

## Yard of the Month Criteria

1. A committee of at least two people should do judging during the last week of the prior month. At least one judge must be a Garden Club member.
2. Any yard (residence or business) in Pamlico County is eligible.
3. From the street, the yard should:
  - a. Complement building and blend with the environment.
  - b. Look well-cared for (lawn mowed, beds weeded, etc.) but not necessarily “manicured.”
  - c. Incorporate seasonal blooming plants/shrubs if possible.
4. Judges are to select one winner per month (March-December). Recipient does not have to be a Garden Club member. No selection should be made if an appropriate yard cannot be found.
5. Winner is not eligible to receive award again for 24 months.
6. Current month Judges must:
  - a. Notify the YOM Coordinator and Newsletter Editor of the selection during the first week of the month.
  - b. Secure name and address of winner, notify recipient, take picture of the yard, prepare a brief description and send to the *Pamlico News*.
  - c. Except as noted in criteria 8, judges will retrieve sign from previous month’s winner’s yard and plant it in yard of new winner.
  - d. Give winning home/business owner a preprinted certificate obtained from Newsletter Editor or YOM Coordinator, writing in name and month/year of award.
7. Newsletter Editor will supply a list of previous winners to judges each month and YOM Coordinator or designee will secure replacement judges as needed.
8. Judges of the December YOM will use the above criteria 3 to select the yard with the most appealing holiday décor. Judging will take place the second or third week in the month with the sign remaining in the yard through mid-January or when the decorations are taken down. The judges of the December YOM will retrieve the sign and store it in the clubhouse shed. The recipient will be awarded a \$25 check.



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