



Barbara Hills presents the "Annual Plantings" award to Steve Nightingale on behalf of award recipient, the Barrington Park District.

Garden Treasures

SINCE THE EARLY 1980s, the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs has awarded certificates of recognition for local plantings in the design categories of landscape, gardens, or containers. The composition of the Council's Beautification Committee consists of representatives from each of the seven Barrington area garden clubs. The makeup of the committee members changes each calendar year. These ladies have put in their effort to appreciate and encourage everyone to beautify our treasured community. We make a fuss over them at the Council awards ceremony.

On Wed., September 10, the Council hosted more than two dozen award recipients at its September meeting in the new and improved meeting rooms of the Barrington Area Library. Just outside the meeting room windows grows the Ruth and Robert Work Memorial Garden, planned, installed, and maintained by the Garden Club of Barrington (see photo above). They received our "Excellence in Design" award this year. Here is a round-up of our award recipients for 2014.

A "Container Gardening" award was given to Boloney's Sandwich Shop, where co-owner Roberta Rapata gave credit: "It's all about Tom Hager!"

"Special Recognition" was given to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse patio, where manager James Zbylut gave credit to Goebbert's, and his staff for the watering. Goebbert's was also recognized for their "Annual

Plantings". Another restaurant in South Barrington, The Lucky Monk, received an "Excellence in Design" award this year.

Schools receiving "Excellence in Design" awards included Roslyn Road Elementary and Barrington High School, which has never looked better with its manicured lawns and generous tree lines everywhere. BHS Building and Grounds staff picked up this award.

Churches were also recognized. Willow Creek was noteworthy for "Special Recognition" of its vast areas of nature's beauty. Lutheran Church of Atonement received an "Integration of Native Materials" award, and the Community Church of Barrington earned an "Artistic Originality and Distinction" award.

Our professionals are Dr. John R. Napolitano, D.D.S., for "Annual Plantings" and Joseph M. Lucas Attorneys At Law for "Business Entrances with Artistic Plantings". This same category was presented to Toms-Price Furniture and Anna Shea Chocolates and Lounge of South Barrington, and the Fresh Flower Market in downtown Barrington.

Civic garden areas included this year are the Barrington Community Garden for "Annual Plantings", Cuba Township Offices for "Integration of Native Materials", and Langendorf Park for "Maintenance of Design Integrity". The Village of Barrington Department of Public Works - Barrington Train Station "Container Gardening" award is credited to the Field

and Flower Garden Club members.

Our senior citizens who live at Greencastle of Barrington received the "Excellence in New/Renewed Design" for their newly built terraced garden that was constructed this summer (to the west of Dunkin Donuts).

Awards were bestowed on businesses large and small. The Northern Trust Bank earned recognition for "Maintenance of Design Integrity", a "Container Gardening" award went to the Barrington Shopping Center (at Rtes. 59 and 14), and a "Special Recognition" award was given to Ahavah Organic SpALON.

Local subdivision common areas were also recognized, including Park Barrington subdivision's "Maintenance of Design Integrity". Two more recipients include a "Hardscape /Hardscape Improvement" award for Willowmere subdivision, and "Excellence in Design" for the Lakeview subdivision.

Next spring is a special time in Barrington's history as we celebrate our Sesquicentennial. The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs hopes you will participate next year and also enjoy the view!

To learn more about the awards program for next year, contact Susan Slapke, the 2015 committee chairwoman. She can be reached at sslapke@aol.com.

Barbara Hills is the 2014 chairwoman of Barrington Council of Garden Clubs' Barrington Beautification Committee.

A) Goebbert's Farm & Garden Center, South Barrington
 B) Community Church of Barrington
 C) Roslyn Road Elementary School
 D) Anna Shea Chocolates & Lounge, South Barrington
 E) Innovative Dental Professionals
 F) Greencastle of Barrington
 G) Boloney's Sandwich Shop



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Country Home and Garden Club, Countryside Garden Class, Field and Flower Garden Club, The Garden Club of Barrington, Little Garden Club of Barrington, Green Thumbs Garden Club, and the South Barrington Garden Club