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## Gorgeous gardens honoured by town

Markham council congratulated this year's Susie Award winners last week as 12 residents were honoured for their spectacular gardens and environmental stewardship.

"The contest promoted the joy and accomplishment of having a beautiful garden," Karen Boniface said.

The Susies began in 1994 with the adoption of the Black-eyed Susan as the town's bicentennial flower. The contest is held every two years.

Twenty-two judges, including members of the Markham Garden and Thornhill Horticultural societies, garden designers and master gardeners picked the top three gardens in four categories, including a new Eco Susie award for environmentally-friendly and pesticide-free gardens.

The winners gardens on dwellings with frontages of 40 feet or less, including ground level apartments and townhouses were:

First place — 21 Fallingbrook Court in Thornhill. Second — 43 Meadowbrook Lane in Unionville. Third place — 38 Tamarack Dr. in Thornhill.

Winners for gardens on single family dwellings or duplexes with frontages of 41 feet or more were:

First place — 75 Johnson St. in Thornhill. Second — 34 Windridge Dr. in Markham. Third — 220 Larkin Ave. in Markham.


Winners for townhouses, seniors buildings or apartments with multiple front gardens were:

First place — 9 Anna Russell Way in Unionville. Second — 4 Emily Way in Markham. Third — 64 Cornell Park Ave. in Markham.

The Eco Susie winners are:

64 Donnamura Cres. in Thornhill. Second — 26 Colbourne St. in Thornhill. Third — 78 Tamarack Dr. in Thornhill.

— Kathleen Griffin




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