

RAMSEY COUNTY MASTER GARDEERS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

“Leonard Gloeb Outstanding Service Award”

“Ralph Thrane Extraordinary Partnership Award”

Name of nominee: _____

Your name: _____

Summary of Nominee’s project and accomplishments (see back of form for guidance):

Submit to Vice Chair by the October Membership Meeting.



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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Ramsey County Master Gardener Awards: Guidelines and Criteria for Nominations

- Each year Ramsey County Master Gardeners will have an opportunity to nominate an active member in good standing who has provided exceptional initiative and service for at least 3 years on an approved organization project.
- Nominations will be received and reviewed by a committee in the fall. The award will be presented at the January general membership meeting.
- A plaque for this award is in the conference room at the Barn. Each year as a new volunteer is selected, their name, project and year of award will be added to the plaque.

“Leonard Gloeb Outstanding Service Award”: Recognizes an individual Ramsey County Master Gardener member who has been selected as providing exceptional performance on a project; demonstrated exceptional knowledge, skills or ability and has demonstrated significant and sustained community contribution.

Background: The first recipient of this award was Leonard Gloeb in 2016. Leonard Gloeb created My Little Green Friends program at the Children’s hospital 30 years ago. Children admitted to the hospital are given a choice to have a plant to care for in their room. They use tools that caregivers use to plant and care for the plant, helping children adjust to being in the hospital. This program has been a huge success. Leonard has helped countless children, their parents, doctors and staff through this outreach at the hospital. It is truly a unique program that has been recognized at a national Master Gardener level.

“Ralph Thrane Extraordinary Partnership Award”: Recognizes an individual Ramsey County Master Gardener member who has been selected as developing or maintaining a significant partnership with organizations served and for their professional dedication and service as a project coordinator.

Background: The first recipient of this award was Ralph Thrane in 2017. Ralph Thrane had been a Ramsey County Master Gardener for 28 years. In 1999 Ralph made a proposal to the Ramsey County Historical Society Board to plant heritage apple trees at Gibbs Farm. Their Board approved the proposal and the planting of the apple trees followed in the spring of 2000. Since then he coordinated the pruning, maintenance and occasional replacement of these apple trees at Gibbs Farm. There were 36 apple trees and 17 varieties on the site.

Award Guidelines:

- Members who wish to nominate an individual to receive one of these awards should submit their nomination to the Board Vice-Chair.
- The nomination should summarize why they believe the nominee should receive the award.
 - Include the number of years the nominee has been on the project, the number of years in a leadership position and why are you are submitting this nominee’s name?
 - What leadership skills has this person shown in this project?
 - What impact has the project had in the community?
- Nominees must be past or present members for at least 5 years.
- Nominations can be submitted at any time during the year, but the application must be received by the October membership to be considered for an award at the next January meeting.
- The Board will either review and act on the nomination(s) or will form a committee charged with such reviews, who in turn will make a recommendation to the Board.
- If there is no qualified nominee during a year, no award will be given that year.