

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 these categories: 1) individual large garden (bigger than a city lot,) (2) individual small garden, and (3) public garden. The beautification committee will use its discretion should a question arise regarding large or small category. Each district Garden Club is entitled to nominate one garden in each category. Gardens may be re-nominated; however, previous winners will be reconsidered only after 5 years. A Grand Prize winner will be chosen and will receive \$100.

The following items will be considered in judging gardens:

1. Effort has gone into planning and making the garden.
2. The garden is orderly, well-designed, and has plants and colors that complement each other.
3. New varieties of plants have been introduced.
4. If ornamentation is present, it complements and does not detract from other garden features.
5. A variety of plant materials (shrubs, annuals, perennials, etc.) is evident.
6. The garden has charm and personality, reflecting those who planned and worked it.
7. There is evidence of green-growing and eco-friendly practices.

Nominating Clubs must submit 4 to 6 photos of the gardens depicting seasonal growth. Send nominations and photos to the Committee Chair, using information below. If possible, email photos in JPEG format or simply print photos and mail them. A 2-3 paragraph description of the garden and gardeners, the nature of the beautification project being nominated and its benefit to the community is required. Photos should be of garden overviews rather than of individual flowers. Gardens will be judged during August. Awards will be presented at the Fall 8th District Meeting.

RECOGNITION OF NOMINEES

Each nominated gardener will be invited to the Fall meeting and luncheon as a guest of the 8th District MSHS. Please use this unique and valuable opportunity for your garden club to reward gardeners in the 8th District by nominating a gardener in each category.

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 Public

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.

Please mail or email form and supplemental information to:

**Donna Stuntebeck, MSHS District 8 Beautification Awards Program chairman,
510 Mesabi Drive, Hibbing, MN 55746 or donnajs@mchsi.com or 218-263-9465.**

Rating System

Nominee:

Location:

Nominating Club:

CATEGORY: **Individual Large** **Individual Small** **Public**
(Circle one)

RATING: (Scale of 1-5; 5 being the highest)

COLOR:
(design, use of color)

SCORE: _____

Comments:

VARIETY of PLANTINGS:
(new varieties, shrubs, annuals, perennials, etc.)

SCORE: _____

Comments:

PLANNING/DESIGN:
(charm, personality, design, flow, overall aesthetic)

SCORE: _____

Comments:

ECO-FRIENDLY:
(wise resource use, no environmental harm)

SCORE: _____

Comments:

TOTAL RATING: (Total of all scores above)

SCORE: _____

(Ties are broken by judges' preference.)

Evaluator: _____