



SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE  
**JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE  
SHOWING OF FLOWERS IN MAINTENANCE**

The **Showing of Flowers in Maintenance** is intended to recognize communities that have continued to care for their projects and provide an abundance of flowers as part of their 2017 Sullivan Renaissance maintenance efforts.

Finalists will be selected based on their successful completion of a 2017 project. Special “Showing of Flowers” judges will visit the communities during the Renaissance judging weekend.

*Gardens with Multiple locations:*

A Showing of Flowers Award of up to \$5,000 and two additional \$1,000 “Judges’ Choice” awards will be awarded to the grant recipient with the best multiple gardens.

*Gardens with Single locations:*

A Showing of Flowers Award of up to \$3,000 and two additional \$500 “Judges’ Choice” awards will be awarded for the best single garden.

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

**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

These awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony based on criteria determined by the judges after visiting the various communities.

## GARDEN DESCRIPTION

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All maintenance communities must submit a binder documenting their activities no later than August 1. Groups must submit the following documentation with their 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)