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# Township takes submissions for Beautification Awards

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP —

Do you think your garden stands out? Or do you particularly appreciate the effort put into a certain neighbor's or local business's landscaping?

The Shelby Township Beautification Committee will accept nominations for its annual Beautification Awards through the end of June. The awards celebrate extensive floral and landscaping achievement.

To submit yours or another's yard for consideration, contact the

Clerk's Office at (586) 731-5102 or send an email to [trichie@shelbytwp.org](mailto:trichie@shelbytwp.org) by June 30.

The Beautification Committee will view the nominated gardens in July, and the winners will be announced in the fall. An award ceremony highlighting each winner and his or her garden will take place at a Board of Trustees meeting, followed by a reception.

Beautification Committee Co-Chair Erika Zoller said the Beautification Awards are a long-standing tradition in the township.

"One of our functions as a Beautification Committee is to instill civic pride, which is one of

the nice benefits of this contest, because not only do individuals feel good, the neighbors feel good," Zoller said.

When committee members visit the nominated homes in July,

Zoller said, judging is based on a 100-point scoring system. Factors that affect scoring include curb appeal, color, variety, neatness and individuality.

"If they have planned out

their garden and worked on their own garden, and have their personality and their interests coming in their own gardening, that's what we're looking for," she said. "We

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try to spread it around the whole township.”

Beautification Committee Co-Chair Melanee Roelandt said there is no cutoff for the number of awards the committee gives out.

“Everyone is so excited to talk about their gardens and give tips,” Roelandt said.

Winners receive gold-plated plaques, certificates printed on color photos of their gardens, and mums donated by a local greenhouse.

Three-time winners make it to the Hall of Fame and receive a commemorative garden stone. Their names also are added to a plaque permanently stationed in the Shelby Township municipal building.

The Beautification Committee limits residents to three wins to prevent field monopolization.

“It’s just fun and always a pleasant thing for the families (of winners),” Zoller said.

For more information about the Shelby Township Beautification Committee, visit [www.shelbytwtp.org/beautification/index.html](http://www.shelbytwtp.org/beautification/index.html).

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