

Beautification Efforts Honored as Green Thumb Award Recipients Announced

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EDWARDSVILLE – This year’s Green Thumb nominations yielded a bumper crop of award recipients for the Edwardsville Beautification and Tree Commission. The annual awards honor efforts to beautify the City through landscaping, flowering and gardening projects.



For 2023, 16 properties throughout Edwardsville are receiving Green Thumb Awards, and will show off the honor with a Green Thumb sign on site for about a month. Over the past 24 years, the commission has honored more than 200 properties, including homes, neighborhoods, businesses, civic sites and other locations. “Green Thumb Awards not only recognize well-curated yards, but honor the creativity and passion these recipients have for the art of gardening,” said Sarah Cundiff, the chairman of this volunteer committee, which helps oversee landscaping and plantings at various City sites, including downtown.

The awards wouldn't be possible without the observations and appreciation of nature's finery by those who submit Green Thumb Award nominations, Cundiff said. Each spring, the Edwardsville Beautification and Tree Commission solicits nominations for the awards, then visits each submitted property as part of the process. Residential, neighborhood, commercial and civic locations are considered for the awards; however, previous winners are not eligible.

This year's Green Thumb Award recipients are:

- Dale Fellhauer, 1403 N. Second Street
- Kathleen Hunt, 1103 N. Second Street
- Steve Harrison, 8 Steinmeyer Woods
- Matt Petrocelli, 1003 Timberlake Drive
- Bev Pohlman, 601 Sunset Drive
- Paul Hurley, 211 Circle Drive
- Tommy and Jackie Dezort, 10 Osage Drive
- Linda Mitchell, 113 Oak Ridge
- Julia Fore, 1239 Lindenwood Avenue
- Bob Nickrent, 515 Hadley Avenue
- Mary Ellen and Jack Boedeker, 127 Drake Court
- John and Judi Jenetten, 7674 Bordeaux Drive
- Cheryl Walsh, 6805 Quail Walk
- Rita Prenzler, 2701 Falcon Crest Drive
- Ebbets Field (subdivision entrance)
- Main Street Community Center, 1003 N. Main Street