

Garden Club names winners

The Farmington Garden Club has announced winners in its 16th annual Good Neighbor Garden Contest.

The club received over 30 entries this past summer from both Farmington and Farmington Hills residents.

First place winner for overall garden was Linda and Jon Kurkowski of Farmington Hills. Their well maintained garden incorporates a large swimming pool area. Because of extensive use of colorful lush raised perennial beds, shrubs and annuals, the pool is hardly visible from a nearby road.

The garden also covers a wrought iron fence that surrounded the pool. Linda Kurkowski moved over four yards of mulch to cover the flowering beds that surround the property. Two ponds are part of the landscape with many Kol mucking it their home. One pond is in the sunny pool area, the other under trees in a natural bog environment. Again the use of perennials and annuals enhance all of the gardens.

The Kurkowskis have an ongoing project in their front garden - 15 trees have been struck by Dutch elm disease and they're trying to save many more. What was a shady front yard is now experiencing full sun. They have changed their plantings to meet the new environment. As first place winners, they received "A Flower of the Month" club award from English Gardens.

Second place was a tie and the two winning gardens were very different. The in-town Farmington garden of Jo and Mike Harrison exemplifies what can be done with a small garden and a pool. This carefully constructed area has a retreat like feeling. Many colorful perennials and annuals overflow borders and containers to complement the garden. The patio with their mix of unique shrubs and herbs makes this a restful spot. Black walnut trees surround the property so they have really overcome many growing problems which makes this even more special.

The other second place winning garden is at the Farmington Hills residence of Jo Franz. Her use of sun and shade in this new garden (she's only lived there two years) makes it a winner.

The sunny front garden is filled with a variety of perennials and annuals balancing color and harmony. At the rear of the compact property is an amazing garden featuring three species of



Stone pond: One of two ponds in the garden of Jon and Linda Kurkowski, who took first place in the 16th annual Good Neighbor Garden.



Color: Jo Franz's garden is filled with a variety of perennials and annuals balancing in color and harmony. It tied for second place.



Good use of space: Mike and Joan Harrison's in-town Farmington garden exemplifies what can be done with a small garden and a pool.

hydrangeas, and many kinds of perennials. In the front garden, colorful sweet peas grow on a trellis alongside clematis.

Both second place winners received gift certificates from the Somerset Collection.

Angela Hospice benefit slated Oct. 26

Angela Hospice's 14th annual Light Up A Life benefit will be Friday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor in Livonia. It will feature a fashion show from the Somerset Collection, live and silent auctions, raffles and dinner.

A scrub trip to Cozumel, Mexico; a golf weekend in Amelia

Island, Florida; an autographed and framed Steve Yzerman jersey; and a Low & Order Special Victims Unit behind-the-scenes package are auction items.

Television meteorologists Kim Adams and Paul Gross and "Good Health" reporter Lila Lazarus will be on hand.

A Fortune \$5,000 raffle will offer chances to win 10 cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$5,000.

Cost for the benefit is \$65 a person. All proceeds benefit the many programs of Angela Hospice. Call (734) 464-7810 to have an invitation mailed to you.



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