

# 'Best Gardeners' reap area honors

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The Farmington Garden Club has announced the winners of its annual Best Garden contest.

The first place winner is 82-year-old Omer Trembley of Farmington Hills, whose ingenuity and enthusiasm impressed the judges. Coincidentally, I interviewed this gentleman for my Garden Spot column that ran Aug. 1. He grows all kinds of plants, many annuals, some perennials and quite a number of vegetables on his very large lot.

Tied for second place are Celeste Ciapalo, also of Farmington Hills, and August and Sally Blomquist of Farmington.

Ciapalo has a new garden. Her use of fertilizers, which resulted in beautiful flowers such as a stunning clematis, porcelain vine and other quality plants, brought accolades. She also incorporated a lot of innovative ideas into her gardening plans.

The Blomquists live on a corner lot that allows a full sweeping view of their landscaping. His choice of colors with annuals and perennials in various beds in the yard make quite a pretty scene. In one area, Blomquist used two wading pools and positioned them very near each other and built a bridge



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First place winner: Omer Trembley's gardens are filled with colors and an eclectic mix of flowers and vegetables.

across them, giving the illusion of one large pond.

First and second prizes of generous gift certificates were donated by

English Gardens.

There was a three-way tie for third place among Bill and Kay Blakeney, Harold and Rose Marie Henderlong and

Eleanor Artz.

An award of merit was given to Charles Audette.

Congratulations to you all!

## Historic district sets tour

Enjoy the charm of West Village's beautiful neighborhood as it hosts its fifth annual Home and Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

Tickets will be available the day of the tour at \$15. Advance tickets for the tour are \$10; orders for advance tickets must be received by Thursday, Oct. 10. For more information or group rates, call (313) 923-0963 or (313) 923-0661.

West Village, an official historic district named for its location west of Indian Village, features houses and apartment buildings built between the late 1880s and early 1920s on the former farm of James Van Dyke. West Village is east of downtown Detroit and is bounded by Seyburn, Van Dyke and

Parker between Kercheval and East Jefferson, near Belle Isle.

Today, West Village is home to a variety of businesses and more than 3,000 residents offering a stimulating mix of ages, occupations and ethnic backgrounds.

The tour begins at the Parkstone Apartment Building at the intersection of Agnes and Parker streets. There will be eight homes on the tour, from beautiful mansions to stately condominiums and gardens. Tour-goers may also want to treat themselves to lunch at a local restaurant or with refreshments that will be served by the West Village Association during the tour.

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