



SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE SHOWING OF FLOWERS IN GARDEN

The **Showing of Flowers Awards** are intended to recognize 2017 Renaissance communities that display an abundance of flowers.

Finalists will be selected based on completion of a 2017 project. Special “Showing of Flowers” judges will visit projects during the Renaissance judging weekend. One community will be selected to receive the best overall Showing of Flowers Garden Award of up to \$3,000. Two additional \$1,000 “Judges’ Choice” awards may also be presented at the Awards Ceremony.

This **Showing of Flowers Award** is based primarily on the first impression “wow” factor. The ideal display is one where flowers are abundant and colorful. Other elements that contribute to the “wow” factor include: variety, on-going themes, number of gardens, complexity of design and unique use of flowers. Judges may consider all of the flowers in the community, including both project and non-project elements. Communities will benefit by encouraging participation by their neighbors and businesses.

Along with the “wow” factor, judges may consider these additional criteria:

- Year-round appeal
- Appropriate balance of perennials and annuals
- Innovative design
- Use of native and non-invasive plants
- Use of the Renaissance Collection of plants

Important Information Regarding Fiscal Accountability

Showing of Flowers Awards are considered Phase II grants requiring fiscal accountability in the form of receipts for expenses incurred. Phase II grants should be expended within one year of award, and may be used to fund a new community-based project or program with a public purpose. The grants can also be used to enhance or maintain a previously funded project, but cannot be used to reimburse expenditures already incurred. Some recipients may be asked to sign an expenditure responsibility agreement.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(This form will be removed from the binder and given to the judges)

Every project that is completed will be considered for the Showing of Flowers Award. To increase the likelihood of receiving an award, it is recommended that groups submit the following additional documentation with their project binder:

- A location map or other visual aid showing the location of the project(s) that the judges should visit
- Photographs of the flowers (including spring or fall photos if applicable)
- A description of why the project deserves the award (use space provided below)