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LANDSCAPE AWARDS

The objective of the Aurora Landscape Awards is a joint effort by the City of Aurora and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce to stimulate interest and support among businesses and public institutions using landscape as a means to improve the general appearance of their properties.

Judging

All Aurora industrial, residential and commercial firms and facilities are eligible. The judging shall be based on the landscaping and the effects on the general appearance of the property. Annual awards winners are eligible to win the award every other year. Judging shall take place in the first 2 weeks in May.

- Form* Refers to shape. Are all plant materials similar in look? Are all trees conical or cylindrical? Are all perennials “sword” shaped (iris foliage) or mounded in growth habit? It is best to have a mixture of forms for best overall effect.
- Texture* Plants can have “hard” or “soft” looks. Hard look trees would include Blue Spruce, Firs, Taxus, etc and hard look perennial would include Iris, Daylily foliage, etc. Soft look trees include Japanese Laceleaf Maple, Birches, etc. and soft look perennials would include Hardy Geraniums, Coreopsis “Moonbeam”, etc.
- Flow* How are the beds or the overall landscape laid out? Does the landscape lead your eye somewhere? Are the beds isolated from each other and have no cohesion? What ties the landscape together? Is there a path or walkway to the entrance? Generally, curved lines have a more pleasing flow.
- Color* Generally a mix of color creates a more balanced look. With trees, look for fall color. Bark can have interesting color and texture. Perennials have limitless possibilities. Soft colors are the pinks and blues while the reds, yellows and oranges are hot.
- Overall* What is your impression? Does the landscape have a central theme? Are shrubs pruned into round or square shape or is the pruning more informal? Are the beds properly maintained? Is mulch piling up against tree trunks (a BIG NO NO)? Look at the small details.

Categories

Industrial

Commercial 1

Commercial 2

Public/Quasi-Public

Subdivision

Honor Roll

Retail, service (banks, beauty shops, service stations and other related businesses).

Professional, medical, company offices, multi-tenant buildings, hotels, restaurants, tourist attractions, apartments and condominium entrances

Religious institutions, public facilities (schools, city government, etc.), parks, cemeteries

Main entrances to residential developments only

For previous winners who maintain high standards of landscaping maintenance and/or improvements

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Category: _____

Street Address: _____

JUDGING BALLOT

	1 (FAIR)	2	3	4	5 (EXCELLENT)	
FORM						
TEXTURE						
FLOW						
COLOR						
OVERALL						TOTAL POINTS
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