



MARINERS' VILLAGE GARDENING COMPETITION.

We at Mariners Village are proud of our gardens, which is predominantly a “fynbos” theme, being local and indigenous plants and shrubs. Hermanus have a variety of nurseries specialising in fynbos plants and due the water shortages from time to time, we all recommend the use of water-wise plants.

Lawns are big water guzzlers and it is now common for people all over the world to use artificial grasses and hedges. Because of pressure from owners, the committee approved a Mariners Village Garden competition with worthwhile prizes for the winning garden. The Mariners Garden Competition is intended to be to the benefit of all our villagers; to stimulate interest in and knowledge of local flora and fauna and to learn how to best improve and beautify our immediate environment at little cost to natural resources and bank balance. We already have an encouraging spirit of sharing slips, seedlings and skills; - all for the betterment of Mariners Village.

Gardens in the village will be judged bi-annually during spring and autumn times. The following criteria will be considered.

CURB APPEAL	FIRST IMPRESSION; COLOUR SCHEME; DECORATIVE FEATURES; ATTENTION TO LANDSCAPING.	
OVERALL GARDEN	NEATNESS OF GARDEN ON WHOLE ERF;- FRONT, SIDES AND REAR	
WATER WISE & LOW MAINTENANCE	WATER WISE PLANTING; INDIGENOUS FYNBOS; HEALTHY PLANTS, MULCHING AND TOP DRESSING, AS WELL AS WATER SAVING IDEAS	
GENERAL NEATNESS	WEEDING; CUTTING BACK; DEAD HEADING.	
CRITTER FRIENDLINESS	USE OF TOPDRESSING; PRESENCE OF COMPOSTING MATERIAL; LIMITED USE OF PESTICIDES; (LARVAS ARE PART OF BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE) BIRDFEEDERS, BATHS ETC. PLANTS THAT ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND BIRDS.	
GENERAL REMARK	USE OF COLOUR & OWNERS' WLLINGNESS TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND LISTEN TO ADVICE AND GARDENING TIPS	

Our recent winning garden second placed gardens

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