

FARMINGTON BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS

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Following are winners of the 1999 City of Farmington Beautification Awards.

Business offices
Plaques
Colonial Car Wash, Cornwell & Bush, A.J. Dompierre Construction, Farmington Florist, Farmington Tennis Club, Focal Point Studios, H.R. Krueger Machine Tool, H.R. Krueger Marketing, Michael Harrison, Inc., Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home, Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club, Mrs. Lovell's Tea Cozy, Milo Properties, Mobil Station 28, Motorama Engineering, Panora Bread Company, Ram's Horn of Farmington, Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Village Clippers-Hidden Treasures and Richard Wilmering.

Certificates
Allen & Laux, American Cancer Society, Another Way Pregnancy Center, Baker Street Draperies, Bon Ton Shoppe, Buyers & Kulkarni, Celtic Shamrock, Christian Science Reading Room, Colonial Oil Exchange, Comerica Branch 138, Comix Plus, Dagwood's Deli

and Darrell's Firestone.
Business and Offices Certificates
Deh's Crafts, Eastman, Koeutic & Associates, Egocentrix Salon, Farmington Bakery, Farmington Big Boy 162, Farmington Masonic Temple, Farmington Tennis Club, Generations Furniture, Gerald Grace Insurance Agency, Eric Goldbert, D.D.S., Grand River/Haletta Shell, Johnson Investments, Kitchen Master, I.O.C. Credit Union, Lowen Clinic, Maaco Auto Painting, Marco's Dining and Cocktails, Michael Richards Photography, Dr. Elzezer Monge, M.D., Gary Oppenheim, O.D., Perry's Clock Shop, Plaza Veterinary Hospital, Rocking Horse Designs, Salon Legalo, Soleil Furniture, Victorian Lace Elegance and Weather King Windows.

Condominiums and Apartments
Plaques
Adams Manor Condominium Certificates
Chatham Hills Apartments, Collinwood, Executive Living

Suites, GreenbriarEast, Condominiums, Farmington Oaks Apartments, Farmington Place, Jamestown Apartments, Kensington Manor Apartments, Pinewood Condominiums, River Glen Condominium and Wynsal Condominiums.

Shopping Centers
Certificates
Farmington Village Commons and Village Mall.

Places of Worship
Plaques
Our Lady of Sorrows Church and St. Gerald's Church
Certificates
First United Methodist Church and Salem United Church of God.

Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Awarded through Farmington-Farmington Hills School Program.
Certificate
Our Lady of Sorrows School.

plays and landscaping were credited for Thayer Rock's award, presented by Barry Melamed, chair of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"As a leading advocate for business and economic development," Melamed said to those in the audience, "the chamber of commerce has great appreciation for those businesses who contribute through beautification."

So does Farmington Mayor Mary Bush, who presented the other big award handed out at the breakfast. The 1999 Mayor's Trophy Award was given to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, which apparently scored with the commission for maintaining the grounds in spite of ongoing major construction.

In her introduction, Bush described Sorrows as "a place of worship that almost transformed (itself) this year. The extensive renovations and the grounds are magnificent."

Sister Christine Mihelcic accepted the trophy on behalf of the parish and Magr. Walter Hurley.

"I think the award itself represents what we are trying to create at Sorrows," Mihelcic said after the program. "Just a case of welcome and hospitality to all who come on to our grounds."

Mihelcic noted how great care is given to selecting the "right kind of flowers" (a lot of impatiens) and where to plant them, plus the aesthetics of a new building entrance facing Power Road.

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—Our Lady of Sorrows*

This fall, Sorrows' multi-purpose Family Center opened, and is currently undergoing finishing touches. Meanwhile, the renovation's second phase is anticipated to be completed sometime next year, Mihelcic said.

Carol Eve Hyska, of the commission, lamented the task in selecting the Mayor's Trophy and Chamber of Commerce Award. "It's very difficult to narrow the list down when there are so many beautiful projects."

Hyska said Sorrows earned the Mayor's Trophy for "extensive beautification of the grounds in spite of the construction. They made sure it was aesthetically pleasing for the community who had to put up with the construction."

Also winning plaques or certificates were many other Farmington businesses, offices, condominiums, apartments, shopping centers, schools and places of worship (see accompanying list). Meanwhile, two Farmington-based public elementary schools, Flanders and Longacre, both earned awards at the Oct. 21 Farmington Hills beautification awards breakfast.

Patricia Shelton, chair of the Farmington Beautification Commission, said winners are deter-

mined from a point system. Aspects reviewed by commissioners include landscaping of the grounds, condition of the exterior of the building and other displays.

The commission is divided into halves, assigned either to the eastern or western portion of the city, Shelton explained.

Beautification commissioner Joan Harrison applauded the efforts of all of the winners.

"We've seen you working, some of you washing windows," Harrison said. "In all cases, your attention to detail was outstanding. Your efforts make a wonderful difference to our community."

Special recognition was also given to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority; Governor Warner Mansion ... Home of Farmington History; 47th District Court; "Kid's World" PlaySpace; and Farmington Department of Public Works. Besides Hyska, Shelton and Harrison, the beautification commission members who participated in selecting the 1999 winners were Aaron Ambinder, Walter Gajewski, Suzanne Paul (who last week resigned from the volunteer position), Denise Tawney and city liaison Kevin Gushman.

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