

Eighth District Beautification Award

Nomination Form — Submit by August 1

Is there a deserving gardener in your neighborhood or community? Reward their hard work by nominating them for a Beautification Certificate Award! This program is a great way to recognize prize gardens in your community! Nominees do not need to be garden club members.

Each year the 8th District MSHS conducts a Beautification Contest to reward and recognize outstanding gardening projects in the District. Awards are presented in four categories: individual gardens—(1) large garden (bigger than a city lot) or (2) small garden; (3) commercial—gardens maintained by paid staff; (4) civic—gardens planned and worked by volunteers. Each district Garden Club is entitled to nominate one entry in each category. Nominees do not need to be garden club members and each club is urged to nominate entries. **NEW this year!** The cash prize for best individual small or large garden has increased to \$100, and a new award for \$50 will be presented to the club which nominates the winning Civic garden. The following items will be considered in judging gardens:

1. The effort that has gone into planning and making the garden.
2. Is it an orderly, well-designed garden having plants and colors that compliment each other?
3. Have new varieties of plants been introduced?
4. Lawn ornaments will not necessarily be considered in judging.
5. A variety of plant materials (shrubs, annuals, perennials, etc.) is evident.
6. Above all, judges look for a garden that has charm and personality, reflecting those who planned and worked it.

Nominating Clubs must submit 6 to 10 overview photos of the gardens to be nominated, including the nominee. We urge you to take the pictures as the season progresses. A 2-3 paragraph description of the garden and gardeners, on a separate sheet of white paper should accompany the nomination form. Be certain to include the nature of the beautification project being nominated and its benefit to the community. Photos should be of garden overviews rather than of individual flowers. Photos and descriptions will be displayed on poster boards at the MSHS 8th District Fall Meeting. Gardens will be judged during the summer and awards will be presented at the Fall 8th District Meeting.

MAKE CERTAIN THE CORRECT NAME AND SPELLING ARE GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION FORM—THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THE CERTIFICATE. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

CLASSIFICATION OF NOMINEE: (check one) Individual-large Individual-small Civic Commercial

NAME OF NOMINEE _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS TO GARDEN: _____

APPROXIMATE SIZE OF GARDEN: _____

LIST OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED: (Additional narrative, plans, photos, etc.)

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

(Garden Club Name)

(Individual) (Phone)

(Address) (City, State, Zip)

All entries must be received by August 1. Questions, Comments, and Completed Nomination Form should be addressed to: Jan Carey, 403 Highland Drive, Hibbing, MN 55746 or contact her at jancarey@hibbing.edu or 218-263-7159.