

AHS NEWS SPECIAL: America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Beautifying America's Communities



COMMUNITIES ACROSS the U.S. were recognized at America in Bloom's 2022 Symposium & Awards Ceremony, held September 29 to October 1 in St. Louis, Missouri. America in Bloom (AIB) was founded in 2001 to encourage community development through horticulture. Its national awards program judges registered communities in a number of categories, including environmental effort, urban forestry, and heritage preservation. The American Horticultural Society (AHS) has been a program partner since 2007, sponsoring the Community Involvement Outstanding Achievement Award. This year, the award was presented to Pound Ridge, New York, a town located in Westchester County about 45 miles north of Manhattan.

For a complete list of 2022 AIB award winners, visit www.americainbloom.org. You can also find information on attending next year's symposium or how to sign up your community for the 2023 AIB awards, which will be presented in September in Greenwood, South Carolina. The deadline to register is February 28, 2023.

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The AHS-sponsored Community Involvement Outstanding Achievement Award was given to the town of Pound Ridge, New York, top left. Top right: Carrie Sears of Growing Pound Ridge accepts the award during a ceremony in St. Louis. Above: Venice, Florida, received the Alive with Flowers–Sunbeam Award and the Catching Community Spirit–Digital & Social Media Communications Award. Bottom left: Logan, Ohio, received the YouTube People's Choice Award.