



MINNESOTA STATE  
**HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**

**2008 STATE AWARDS**  
***Ceremony date to be determined***

**Nomination Information and Entry Form**

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) statewide awards program recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to horticulture and greening efforts in public gardens, community projects and through exemplary community achievements.

Individuals, projects and activities of neighborhood groups, governmental organizations, garden clubs and communities that have meritoriously contributed to gardening and rejuvenating communities through plants will be eligible to receive one of several awards.

***Entry Procedure & Timeline***

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society Awards Committee will review those entries submitted in accordance with these guidelines. Entry materials will not be returned. All nominated individuals and projects will be sent a letter announcing their nomination in December 2008.

**1. Complete the MSHS State Award Nomination Form**

Please mark the appropriate category or categories in which your nomination should be judged.

**2. Submit a summary up to one full page typed (font not less than 11 points)**

This summary is required as part of the nomination and should include brief statements on the individual or project's background and may include intended purpose, plan of action, implementation activities, positive results, and its impact on the community. The judges' screening of submissions is based on the "Project Summary" and supporting documentation. Please be concise yet give us enough detail to evaluate your nomination.

**3. Provide photos**

For Individuals: Include 3 digital images or photographs of the individual and the projects where the nominee made outstanding contributions. (Digital photos must be 300 dpi. If you don't know if they are, they probably are not.) Entries without photos or digital images may not be considered. Slides will not be accepted.

For Groups: include 3 digital images or photographs of the nominated garden and group. (Digital photos must be 300 dpi. If you don't know if they are, they probably are not) The images can include pictures of the site before, during, and after the garden was developed, volunteers helping in the garden, and the garden at its peak of flowering or ready to harvest. Entries without photos or digital images may not be considered. Slides will not be accepted.

Note: Upon submission of images, MSHS reserves the right to publish the images in *Northern Gardener* magazine, the MSHS e-news, the NorthernGardener.org website, and/or in various promotional communications. Please be sure that you obtain permission from the individual pictured in the submitted images for publication. Images will not be returned.

**4. 2 letters of support** with the nomination. This is required for all awards.

5. **Send completed entry postmarked no later than Saturday, November 1, 2008 to:**  
MSHS State Awards, MSHS, 1755 Prior Ave. N., Falcon Heights, MN 55113-5549.

6. **MSHS Awards Committee** meets to judge nominations in November 2008.

7. **Letters will be sent to all nominees in December 2008.**

Letters will announce whether or not your nomination won an award, but the specific award will not be announced until the February event.

8. **The date of the State Awards & Recognition Event** will be announced soon. An award will be presented to each winner. In addition, a brass plate will be engraved and placed on a large award plaque at the MSHS office.

**Award and certificate winners will be featured in the March/April issue of *Northern Gardener* magazine.**

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### **Individual State Awards**

#### **Minnesota State Horticultural Society Life Award – (for individuals involved in MSHS)**

*~Awarded to past Distinguished Service Award winners*

Both individuals and groups who have volunteered for 15 or more years in the interest of horticulture and the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. The award winner will have demonstrated efforts beyond the district level. Volunteer efforts need to be on a regional/state level. Individuals and group members will have furthered MSHS goals through board volunteerism, regional promotion, consultation, and development of parks and garden spaces, writing articles for regional publications, or speaking at regional events and garden clubs. Individuals (but not groups) will be given a lifetime subscription to *Northern Gardener* magazine.

#### **MSHS Distinguished Service Award – (for individuals involved in MSHS)**

Will be given to individuals and groups for 10-15 years of service on a local or regional demonstrate a leadership role in their community. Volunteering for MSHS events and/or board positions and hosting meetings will also be considered.

#### **MSHS Bronze Award**

Awarded to an individual or group who has made a remarkable contribution in horticulture through the development of a new plant(s) or the establishment of an arboretum, etc. The recognized achievement will span a significant period of time and make a major impact on Northern horticulture.

#### **MSHS Outstanding Youth Award**

Awarded to an individual 18 years or younger who has proven their interest in gardening through involvement in FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, garden club projects or as a volunteer for related organizations.

#### **Bruce Beresford Horticulture Educators Award**

This award, named after University of Minnesota Crookston Professor Bruce Beresford, will honor a person who has served gardeners as an educator for at least 15 years, either in public schools, technical college, university, extension or other non-traditional roles.

#### **Bob Churilla Golden Rose Volunteer Recognition Award**

This award is named after Bob Churilla. Bob was a member of MSHS, committed to our mission and a dedicated volunteer. This award will be given annually to a volunteer at MSHS whose

volunteer efforts during the last year exemplify the commitment and dedication that Bob Churilla brought to MSHS.

## **Garden Club Awards**

### **Garden Club Member of the Year**

This award is given annually to a garden club member of MSHS who demonstrates a leadership role in their community by improving public gardens, educating children and mentoring other gardeners. This person demonstrates a leadership roll in MSHS by supporting communication among and between garden clubs, districts and MSHS. This person also supports the mission of MSHS by communicating their garden club's volunteer efforts to MSHS.

