

# Hidden Lake Yard of the Month Award

# What is the Hidden Lake Yard of the Month award?

The Hidden Lake Yard of the Month award is to recognize the efforts and hard work exhibited by Hidden Lake residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

### What are the evaluation criteria?

Judges will use the general criteria outlined below when choosing the "Yard of the Month". These are only guidelines. The final decision is based on evidence of the homeowner's pride and the contribution the yard makes to the Hidden Lake community's appeal.

### Criteria for Yard of the Month

- Yard is well-groomed and maintained.
- Tasteful landscaping Yard is attractive and pleasing to the eye (e.g., green lawn, a variety of plants such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers, wildflowers, plants with a variety of heights, textures and colors; landscape features such as fountains, large rocks in beds, etc.).
- Buildings, fences, porches, and patios on the property are in good repair (i.e., minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage or construction).
- Some consideration may be given to properties that have invested extra effort through the use of attractive art pieces (e.g., pottery, ironwork), potted plants, birdhouses, patio or lawn furniture, decorative mailboxes, etc.
- Yard is free of litter, junk and debris
- Yard is free of junked or inoperable vehicles, and there are no vehicles parked on grass areas.
- House numbers are displayed attractively.
- Only the portion of the yard viewed from the street will be judged.
- Good use of seasonal color.
- Overall appearance is pleasing to the eye, shows a sense of pride?
- Must be in good standing with the HOA (dues paid and no violations)



What are the rules that Impact the Yard of the Month Award Program?

• The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.

- The judges may also nominate yards. Each resident may nominate any yard and landscape including their own.
- Each yard is limited to winning the award only once in any calendar year.

# How do I nominate a yard?

You may nominate your own yard or someone else's yard by filling out a Yard of the Month award application, which can be found on The Hidden Lake website or email board@hiddenlakeindothan.com

# Who are the judges?

Judging is completed by the Hidden Lake Beautification Committee. Judges decisions are final.

# What happens if I win?

A "Proclamation of Achievement" will be bestowed upon the award recipient.

- A "Yard of the Month" award sign will be provided by the HOA Board to the award recipient for the duration of the award period, which will be placed between the sidewalk and the front of the house or in the side yard. It may not be placed in the right-of-way.
- A picture of the yard with the award recipient's permission will be placed on the Hidden Lake Community Facebook page and on the website.

# Thank you for your interest in the Hidden Lake Yard of the Month Award Program

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