

ROCK SPRING GARDEN CLUB

2012 Garden of the Year Application

Rock Spring Garden Club (RSGC) would like to recognize Arlington County gardeners who, by their landscape accomplishments, are contributing to the beautification of our community. RSGC's Garden of the Year Award is intended to showcase Arlington citizens who demonstrate pride in their gardens. We encourage all interested gardeners to submit an entry. A maximum of 25 gardens will be judged.

Gardens must be at least 50% designed and maintained by the homeowner. Entries will be judged by nationally accredited members of the Landscape Design Council of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs. There is no entry fee.

The Garden of the Year winner will be announced at the June 14, 2012 RSGC meeting.

Entries must be submitted by May 1, 2012

Garden of the Year Application

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Nearest cross street _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nominated by (if applicable) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please provide a brief description of outstanding garden features:

Mail application to:
Garden of the Year Award
4404 N. 33rd Road
Arlington, Virginia 22207

For more information contact:
www.rockspringgardenclub.com

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Gardens must be residential, established for a minimum of three years and located in Arlington County, Virginia.
2. Application must be submitted by the property owner or with the property owner's permission.
3. Submit no more than three 4 x 6 photographs with the application.
4. RSGC sign indicating participation will be placed in the front yard of each property through June with property owner's permission.
5. Gardens will be judged mid-May.
6. Winner will be announced at the June 14, 2012 Rock Spring Garden Club meeting. All applicants are invited to attend this meeting.
7. Previous winners may participate again after three years.
8. Professionally designed gardens are not eligible.
9. Garden may be included on June tour.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. First Impression
2. Suitability of design purpose: entertaining, play, circulation
3. Design
 - a. Functional Aspect: creation and utilization of space
 - b. Aesthetic Aspect
 - Principles of design: balance, scale, proportion, dominance, rhythm and contrast
 - Elements of design: color, texture, pattern, form, line
 - Originality and distinction: unusual qualities or features
4. Implementation of structures and plant materials
5. Maintenance: overall degree
6. Final Impression