

The Lakes Bulletin

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YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

In 2020, The Lakes Yard of the Month Committee (the YMC) was established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary yard care in The Lakes. We are excited to share that we will be kicking off this year's Yard of the Month Contest in June!

We know all our neighbors take pride in the appearance of our community and their individual properties. The purpose of the committee and this contest is to recognize those neighbors who go above and beyond average efforts in maintaining their property, and thereby contribute greatly to the overall appearance of our community. This contest is a great way to show your pride, dust off your gardening and landscaping skills and have some fun!

The award and program are administered entirely by volunteers who are excited to help in the community and look forward to your participation.

The Summer 2021 Contest will be for the months of June, July and August 2021, the YMC will choose yards that exemplify the qualities of uniqueness, beauty and appeal, as well as consistency with The Lakes community overall. The YMC will select one winner for Yard of the Month before the first of each contest month. The winner will be presented a \$50 gift card and a yard sign for display during their winning month. Winners will also be featured in an upcoming issue of the Lakes newsletter.

There will be a second opportunity to win the "Most Festive" Yard. This award is "just for fun" and is based on your creativity with the monthly theme of "Summer Fun". The recipient of this award will win "bragging rights" and be featured in the Lakes newsletter.

Contest Guidelines

- All homeowners in The Lakes who are in good standing with their POA dues and have no violations are eligible to win.
- Board members and YMC members are not eligible for the award.

Judging Criteria

Winners are selected based on the judging criteria listed below:

- Yard mowed and edged
- Beds weeded & mulched
- Plants and flower varieties displaying seasonal color
- Trees and shrubs trimmed
- Use of garden objects and yard art, such as hanging pots, garden flags, statuary and birdbaths.
- Yards and beds free of detritus and clutter (i.e., yard debris, trash cans, recycling bins, etc.)
- Decorations and festive curb appeal

Good luck to all The Lakes homeowners!