

Saratoga's Red Geranium Display Contest

“SARATOGA LOVES GERANIUMS, BUT GERANIUMS LOVE SARATOGA MORE.” That’s why the red geranium has been adopted as the official city flower.

In honor of the red geranium being announced as the city flower by the City Council at the Council’s March meeting, the Saratoga Village Development Council (SVDC) and the Village Gardeners have announced a citywide contest to make the public aware of this exciting endeavor and to fill the city with this lovely and colorful flower that grows so well in Saratoga.

The contest is open to all Saratoga residents. The entry’s red geranium display must be seen from the street and encompass mostly red geraniums. They can be in a garden or in pots. Creativity is encouraged.

At least one photo must accompany your entry form, which can be found on the SVDC web site at www.saratogavillage.info or hard copies of the entry form can be picked up in the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce office located at 14460 Big Basin Way (next to BofA). The contest runs from March 16th and ends on April 23rd at midnight. The winners will be announced at the Arbor Day event at West Vally College on April 29th and notified by phone. Full details of the contest are on the entry form.

The SVDC judges will be driving by the top fifteen displays from April 25-27th. With the residents permission, the photos of the top ten displays will be posted on the SVDC website (no addresses will be posted). The grand prize, second and third place winners will receive beautiful Saratoga gift baskets. Everyone who participates receives bragging rights to the contribution of beautifying our lovely city and helping us wow the judges for the America In Bloom competition.

Ace Hardware, located at 12870 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road in the Argonaut Shopping Center, is providing Saratoga residents red geraniums at a discounted price and has agreed to keep plenty of 4”, 6” and 10” pots of red geraniums in stock. Larger plants and other colors can be ordered and arrive in 2 days.

Once again, the SVDC, the Village Gardeners and the City of Saratoga have entered Saratoga in the nationwide ‘America In Bloom’ competition this year. Last year was the first year Saratoga participated and we brought home two awards. This year the judges will be here May 2nd through May 5, so this contest is timed to ‘show off’ how the geraniums love Saratoga and how our community loves Saratoga. These judges will be driven by the top five entries in the Red Geranium Display Contest and they will be posted on the cities web site (with the residents permission, but no addresses will be posted).

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