

## **NORTH BEACH YARD OF THE MONTH**

The goal for the Yard of the Month program is to recognize the efforts of North Beach residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

### **Award Rules:**

1. The Committee will select one home each month, within the incorporated Town of North Beach.
2. The Committee will judge only the portion of yard viewed from the street.
3. The Yard of the Month program will start in May and end in October.
4. Judging will take place on the 1st of the month.
5. The winner will be announced at a Town Council meeting as well as displayed on town marquee.
6. The Committee will place a Yard of the Month sign in each winning yard for a month.
7. Each resident may nominate any yard and landscape with the town including their own.
8. Each yard may only win the Yard of the Month award once in a calendar year.

### **To Enter:**

Please contact North Beach House & Garden Club by phone, mail, or e-mail with any questions, concerns, comments, or nominations you may have.

#### **Mail to the:**

North Beach House & Garden Club  
Yard of the Month  
PO Box 153  
North Beach, MD 20714

#### **E-mail:**

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#### **Phone:**

571-334-0289

### **Winning:**

The judges will use the following criteria when choosing a Yard of the Month. These are only guidelines and the committee will make a final decision based on the resident's obvious display of pride.

- Yard is attractive and well groomed; pleasing to the eye (e.g. well kept lawn, a variety of plants such as trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers/plants with a variety of heights, textures and colors, landscape features such fountains, large rocks in beds, etc.)
- Buildings, fences, porches and patios on the property are in good repair (e.g. minimal distraction from the landscape due to deterioration, damage or construction)
- Extra consideration may be given to properties that have shown extra effort through the use of art pieces (e.g. pottery, ironwork), potted plants, birdhouses, patio or lawn furniture, windsocks, etc.
- Yard is free of litter, junk and debris (including inoperable or junked motor vehicles)
- House numbers are displayed attractively
- Does a passerby sense that the homeowner has pride in his or her landscape and property?

### **Winners will receive:**

A specially designed "Yard of the Month" sign placed in the winning front yard for one month and a Yard of the Month tile for prominent display.