



Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest

GOT A GREAT YARD?

Then we encourage you to sign up for our annual *Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award*

The Landscape Advisory Board of the City of Pembroke Pines invites city residents to enter the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award. This award was created to honor the memory of Ms. Belmonte, a resident and businesswoman who lost her life too soon.

■ **CONTEST REQUIREMENTS**

A yard, balcony, or HOA common area to be judged on the following criteria:

Butterfly Component
Design and Function
Maintenance
Florida Friendly Value
Use of Hardscape



■ **JUDGING**

Will take place In May 3 2014 and be performed by the members of the Landscape Advisory Board

■ **AWARDS**

Recipients will be awarded at the May 21 2014 commission meeting

■ **WINNERS**

One winner selected from each district PLUS one overall winner.

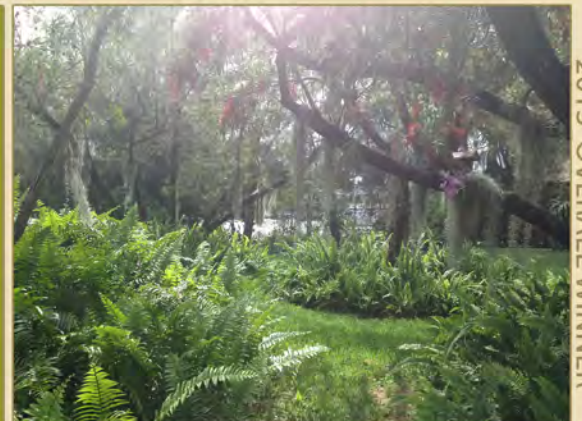
■ **QUESTIONS**

Lauren Swan - Planning and Economic Development Division - **954 435 6513**

Applications can be found online at www.ppines.com
and submitted via email to lswan@ppines.com
or mailed to:

Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest
City of Pembroke Pines,
Planning and Economic Development Division
c/o Lauren Swan
10100 Pines Blvd
Pembroke Pines FL 33026

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL IS: APRIL 14 2014



2013 OVERALL WINNER



Butterfly Gardening

WHAT IS A BUTTERFLY GARDEN?

A butterfly garden is a combination of plants arranged in a garden specifically to attract butterflies.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL

■ WATER SOURCE

Bird bath or small water feature

■ MIXTURE

A variety of color and texture to keep attractiveness during feeding periods

■ NECTAR SOURCES

Plants or trees that butterflies feed on such as:

Firebush	Aster	Black eyed Susan
Blue Porterweed	Blazing Star	Beach Sunflower
Pentas	Dalea	Gaillardia
Powderpuff	Florida Paintbrush	Tick-seed
Golden dewdrop	Lobelia	Verbena
Blue Sage	Mistflower	Soanish needles
Scarlett Milkweed	Pennyroyal	Azalea
Jatropha	Sage	Hibiscus
Ruella	Sunflower	Red Buckeye
	Cape Honeysuckle	Viburnum



Monarch

Photo: mexican-folk-art-guide.com



Zebra Swallowtail Butterfly sucks nectar from firebush.

Photo: fairchildgarden.org

■ LARVAL FOOD PLANTS

Plants or trees that support butterflies during the larval or caterpillar stage.

Trees	Shrubs	Vines
Cassia	Pawpaw	Passion Vine
Sweet Bay Magnolia	Plumbago	White Vine
Red Bay Magnolia	Purple Coneflower	Bleeding Heart
Oaks sp	Beach Sunflower	Bougainvillea
Willow	Rose	
Gumbo Limbo	Daisy	
Walnut	Caper	

Dogwood
Using pesticides on these plants or buying plants that have been chemically treated can be deadly to butterfly larvae



Butterfly Larvae

Photo: fairchildgarden.org

This commemorative award is to honor Natalie Belmonte, a longtime resident of the City of Pembroke Pines and an active member of our real estate community. Natalie lost her life much too soon. This award will help capture the beauty of the butterflies and in the same spirit, remind us all of the true essence of Natalie, who had a love of gardening and butterflies.

To promote quality landscaping within Pembroke Pines, the City is sponsoring the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award contest. Interested homeowners/multi-family owners may enter their properties for award consideration. Landscaping can be defined as the physical improvement of a piece of property. Well-Landscaped properties increase values and provide pleasant surroundings. These are important factors to consider in today's society.

Landscaping adds attractiveness and a sense of aesthetics to a home, and improves both its appearance in, and the look of the community. When the neighborhood as a whole begins to think of landscaping, a certain pride emerges, as each creates and plans for individuality. Homes architecturally similar to each other can be highly individualized by the way they are landscaped.

The contest will consist of five components, each listed below. Each component will be worth 20 points. These areas will be added together to reach the final score for the property. The highest score per district will fetch the award. All entries must attain a minimum score of 70 to be eligible for an award. There will be one award for each district (*Contingent upon participation in every district).

Judging will be performed by the landscape advisory board, and their decision shall be final. Awards will be presented at a City Commission Meeting by the Mayor and City Commission in the month of May, in the spirit of Mother's Day and to honor Natalie Belmonte on her birthday month.

The five scoring components for each property are:

- Butterfly component: This area judges the preservation of all stages of a butterfly's life. It should supply food and shelter with the proper selection of plants which should include: host plants, caterpillar food plants, butterfly nectar plants and an area that provides about half a day's worth of sunlight. (sage, lavender, milkweed, goldenrod, firebush, penta... are some suggested plants).
- Design and function: This area judges the overall design, use of texture, compatibility of materials, continuity, balance, and the overall function of the landscape in correlation to the use of the property.
- Maintenance: The focus on this section will be the overall view of the property's landscape maintenance. The judges will be looking to see that the turf areas are mowed. They will also see that the planter beds are kept weed free, edged, and that mulching and fertilization is kept up.
- Florida Friendly Value: This section judges the selection and use of plants that have similar water demands. Mulching techniques will also be observed, checking to see if the mulch is deep enough to retain moisture in the soils. <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Use of Hardscapes: This section judges the use of non-living additions to finish a landscape, such as fountains, ponds, statues, boulders, decks, mulch, stones, etc. The judging will be determined by implementation of these items into the landscape and how they fit into the overall property.

City of Pembroke Pines

Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest Application

Entry Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Community/Development: _____

Category/Property Location:

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District-At large

Contact Person

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Comments: _____

(Please provide a brief description of your property; it's landscaping, and how it meets the goals of the *Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest.*)

Please attached up to 10 photographs (or submit a cd) that represent your property's landscaping. Photos may not be returned. Digital photos may also be uploaded to the city's website. Additional photos/video may be taken by the Landscape Advisory Board to display and promote the contest.

I, _____, give the judges of the Natalie Belmonte Great Yards Award Contest permission to enter my property to look at the landscaping. This includes passing through fence gates to see landscaping in the back and side yards.

Signature

Date