

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Garden of Merit Awards, sponsored by the Beautification Committee De Pere, a program of the De Pere Area Chamber Of Commerce Foundation, is held annually to recognize excellence in business and residential landscape properties within the De Pere city limits.
- Two businesses and two residential (one from West De Pere and one from East De Pere) properties are awarded each year with an award plaque.
- A "Garden of Merit" yard sign will distinguish each award recipient and will be on display on their property for a limited time.

### AWARD CRITERIA:

1. All nominees must live within the De Pere city limits.
2. Professionally landscaped properties will be considered, preference will be given to residents and businesses that do their own design and layout.
3. Nominees must agree to be nominated.
4. Originality and individual expression of the natural landscape punctuated by color, texture and live plantings will be considered.
5. Past award winners are eligible to receive the award, but preference will be given to new entries.
6. Backyard gardens are often the centerpiece of a garden layout and will be considered for the award. Judging, however, will take into account the gardens visibility from the street.

Note: Photos are encouraged, but will not be returned. All photos will become property of the De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce.

### TIMELINE

July 28, 2011	Nomination forms are due to the De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce office.
August 2011	Beautification Committee reviews nomination forms & makes final decisions in each category.
October 2011 (tentative)	Award recipients are announced at a Common Council meeting and presented with awards by the mayor of the City of De Pere.