

Belle Trace II Homeowners Association, Inc.



GUIDELINES FOR THE YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST - 2013

A Yard-Of-The-Month (YOM) program has been established by the Belle Trace II HOA Board to recognize the efforts of residents within Belle Trace II, whether they are homeowners or tenants, who demonstrate a clear and consistent desire to comply with covenants, and to maintain or improve their respective properties. The Belle Trace II HOA Architectural Committee along with all Belle Trace II members would like to give you the recognition you deserve for creating a beautiful, well-kept yard. Yard gardening is a great way to improve the value of your home and make our neighborhood a better place to live.



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Each year the YOM rules will be reviewed and approved by the Board. YOM will be awarded for the months of May through October with the months of November and December being optional. For October, November, and December, tasteful holiday decorations will be considered in the award. A Board member will tour the neighborhood around the 1st of each month to determine the winner of the YOM. Residents of Belle Trace II HOA also may submit recommendations for the YOM, notifying the Architectural Committee by sending an email to YOM@belletraceii.com and indicating the address of the property to be judged. Emails that do not give a complete address will not be judged.

All entries must be in 7 days before end of the month preceding the month of award. Resident's lawns will be judged sometime in the last week of the month prior to the awarded YOM, except for October thru December Holiday judgments [Halloween, Thanksgiving, and end of year holidays] which will be judged about the 20th of the month when all decorations are believed to be in place. Schedules are not exact but this will be the general pattern. Please remember this is a volunteer Board and we will make our rounds on a general schedule rather than exact dates so please submit any nominations or request for special consideration as early as possible.

Potential YOM winners are judged solely on the total exterior appearance and improvement of their property and front yard as viewed from the street. **Properties may win yard of the month no more than twice a year. This would be rare but we have considered that this is a possibility. Board members may be included but not the Board President or the member making award selections.**

A representative of the Board will notify the winner either in person, mail or email and request to take a photo of the owners and residence. By accepting the gift card you are agreeing to have your yard photo published in the newsletter and website. Property owner must be in good standings with payments of dues and fines to the HOA and be willing to display the YOM sign for one month. The resident will not be responsible for loss of the sign due to theft or other reasons.

Judging factors include the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the front of the property as evidenced by:

- Well-groomed (properties can have a natural, wildscape appearance, but grass must be mowed, and the perimeter of the property must be edged).
- Attractive; pleasing to the eye (i.e. green lawn; a variety of plants such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers, wildflowers; plants with a variety of heights,
- Compliance with all Covenant provisions including landscaping, vehicles, parking, trees, etc.
- Overall improvement will be considered.

Winners will receive:

- A specially designed sign placed in their front yard for one month.
- A picture of their front yard displayed in the newsletter and website
- Gift Card of \$50

Take pride in your property and participate in the Yard of the Month.

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