40. For Non-members: You must become a member of TOCA before you receive log-in information to submit entries. All entries thereafter are \$40 each. Checks should be made payable to the *Turf & Ornamental Communicators Association*.

**PLEASE NOTE: The categories are separated into two sections:
Publishing AND Marketing Communications**

WRITING CATEGORIES

PUBLISHING (Publishing Companies Only)

Categories include:

- PW01: Writing for commercial publications, editorial/opinion piece
- PW02: Writing for commercial publications, column
- PW03: Writing for commercial publications (series of columns by a regular department columnist)
- PW04: Writing for commercial publications, ornamental feature article
- PW05: Writing for commercial publications, turf feature article
- PW06: Writing for commercial publications, product information article
- PW07: Writing for commercial publications, operations profile
- PW08: Writing for commercial publications, business management
- PW09: Writing for commercial publications, general feature article (e.g., personality profile, etc.)
- PW10: Writing for commercial publications, environmental stewardship article
- PW11: Writing for commercial publications, headline writing
- PW12: Writing for web site, original content only
- PW13: Writing for electronic newsletter, original content only
- PW14: Writing for video/CD/audiovisual presentation (script for audio tapes, film, video tape, etc.)
- PW15: Writing for commercial publications, series (two or more articles defined as series)



WRITING CATEGORIES (continued)

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (Companies/Agencies Only)

Categories Include:

- MCW01: Writing for commercial publications - copywriting for a display ad
- MCW02: Writing for printed newsletters, both internal and external (only one issue will be judged per entry)
- MCW03: Writing for printed collateral (only one collateral piece will be judged per entry)
- MCW04: Writing for printed direct response (only one direct response sample will be judged per entry)
- MCW05: Writing a news release (by agency/company/association for publishing in publication)
- MCW06: Writing a feature article (company/agency written and placed in commercial publication)
- MCW07: Writing for company web site - original content
- MCW08: Writing for electronic newsletter - original content
- MCW09: Special Writing Project (special one-time publications, annual reports, etc.)

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND MULTIMEDIA CATEGORIES

PUBLISHING (Publishing Companies Only)

Categories Include:

- PPVM01: Portrait/Personality (photo created by a TOCA member or freelancer commissioned by a TOCA member of individual or group of individuals)
- PPVM02: Best single photo - use of stock art (anywhere in the magazine)
- PPVM03: Best single photo - created by a TOCA member or freelancer commissioned by a TOCA member
- PPVM04: Best use of photography, judging three issues of a magazine on their use of all types of photos to communicate and illustrate
- PPVM05: Best print magazine cover (allows for stock photos, commissioned art, illustrations, typography, etc.)
- PPVM06: Best CD/audiovisual presentation
- PPVM07: Best short video/DVD (2 minutes or less)
- PPVM08: Best long video/DVD (More than 2 minutes)
- PPVM09: Best instructional video/DVD
- PPVM10: Best use of editorial or opinion in video/DVD

PLEASE NOTE:

- Photos don't have to be taken by TOCA members, just entered by a TOCA member.
- For categories PPVM06 through PPVM10, entry must be from a publishing company or, if an agency, be produced for a publishing company.)



MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (Companies/Agencies Only)

Categories Include:

- MCPVM01: Best Photograph - marketing purposes - Printed Collateral (one or more photos in a collateral piece)
- MCPVM02: Best Photograph - marketing purposes - Printed Custom Publication
- MCPVM03: Best CD/audiovisual presentation
- MCPVM04: Best short video/DVD (2 minutes or less)
- MCPVM05: Best long video/DVD (more than 2 minutes)
- MCPVM06: Best instructional video/DVD
- MCPVM07: Best use of editorial or opinion in video/DVD

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- For categories MCPVM04 through MCPVM07, entry must be from a marketing communications company or other company/association that is not in the publishing business.

DESIGN

PUBLISHING (Publishing Companies Only)

Unless highlighted in yellow, submit entries online via PDF to tocacontest@gandqcomm.com.

Categories Include:

- PD01: Printed Magazines – Cover Page Design
- PD02: Printed Magazines – Single Page Design, Editorial
- PD03: Printed Magazines – Two-Plus Page Design, Editorial
- PD04: Printed Magazines – Overall Magazine Design
- PD05: Electronic Publishing – Overall Company Web Design
- PD06: Overall Media Kit Design

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (Companies/Agencies Only)

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Categories Include:

- MCD01: Printed Newsletters – Overall Newsletter Design, (Send one newsletter sample only)
- MCD02: Digital Design – Web Site Design
- MCD03: Digital Design – Digital Media (non-web site)
- MCD04: Electronic Publishing – Overall Newsletter/Magazine Design (external and commercial)
- MCD05: Electronic Publishing – Overall Company Web Design
- MCD06: Printed Collateral – Overall Collateral Design
- MCD07: Printed Direct Response – Overall Direct Response Design
- MCD08: Printed Special Projects
- MCD09: Overall Press Kits Design
- MCD10: Point of Purchase Materials
- MCD11: Printed Magazine/Single Page Design, Advertising
- MCD12: Printed Magazine/Two-Plus Page Design, Advertising
- MCD13: Printed Magazine/Less than One Page Design, Advertising



PUBLISHING (Publishing Companies Only)

(Category entries should include, where appropriate, objectives, rationale, quantifiable measurement if possible)

Categories include:

PNM01: Podcasts (audio programs/shows produced solely as podcasts for audience by publishing company)

PNM02: Blogs (that communicate appropriate Green Industry information to audience) either a corporate, public service or industry position)

PNM03: Websites (should include screen grabs, copies of key pages and other pertinent visual and content representation of key elements involving use of a web site.)

PNM04: Innovative Use of Social Media (e.g., use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn or other social media)

PNM05: Best mobile application

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MCNM02: Blogs (that communicate either a corporate, public service or industry position)

MCNM03: Websites (should include screen grabs, copies of key pages and other pertinent visual and content representation of key elements involving use of a web site as part of the PR program.)

MCNM04: Most Engaging Social Campaign (e.g., use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn or other social media)

MCNM05: Best mobile application

SPECIAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

PUBLISHING (Publishing Companies Only)

PSP01: Best Single Issue (One issue that overall is graded on design/writing/photography/overall content)

PSP02: Writing for Special Projects (special one-time publications, annual reports, etc.)

PSP03: Best Coverage in a magazine of an on-site event (conference/tradeshow/product launches, etc.)

PSP04: Miscellaneous Special Publishing/Print Project

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (Companies/Agencies Only)

Categories Include:

MCSP01: Special Event (product introduction event, celebration, etc.)

MCSP02: Best Integrated Marketing Campaign (includes print, video, audio and electronic components)

MCSP03: Miscellaneous Special Marketing Communications Project