

On walks through your neighborhood, have you seen an attractive garden worthy of recognition? Or, have you designed an interesting landscape which deserves special credit? If so, nominate it for a Planting Plymouth Proud award. The award is sponsored by Stewards For Greening Plymouth, a group of Plymouth residents dedicated to promoting a more beautiful Plymouth.

All entries must include a completed nomination form (located on the back of this brochure). If possible, attach a plant list and photo(s) showing the area in a blooming stage or at peak color. Please note the date the photo was taken. (Photographs will be returned.) Nominations for the awards will be accepted until July 14. Judging will take place later that month. Winners will be notified by mail shortly after the judging is complete.

To qualify for Planting Plymouth Proud, the garden must:

- Be located in Plymouth;
- Have a visual impact on its immediate neighborhood;
- Have an obvious plan or design scheme;
- Include environmental friendly benefits, i.e. wildlife habitat, lower water and chemical usage, erosion control, etc.;
- Feature a variety of plant types;
- Feature flowering plants that creates a season long display of color; and
- Be well-maintained through the growing season, free from litter and weeds.

Award Levels

- Certificate of Appreciation
- Lil' Sprout Award (Exceptional children's garden)
- Steward's Award (Exceptional public community garden)
- Mayor's Award (Exceptional private garden)

Getting Started

Books

- Gardening for Beginners by W. Hensel
- Ultimate Garden Designer by Tim Newbury
- The Zone Garden 3-4-5 by Charlotte M. Frieze
- Growing Perennials in Cold Climates by Mike Heger and John Whitman
- Perennial Combinations by C. Colston Burrell
- Well-Tended Perennial Garden by Tracy DiSabato Aust

Internet Sites

- Minnesota State Horticultural Society www.northerngardener.org
- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum www.arboretum.umn.edu
- University of Minnesota Extension www.extension.umn.edu