### **Garden Club of the Year**

This award is given annually to a garden club of MSHS that demonstrates a leadership role in their community by improving public gardens, educating children and mentoring other gardeners. It demonstrates a leadership roll in MSHS by supporting communication among and between garden clubs, districts and MSHS. It also supports the mission of MSHS by communicating its volunteer efforts to MSHS. This garden club shares information with MSHS and other garden clubs, it supports the Garden Club and District Committee initiatives and actions, and it values the partnership of garden clubs, districts and MSHS.

## **Greening Awards**

### **Community Garden Award**

*~For excellence in community gardening*

Awarded to an organization, group or individual that has organized and implemented the most innovative and successful community greening project actively involving volunteers. The project(s) may be park development, vegetable gardens, roadway beautification, watershed restoration, etc.

### **Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Award**

*~ For excellence in contributing to community livability*

Awarded to an individual, group or organization that has organized and implemented an exemplary community greening project in parks or public space. The project can be a new development or a reclamation project that creates a gathering place for community members. Recreational or educational in nature and contributes to the communities "living" space(s). Community members, businesses and organizations need to be involved.

### **St. Paul Garden Club Award**

*~For outstanding achievement in community vegetable gardening*

Awarded to an individual, group or organization that demonstrates excellence in community gardening. Developing, sponsoring and perpetuating vegetable gardens that are devoted to the community and its members. The project will be educational: teaching best practice vegetable techniques; accessible: to a wide range of community members; and sustainable: insuring continued use by the community.

### **Joseph Priley Award**

*~For excellence in community beautification*

Awarded to an individual, group or organization that has developed and started to implement a vision for community beautification. This may be a long-term project with the community members supporting the project to insure its success. These may be large-scale projects—more than a single garden or green space. The award winner will have nurtured the project to the extent that the vision, while not completed, is apparent.

### **Youth and the Environment Award**

*~For outstanding contributions to further youth environmental education*

Awarded to an organization, school or youth group that has organized and implemented the most notable youth project in environmental education involving community greening. While these

projects may be sponsored by a single entity (i.e. a school) the project should be open to other youth in the community. A strong emphasis needs to be placed on the educational value of the project and the efforts implemented to ensure the continued availability of the educational component.

### **Minnesota State Horticultural Society President's Award**

*~ For outstanding contributions to Minnesota Green*

Awarded to an individual, group or organization that has contributed most significantly to community, supporting the ideals of the MSHS' Minnesota Green Program. The award winner will have contributed for an extended period (5 or more years) to supporting, fostering and insuring the success of Minnesota Green.

### **Certificates of Recognition**

#### **Governor's Certificate of Commendation**

Awarded to individuals and/or groups to acknowledge significant contributions in community greening efforts.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All individuals are from (and projects are located within) the state of Minnesota, or be current members of MSHS. Gardens must be in public places and have community involvement. Life and Distinguished Service Award recipients have met or exceeded the award criteria.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Call the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, (651) 643-3601, ext. 211 in the metro area or 1-800-676-6747, ext 211 outside the metro area.

### **JUDGING AND AWARDS FOR MSHS GREENING**

All nominations meeting a minimum standard will receive a recognition certificate. A point system will be used to rank each semi-finalist using the following criteria:

#### **Horticulture**

- Creative use of space
- Maintenance/design
- Total visual effect
- Good pest management practices

#### **Community Involvement**

- Partnerships formed
- Service to community
- Volunteer involvement

#### **Sustainability**

- Practices that preserve, protect, revitalize, and restore Minnesota's public green spaces

**All entries must be received by Saturday, November 1st, 2008. Send completed entry to:  
Attention: MSHS State Awards, 1755 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113**

# MSHS STATE Award Nomination Form 2008

## 1. Nominee

List the name of the individual and/or project/program (this is the name(s) that will appear on any award or certificate). For partnerships with multiple organizations, list other organizations in the Project Summary. Please write out each name as it should appear on the award or certificate.

**Individual** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project/Program** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (if for a group) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City and County of project or program being nominated \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Local Newspaper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Award Category Check all applicable award categories for this submission:

### Individual State Awards

- MSHS Life Award – (for individuals involved in MSHS)
- MSHS Distinguished Service Award – (for individuals involved in MSHS)
- MSHS Bronze Award
- MSHS Outstanding Youth Award
- Bruce Beresford Educators Award
- Bob Churilla Golden Rose Volunteer Recognition Award

### Garden Club Awards

- Garden Club Member of the Year Award
- Garden Club of the Year Award

### Greening Awards

- Community Garden Award
- Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Award
- St. Paul Garden Club Award
- Joseph Priley Award
- Youth and the Environment Award
- MSHS President's Award