



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Mayer Calls for District-Wide Home Gardening Showcase Submissions

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**\*\*DEADLINE EXTENDED TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18\*\***

(Port Chester, NY) – Attention gardeners of New York State Senate District 37! State Senator Shelley B. Mayer is calling for submissions to Blooming in the 'Burbs; a multi-category, district-wide home garden showcase.

**Senator Shelley B. Mayer said:** “I know how much planning, ingenuity, hard work and creativity goes into every home garden, whether it fills an entire yard or blooms in pots and window boxes. Gardens are a great source of beauty, but they also contribute to the health of our community and our planet by reducing soil erosion, absorbing carbon dioxide and other pollutants, releasing oxygen, and attracting the pollinators that are so important for our food supply. I look forward to seeing your garden!”

**Residents may share photos or videos of their gardens in one or more of the following categories:**

- **Sustainable Garden:** Gardeners committed to a healthy planet can showcase their native, pollinator-friendly, pesticide-free plants and flowers.
- **Yard-to-Table Garden:** Gardeners who grow their own food can take this opportunity to show off the fruits—and vegetables, herbs and spices—of their labor.

- **Flower Garden:** Flower lovers can demonstrate their botanical skills through creative use of colors, textures and season-specific plantings.
- **Gardeners of the Future:** This category is for gardeners under age 18 to showcase their home gardens.

Submissions will be featured on Senator Mayer's Facebook and Instagram in September. The top gardens in the Sustainable Garden, Yard-to-Table Garden, and Flower Garden categories will receive an award. Each Gardener of the Future will receive a certificate.

To submit a garden, visit [bit.ly/BloomingBurbs](https://bit.ly/BloomingBurbs). Gardens must be located in Senate District 37. The deadline to enter is Monday, August 29.

For more information, call (914) 934-5250 or email [pjdegenarogov@gmail.com](mailto:pjdegenarogov@gmail.com).