



Haldimand Horticultural Society

Green Thumb Competition "Dahlia Awards"

The Haldimand Horticultural Society annually presents awards to individuals who have pleasing gardens that are personally landscaped.

This year's categories are:

1. **Perennial / Annual Garden** – your garden may contain a combination of perennials and annuals, or, be perennials or annuals only.
2. **Vegetable Garden**
3. **Specialty Garden** – rock, rose, shade or foliage garden.
4. **Pond / Water Feature** – this could be in the form of a water fall, wet or dry pond, and or a container water feature.

Entries must be received by **July 10th, 2008.**
Judging will be Wednesday, **July 16th, 2008.**
Rain date: Saturday, July 19th, 2008

Per-category entry fee: \$3.00 for Horticultural Society Members, and \$5.00 for non-members

Awards and Certificates will be presented at the Awards Night Pot-Luck Supper to be held Thursday, October 23, 2008.

Entry Form (One entry form per property)

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address with town: _____

Circle which applies: my property nominated property

Circle category(ies) entered: 1 (front, back, side); 2 (front, back, side);
3 (front, back, side); 4 (front, back, side)

Entry fee per garden – enclosed \$ _____

Detach and mail your entry form and cheque to: Green Thumb Dahlia Awards, P.O. Box 2078
Caledonia, ON N3W 2G8, or, call Susan at 905-772-1888 for more information.

For more information about the Haldimand Horticultural Society, please visit our website at:
www.haldimandhorticulturalsociety.com



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Judging will be done using the following point system:

- I. **Design Attributes** (10 points) – Scale/balance and relationship to residence
- II. **Horticulture** (50 points)
 - a) Selection: Choice of annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, conifers and ground covers on the site (and water plants where applicable).
 - b) Arrangement: Coordination of colours, textures, and size of plantings to one another and to create a coherent landscaping effect.
 - c) Special effects: Horticultural selections deserving special merit, such as espalier, topiary and specimen plantings.
- III. **Maintenance** (20 points) – Condition (vigour) of lawns, perennials, trees, and shrubs and special attention to details such as clipping, edging, trimming and cutting.
- IV. **General Overall Appearance** (20 points) – In short, the garden’s contribution to an attractive neighbourhood and community

Total points 100

Rules:

- Members of the Horticultural Society and residents of the Town of Haldimand are invited to participate in the Annual Green Thumb Competition, “Dahlia Awards”. The aim of the competition is to promote an interest in gardening and to further the beautification of the Town.
- All entries must have been completed and maintained by the members of the household. Each category shall be void of any outside professional assistance. For example, landscape companies and/or contractor. The only exception will be finished driveways, paths, and garden buildings.
- Categories are determined by the Competition Committee. Judging of each category will be made on the points system shown above. Where the number of entrants does not meet the expectations of the Competition Committee, it is their decision to void that category and return all monies. All decisions made by the judges, competition organizers and the Haldimand Horticultural Society are final.
- All entrants will be informed by the Competition Committee of the day of the judging. Every effort will be made to give a minimum of 48 hours notice. No reviews or recalls are allowed. Where bad weather is a factor, entries will be judged as soon after the initial judging day as possible.
- Awards for the competition will be presented at the October General Meeting of the Haldimand Horticultural Society. A Pot Luck Supper and Society Meeting will precede a slide presentation of all the entries, followed by the Awards presentation. All participants are invited to attend.
- On the day of judging we ask that all participants not be present at the judging.