

Charles County Beautification Awards Program

WHY IS THERE A BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PROGRAM?

The **Charles County Garden Club** is sponsoring a Beautification Awards Program to encourage and promote pride in our County's landscape. The Beautification Awards Program recognizes residential, business, and public sector efforts to landscape and improve the appearance of our County.

WHO MAY ENTER?

Any resident, business, or public sector group maintaining property in Charles County is invited to submit an application for the Beautification Awards Program.

HOW WILL I ENTER?

The application on the reverse of this page will tell you which category your garden or landscaping area will fit. The completed application must be submitted by **June 15, 2009**. Please mail to:

Chairman, Beautification Committee
7600 Carley Drive
Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677

WHAT ABOUT JUDGING?

Judging will be performed by Nationally-accredited members of the Landscape Design Consultants Council of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. Judging will take place in June, July, and August.

"GREEN" GARDENING INITIATIVE

In step with the Beautification Awards, the Charles County Garden Club encourages all gardeners to practice "green" conservation methods. Xeriscaping, water conservation measures such as soaker hoses, rain barrels and mulch, organic fertilizers like compost and compost teas, and planting native plants are some of the green practices that conserve our limited resources, yet still beautify our countryside.

The Charles County Garden Club will recognize gardens that are environmentally sensitive to these "green" practices.

For additional information, call: **301-392-6265**

10th Annual Beautification Awards Application

Categories: There are three major competition categories which have been established to parallel the national judging point scoring standards of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. You may check as many subcategories as you feel apply to your situation. However, submit only one entry for one property. All entries must be received by **June 15, 2009.**

_____ **1. Residential.** This category covers either owner or commercially designed properties. Both owners and renters may submit.

What green-practices do you incorporate in your landscape design? _____

- ___ a. Complete Property: ___ ¼ acre or less ___ ¼ to ½ acre ___ ½ to 1 acre ___ 1 to 3 acres
___ 3 to 5 acres ___ 5 or more acres
- ___ b. Front Yard
___ c. Back Yard
- ___ d. Specialty Area: ___ Herb Garden ___ Patio /Deck Garden ___ Vegetable Garden
___ Rock Garden ___ Rose Garden
___ Water Garden ___ Other _____ (specify)
- ___ e. Townhouse

_____ **2. Public Sector.** Entries may be commercially designed or done by education or civic groups.
What green-practices are incorporated in your landscape plan? _____

- ___ a. Individual Public Building
___ b. Individual School
___ c. Individual Church
___ d. Specialty Public Area: ___ Common Area ___ Community Entrance ___ Wildflower Area
___ Playground/Rec. Area ___ Community Center
___ Other _____ (specify)

_____ **3. Business.** Individual business properties and complexes are eligible to compete in this category. Apartments, either as an individual building or as a group of buildings, should be identified by the address of the Business Office and not by the number of an individual's apartment.

What green-practices are incorporated in your landscape plan? _____

- Individual Businesses: ___ Bank ___ Grocery/Convenience ___ Golf Course
___ Restaurant ___ Retail Shop
___ Service Station ___ Other _____ (specify)
- ___ a. Complete Complex
___ b. Entrance Area
___ c. Common Area

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Entrant: _____
(Print EXACTLY how certificate should read, if awarded)

Post Office/Mailing Address: _____
[Provide complete mailing address, including Zip Code]

Name & Address of Point of Contact: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Street Address of Property to be Judged: _____

[If you are nominating a property other than your own, please obtain the owner's permission.]

Directions (from nearest major highway) (Please provide very specific directions): _____

PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN OF ENTRIES

Mail entry to:
Beautification Committee, Charles County Garden Club
% Diane Kramer, Chairman
7600 Carley Drive
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

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