



Trial Gardens Competition Past Themes and Award Winners

*Themes are selected by the 1st place winners
from the previous year.*

- 1958** ***Accent in Color***
- 1976** ***Bicentennial Garden***
- 1977** ***Picasso Garden***
- 1978** ***Wheel of Color***
- 1980** ***Convention Gardens*** (in honor of the GOP Convention held in Detroit)
- 1981** ***English Country Garden***
1st Garden Club of Michigan
2nd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
- 1983** ***Color in Small Compass***
- 1984** ***American Flair 1984!***
- 1986** ***Palette of Color***
- 1988** ***What's New***
1st Garden Society
2nd Grosse Pointe Garden Club
- 1989** ***American Patchwork Quilts***
1st The Garden Society
2nd Trowel & Error
3rd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club and Suburbia Garden Club
- 1990** ***Flags of the World***
1st Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden (*American Flag*)
2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club (*Norwegian Flag*)
- 1991** ***God Bless the Red, White, and Blue***
1st Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
- 1992** ***Palette of Pastels***
1st Grand Marais Garden Club
2nd Junior League Gardeners

- 1993** ***Follow the Yellow Brick Road***
1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
2nd Garden Club of Michigan
- 1994** ***Monet***
1st Garden Club of Michigan
2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 1995** ***European Country Gardens***
1st Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club (*French Theme*)
2nd Deeplands Garden Club (English Theme)
3rd Windmill Pointe Garden Club
- 1996** ***Cottage Gardens***
1st Grand Marais Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club
3rd Grosse Pointe Garden Club
- 1997** ***Butterfly Gardens***
1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
2nd Deeplands Garden Club
3rd Junior League Gardeners
- 1998** ***Cutting Gardens***
1st Deeplands Garden Club
2nd Garden Club of Michigan
3rd The Pointe Garden Club
- 1999** ***Colour Wheel***
1st Grand Marais Garden Club (*Orange*)
2nd The Pointe Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club
- 2000** ***New Century Garden***
1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club
2nd Trowel & Error Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club
Honorable Mention: Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club
- 2001** ***Hummingbird Garden***
1st Tie: Garden Club of Michigan and The Pointe Garden Club
2nd Trowel & Error Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club

2002 *Patriotic Gardens (50th Anniversary of the Trial Gardens- commissioned by the Garden Center and designed by Eleanor Roche in 1952)*

- 1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2nd Deeplands Garden Club
- 3rd Grosse Pointe Garden Club

2003 *Holidays*

- 1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2nd Junior League Gardeners
- 3rd Grosse Pointe Garden Club

2004 *Song Titles*

- 1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club (*Red Sails in the Sunset*)
- 2nd Junior League Gardeners (*Pretty in Pink*)
- 3rd Grosse Pointe Garden Club (*On the Street Where You Live*)

2005 *Toys*

- 1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club
- 2nd Deeplands Garden Club
- 3rd Tie: Junior League Gardeners and Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe

2006 *Around the World*

- 1st Deeplands Garden Club (England)
- 2nd Grosse Pointe Park (Japan)
- 3rd Garden Club of Michigan (Canada)

2007 *Captivating Combinations*

- 1st Garden Club of Michigan
- 2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 3rd Junior League Gardeners

2008 *Celebrate the Reopening of the DIA* (Designs inspired by works of art at the DIA)

- 1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2nd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
- 3rd Deeplands Garden Club

2009 *Kaleidoscope of Color*

- 1st Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2nd The Pointe Garden Club
- 3rd Windmill Pointe Garden Club

2010 *A Century of Gardens 1910-2010* (In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Alger House)

- 1st Garden Club of Michigan
- 2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 3rd Junior League Gardeners

- 2011** ***The Earth Laughs in Flowers***
1st Grand Marais Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club
- 2012** ***Flowers, Bees and Butterflies Adrift in Color***
1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club
- 2013** ***Wedding Gardens; Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue***
1st Deeplands Garden Club
2nd Windmill Pointe Garden Club
3rd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2014** ***The Garden of Earthly Delights-Cultivating the Senses***
1st Grosse Pointe Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
3rd Garden Club of Michigan
- 2015** ***Gertrude Jekyll, a Study in Color and Design***
1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club
3rd Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club
- 2016** ***Quilts-Using Color and Texture to Create Pattern and Design***
1st The Pointe Garden Club
2nd Windmill Pointe Garden Club
3rd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club
- 2017** ***Summer of Love***
1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Park
3rd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
- 2018** ***Gardens Around the World***
1st Windmill Pointe Garden Club (Japan)
2nd Garden Club of Michigan (Brazil)
3rd Deeplands Garden Club (Italy)
- 2019** ***Secret Garden***
1st Deeplands Garden Club
2nd Garden Club of Michigan
3rd The Pointe Garden Club

2020 **Rainbow Tribute Garden** (No competition due to Covid pandemic)
A Special Garden with "Our Heartfelt Thanks" dedicated to all our frontline, health care, and essential workers who served us well during the Covid pandemic. Each garden club was assigned a color of the rainbow to plant annuals in their plot.

2021 **Shakespeare Garden**
1st Grosse Pointe Garden Club
2nd Deeplands Garden Club
3rd Garden Club of Michigan

2022 **Milestone Celebrations** (in celebration of the **Trial Gardens' 70th Anniversary**)
1st Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
2nd Grosse Pointe Garden Club
3rd Windmill Pointe Garden Club

2023 **Plants with a Purpose - Color....Texture....Fragrance....Shape**
1st Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
2nd Windmill Pointe Garden Club
3rd Deeplands Garden Club

2024 **A Butterfly Garden**
1st Grand Marais Garden Club
2nd Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden
3rd Windmill Pointe Garden Club