



Hawthorn Woods in Bloom

Excellence in Gardening Award

Is your garden, yard or landscape an eye-catcher in your neighborhood? Or do you know someone whose property is a beautiful showcase of gardens, trees, and/or sculptures? If so, don't wait – nominate!

The Village of Hawthorn Woods is now accepting nominations for their 2023 Excellence in Gardening Award. We are proud of our community and want to share in celebrating our environmental efforts with those residents who take the time to enhance their properties with perennial, bulb, or vegetable gardens, trees and bushes, sculptures, water features or other hardscapes that integrate well with the natural environment to help make our Hawthorn Woods areas ecologically sustainable and distinctive.

Nomination forms for this award are available at Village Hall (2 Lagoon Drive, Hawthorn Woods) or online at www.vhw.org/HawthornWoodsInBloom. Nominees must be located within the municipal limits of the Village of Hawthorn Woods. All submissions should include at least one (1) photo, printed or digital. See contest rules below for complete details. There will be 6 chances to win for the 2023 season:

<u>Award Month</u>	<u>Deadline for submission</u>
May 2023	April 30th
June 2023	May 31st
July 2023	June 30th
August 2023	July 31st
September 2023	August 31st
October 2023	September 15th

All nominations will be reviewed and judged by the Village's Hawthorn Woods in Bloom Award sub-committee. The sub-committee will select 3 finalists each month; they will then visit the street view of each of these gardens and select a winner for that month. Gardens are judged on design, maintenance, originality, color, plant diversity and contributions to the environment.

So, join in the fun! Don't wait – NOMINATE!





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Excellence in Gardening Nomination Form

Date Submitted: ____ / ____ / ____

For consideration for award period (please select one):

- May June July August September October

Nominee Information:

Name of Garden Keeper: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of landscaping 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: Amy Mason
2 Lagoon Drive
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

Email:
amazon@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 2023 award season is scheduled to run in May, June, July, August, September, and October 2023
4. All entries not selected for an award in any given 2023 award month will remain in the competition and under consideration for the remainder of the 2023 award season.
5. Nominations must be received on or before the deadline for that month:

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6. Eligibility: a resident or business whose property receives an Excellence in Gardening Award during any month in the 2023 award season (May – October 2023) will be eligible to win an award again after two full award seasons have passed, i.e., any time during the May through October 2026 award season. Winners from 2020 and in award seasons prior to 2020 are also now eligible to win an award during the 2023 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 the property of the Village of Hawthorn Woods and will not be returned.
8. Monthly winners will be notified by phone and/or email. Award recipients will be recognized on the Village's website, in the weekly Village e-blast, on the Village's Facebook page (@villageofhawthornwoods), and 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. All photos submitted through the nomination process, which may be in print or digital format, will 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 landscaping
as we celebrate Hawthorn Woods in Bloom!**