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Some of the most beautiful, creative and sustainable gardens in the Twin Cities will be honored at the Minneapolis Garden Awards from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 6 at Columbia Manor in Minneapolis. The annual event recognizes outstanding work in publicly visible gardens and is presented by Metro Blooms, a nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally sound gardening and landscaping practices.

The garden awards program originally started in 1983 to recognize boulevard gardens in Minneapolis but has since grown far beyond its roots. Today Metro Blooms sends scores of trained volunteer evaluators to visit as many as 2000 gardens in the metro every year, and the program recognizes a wide range of categories, including congregation gardens, edible gardens, container gardens, and residential and business raingardens, among others. This year marks the first time an award will be given for a permaculture garden.

The event will benefit Metro Blooms' supporting the evaluation and recognition of beautiful and ecologically functional landscapes. Metro Blooms partners with organizations, businesses, governments and watershed districts to encourage gardening and landscaping activities that protect the environment. One of its main initiatives is teaching people how to plant raingardens that prevent polluted stormwater from draining into lakes, rivers and wetlands.

The awards ceremony will feature light fare, music and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30.00. Advance ticket purchases are required by October 30. They are available at [www.metroblooms.org](http://www.metroblooms.org).

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### **Minneapolis Garden Awards**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Thursday November 6, 2014

**Place:** Columbia Manor at Columbia Golf Course  
3300 Central Ave. NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418