



# Hawthorn Woods in Bloom

## Excellence in Gardening Award

Is your garden, yard, or landscape the envy of the neighborhood? Or do you know someone whose property is a stunning display of lush gardens, trees, or artistic sculptures? If so, don't wait—nominate them for recognition!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Excellence in Gardening Award. We take pride in our community's natural beauty and want to share in celebrating our environmental efforts with residents who enhance their properties with vibrant gardens, trees, water features, sculptures, or other hardscapes that integrate with the natural environment, contributing to both sustainability and aesthetic charm.

Nominate a garden today! Forms are available online at [www.vhw.org/HawthornWoodsInBloom](http://www.vhw.org/HawthornWoodsInBloom). Nominees must reside within the municipal limits of the Village of Hawthorn Woods. Photos are encouraged with submissions, but are not required. See contest rules for full details.

### 2025 Award Timeline

There are five chances to win in the 2025 season:

<u>Award Month</u>	<u>Deadline for submission</u>
May 2025	April 30
June 2025	May 31
July 2025	June 30
August 2025	July 31
September 2025	August 31

All nominations will be reviewed by the Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Committee, which will select three finalists each month. Committee members will visit the finalist gardens and select a winner based on design, maintenance, originality, color, plant diversity, and environmental contributions.





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## Excellence in Gardening Nomination Form

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

For consideration for award period (please select one):

- May       June       July       August       September

Nominee Information:

Name of Garden Keeper: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List landscape or garden features:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What makes this property award winning?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form:

Mail / In-Person:  
Village of Hawthorn Woods  
Attn: Kim Stewart  
2 Lagoon Drive  
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

Email:  
KStewart@vhw.org



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### NOMINATION AND AWARD RULES

1. Nominees for the Excellence in Gardening Award must be a resident or business within the municipal limits of the Village of Hawthorn Woods.
2. Property owners may self-nominate.
3. The 2025 award season is scheduled to run May through September.
4. All entries not selected for an award in any given award month will remain in the competition and under consideration for the remainder of the 2025 award season.
5. Nominations must be received on or before the deadline:

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6. Eligibility: a resident or business whose property receives an Excellence in Gardening Award during any month in the 2025 award season will be eligible to win an award again after two full award seasons have passed, i.e., any time during the 2028 award season.
7. Three (3) finalists will be selected each month from the nomination forms submitted by the deadline for that month, and from forms submitted in previous months in the current award season. Entries and photos become property of the Village of Hawthorn Woods and will not be returned.
8. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email. Award recipients will be recognized in the weekly Village e-blast, on the Village's Social Media, in-person at a Village Board meeting, and will receive a yard sign which identifies them as winners of the Excellence in Gardening Award.
9. Photos submitted through the nomination process, print or digital format, grant rights to the Village to be used for print and/or electronic communication purposes.
10. The decision of the judges is final.

**Let's showcase our unique gardens, yards, and landscapes  
as we celebrate Hawthorn Woods in Bloom!**