

You're invited complete an application for the Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards! Applications are due June 20.

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News for Community Gardeners

Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards - Recognizing Our Beautiful and Sustainable Gardens

The Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards (CEGA) is a way of acknowledging the individuals, communities, schools and other institutions who contribute their time and energy to making the City of Chicago a beautiful, sustainable and welcoming place to live. You are invited to share the joys of gardening with your fellow residents by completing an application and sharing your successes!

This year's competition includes four garden types within four categories, as well as a separate category for community gardens. The four garden types that are eligible to receive the awards include:

- **ornamental**
- **vegetable**
- **container**
- **specialized gardens** (such as green roof and walls, rain gardens, enabling gardens, sidewalk cafes and others).

The four categories are:

- **residential small**

- **residential large**
- **schools**
- **other organizations** (such as churches, businesses, fire stations, etc.).

To highlight the value of neighbors that work together to create healthier and greener areas, **12 community gardens** throughout the city will be recognized in a separate category.

Instructions:

1. Go to the registration page [HERE](#).
2. Submit only ONE application per garden type.
3. Include TWO photographs of your garden and send to aranvero@illinois.edu or submit by regular mail to address below. Printed photos should be clearly reproduced and sized between 4" x 6" and 8" x 10". *Note:* images will not be returned. Please provide garden name, address and contact information with photos. Please no bound presentations, staples, paperclips or tape.
4. Online applications must be submitted by June 23, 2017. OR Complete this form, print, and mail to: University of Illinois Extension, Attn: CEGA, 9415 S. Western Ave., Suite 201, Chicago IL 60643. Mailed applications must be postmarked by June 20, 2017.
5. Judging will begin in July 2017!

Sponsored by *The Mike Nowak Show*, University of Illinois Extension, Shedd Aquarium, Chicago Community Gardeners Association and *Natural Awakenings Chicago*

To become a judge, call University of Illinois Extension at [773-233-2900](tel:773-233-2900) or email Extension Educator, Ron Wolford at rwolford@illinois.edu

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF CHICAGO ONLY

Have ideas, suggestions or news you would like to share with fellow community gardeners in the next CCGA email? Please send those items to communications@chicagocommunitygardens.org.

For questions about CCGA and how to get involved, email membership@chicagocommunitygardens.org or visit chicagocommunitygardens.org/ccga-organization

Need resources for your community garden? Have resources to offer? Email resources@chicagocommunitygardens.org.



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