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Sustainability Award to be Presented to Rapid City Garden Club

*At the Rapid City Common Council Meeting
August 7, 2023 | 6:30 PM*

The City of Rapid City's Standing Committee on Sustainability is honored to present Rapid City Garden Club with a Sustainability Award for 2023. This award is presented several times a year by the Sustainability Committee to different businesses, organizations, or individuals that contribute to the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of the community.

The Rapid City Garden Club has been contributing to the quality of life for the Rapid City residents and visitors since 1947. Their purpose is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to encourage the development and beautification of our community, to study and educate on the areas of plants materials and plant designs; and to improve the landscape and conserve the natural beauty of Rapid City and the surrounding areas.

They currently maintain three different gardens in Rapid City: Memory Lane, located behind the Monument Health Behavioral Health, The Educational Garden behind The Canyon Lake Activity Center and the last is the Butterfly Garden located in Canyon Lake Park at the entrance of the bridge for the Inland/gazebo.

The Garden Club has also made many donations on projects benefitting Rapid City and across the country, from the park benches along the City's bicycle path, to providing fragrant perennials to the South Dakota School for the Blind, and donating to the Statue of Liberty restoration. Through their efforts, they have helped Rapid City obtain several titles like Tree City, Rose City, and the latest acknowledgement of Bee City. The club also supports the SDSU Horticulture students with an annual scholarship.

The Garden Club's big fundraiser is an annual wreath sale, where the club makes and sells wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and other items to the community generating funds to support their endeavors.





The club meets at the Canyon Lake Activity Center during the colder months except for November and December when they meet at the Central States Fairgrounds to make their wreaths for the holiday season and during the warm summer months, they meet near one of their gardens for sprucing up activities and enjoying their beautiful gardens. You can follow them on Facebook.

Accepting the award for The Rapid City Garden Club at Monday's City Council meeting will be Club President Connie Hobbs along with some of the 70-plus members of the club.

About the Rapid City Sustainability Committee:

The purpose of the Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability is to encourage education, stewardship and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social and environmental sustainability. Meetings are open to the public and held at 5:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month. More information, including a Sustainability Award application form, is available at: www.rcgov.org/public-meetings/city-committees/standing-committee-on-sustainability-497.html.

