

FRANKLIN-SIMPSON “YARD OF THE MONTH”

Nominate a property (including your own) today!

The Franklin-Simpson Garden Club awards "Yard of the Month" to properties in Simpson County for outstanding entrance decorations (Feb–Mar), landscaping or food gardens (Apr–Sep), and holiday decorations (Oct–Dec).



NOMINATION DEADLINE IS THE 20th OF THE MONTH.

An online form is available through the Facebook Page “Franklin-Simpson Yard of the Month”.

Nomination Month	About the property	About the owner
Please pick only one. <input type="checkbox"/> Feb (entrance) <input type="checkbox"/> Mar (entrance) <input type="checkbox"/> Apr (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> Apr (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> May (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> May (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Jun (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> Jun (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Jul (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> Jul (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Aug (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> Aug (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Sep (landscaping) <input type="checkbox"/> Sep (food garden) <input type="checkbox"/> Oct (decorations) <input type="checkbox"/> Nov (decorations) <input type="checkbox"/> Dec (decorations)	Who owns the property? <input type="checkbox"/> I do <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else does	Name
	Type of Property <input type="checkbox"/> Private residence <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Public Space (school, religious, gov’t, etc.)	Email
	Street Address 	Phone
	Town <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin KY 42134 <input type="checkbox"/> Adairville KY 42202 <input type="checkbox"/> Auburn KY 42206 <input type="checkbox"/> South Union KY 42206 <input type="checkbox"/> Woodburn KY 42170 <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Green KY 42104	About you (if you’re not the owner)
		Name
		Email
		Phone

Description – please tell us what makes this property outstanding. We invite you to send photos of the property to FSKY.yotm@gmail.com or 270-223-7831 or mail them with this form.

*Mail this form (and pictures) to Debbie Wyatt, 496 Hickory Flat Rapids Road, Franklin KY 42134.
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Rules and Guidelines

- People can nominate their own property.
- Anonymous nominations are not accepted.
- Nominations are due by the 20th of the month.
- Nominations for Apr-Sep (both landscaping and food garden categories) are valid for that calendar year and need not be resubmitted.
- The same property may receive the award only once per award category during a 2-year period.
- The property must be located in Simpson County, Kentucky.
- Different types of property are eligible.
 - Private Residences
 - Businesses
 - Public Spaces (churches, schools, non-profit, government, etc.)
- Award categories vary by season. (See next column.) There is no award in January.
- Properties designed and maintained completely by professional landscaping companies will be placed in a different category than properties designed and maintained by the owner.
- As many as 2 homes can be winners for the month as long as they are in different categories (example: landscape and vegetable garden; residential and commercial).
- All nominees are notified and can withdraw their property from consideration if they choose.
- To allow time for judging, the “month” begins on the 5th instead of the 1st day of the month.
- To qualify for the award, nominees must sign a publicity release form and agree to display a "Yard of the Month" sign on their property during their term. Street names (but not house numbers) of the winning property will be publicized, and winners will have pictures of their property shared on Social Media, Garden Club publications, and in the *Franklin Favorite* newspaper. People may drive by or walk by to see the property from the street.
- Judging will be done by a committee of three or more people, at least one of whom is a member of the Franklin-Garden Club. They will recuse themselves if their own property, or that of a close relative, is nominated. (*Contact FSKY.yotm@gmail.com if you wish to be on the judging committee.*)
- During their reign as Yard of the Month, winners are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title. However, those winning a Holiday award may remove the decorations following the completion of the holiday.

Judging Criteria

Entryway Awards (February and March) Entryway nominees are judged on the use of originality and creativity to create an inviting front entryway and a positive overall appearance as viewed from the street. The arrangement may be formal or informal with the use of color, textures, greenery, and pots.

Food Garden Awards (April through September) Food garden nominees are judged on health and variety of food-producing plants (fruits, vegetables, vines, trees), lack of weeds, and good maintenance. An attractive appearance and pleasing layout are also taken into consideration.

Landscaping Awards (April through September) - Landscaping nominees are judged solely on the exterior appearance of their property. Yards will be judged on neatness, landscaping, and color. Overall appearance and factors include—but are not limited to—tidiness and neatness, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, edged and defined lawns, borders and flower beds without bare spots or excessive weeds, and a visually appealing facade.

Holiday Decoration Awards (October through December) - Decoration nominees are judged solely on the exterior appearance of their property as viewed from the street. General maintenance and upkeep of the yard and home is included in the judging. Overall appearance, tastefulness, creativity, decorating in the “spirit of the holiday”, and a visually appealing facade are considered.

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