

Orwin Manor Association Yard of Distinction Program

The goal of the Orwin Manor Association Yard of Distinction Program is to recognize the efforts of Orwin Manor Association area residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

The yard chosen every other month (Jan, March, May, July, September, and November) will be awarded the sign to display in front of their home. The winning yard will have its picture taken and be displayed in the Mind Your Manor newsletter and on www.orwinmanor.org.

The award will not be given to the same house more than two times in a single calendar year. The award is also not given to the same house in back to back months; there must be a two month separation.

Yards will be judged by the volunteer committee on the last weekend of every other month to determine the best kept yard. Only the portion of the yard visible from the street is judged.

Judging is based on the opinions of the committee using the following criteria as guidelines:

1. The lawn if any is neatly mowed.
2. There are very few weeds in the lawn, planting areas, and the cracks of the sidewalks and driveway.
3. Planting beds are mulched with bark, leaves, etc without bare soil.
4. Shrubs are not over grown.
5. Sidewalks and driveways are edged and public sidewalks do not have overhanging vegetation that impedes pedestrians (required by city code).
6. Invasive vines are not visible (visit www.orwinmanor.org for information on invasive plants).
7. The house number is clearly displayed at driveway and/or house (required by city code).
8. Trash containers are not visible from the street (required by city code).
9. Vehicles are parked only in proper areas and not on the lawn (required by city code).
10. Overall appearance is neat and well maintained.

We encourage everyone to follow the environmentally friendly and water and energy saving *Florida Friendly Yard* principles found at <http://www.floridayards.org/>.

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