

COUNCIL OF BARRINGTON GARDEN CLUBS  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES  
REVISED MARCH, 2000

I. LOCATION

The territory to be covered for consideration for awards is to include **all** of Barrington.

II. AWARDS

- A. Awards to be available to two distinct organizational groups:
1. Businesses (Chamber of Commerce members)
  2. Public/Civic Buildings
- B. Awards **may** be given for the following categories;
1. Excellence in Design
  2. Maintenance of Design Integrity
  3. Excellence in New/Renewed Design (since last years evaluation)
  4. Container Gardening
  5. Artistic Ingenuity
  6. Annual Plantings
  7. Integration of Native Materials
  8. Hardscape/Hardscape Improvement (since last years evaluation)
  9. Special Recognition (for merit in other than above stated categories)
- C. **One** award may be presented per category.

III. TIME OF EVALUATION

Representatives of the committee should evaluate territory from May to mid-August with the final choices to be completed by the end of August.

IV. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- A. Presentation of awards will be given to Businesses at the September Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
- B. Presentation of Public/Civic awards to be given at the September Council meeting.

COMMENTS ABOUT CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

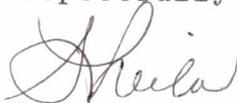
Being a new member of the area and a newer member of The Council, I decided to review the Council archives to reach an understanding of the development of this committee. I surmised that the committee was modeled after a similar one from Lake Forest. I believe that it was an excellent concept and continues to benefit our area.

The original criteria for the judging and awards seems to have changed over the years according to progressive committees, each incorporating their specific ideas along the way (which is as it should be). Each committee has brought their own talents and commitments.

However, the issue of the Council's awards being overshadowed by the Chamber of Commerce and awards being required to be presented to members only was something that I found to be a restrictive concept. That is why I gathered a committee to revise and expand upon what I believed to be in the vein of the original concept of the Council's Beautification Committee.

I don't pretend to be a mover and a shaker, but hope that these changes will bring more equity to all members of our Barrington area as well as give recognition to the group that began the concept, our own Council of Barrington Garden Clubs.

Respectfully submitted,



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