

Ocean City Beauty Spot Award Celebration
October 10, 2009



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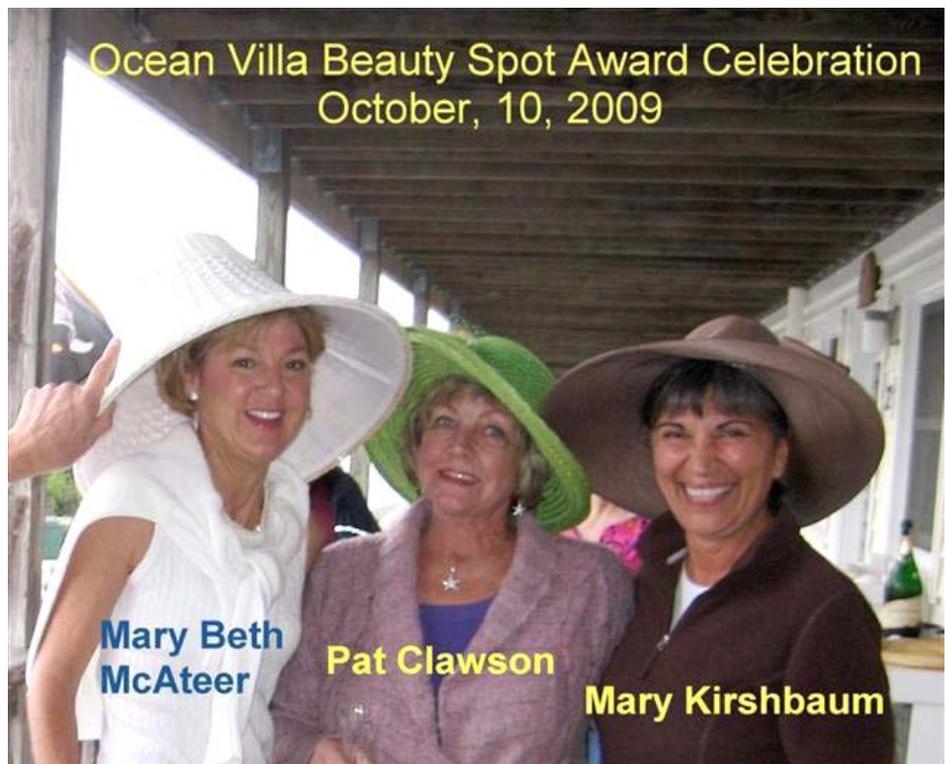
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A garden in Ocean City? Isn't that an oxymoron? After all what grows in sand besides some grasses, weeds, and a couple hardy trees and bushes? Hardly the makings of a colorful presentation of nature's possibilities! Ask anybody who has attempted to make OC green, red, yellow, purple, and pink. Failing to enhance their sandy surroundings, some folks have turned to their buildings, painting them in various hues. The Purple Pad comes to mind. And that does bring a smile. But it's not the spirit-lifting experience of seeing the earth blossom.

So with determination, some gardeners: wanna-be's (never gardened before); puttering-types (tend a little garden somewhere inland); serious (maintain a gorgeous, much-admired garden inland); and affluent (Well...they hire professionals) have decided to give OC a go. Some have been doing this for years. The Sears family, for example, has made slow travel on the highway a visual pleasure as you go by Channel Buoy Road. The Town of Ocean City, recognizing and encouraging these endeavors, formed a Beautification Committee whose job it is to recognize outstanding efforts on the part of businesses, condos and families. The results are obvious as one travels around the city.

The Ocean Villa gardeners are particularly proud to receive the award because it reflects not only many hours of digging, planting, mulching and watering, but mainly the vibrant community spirit that has grown along with the lovely flowers. Ocean City is indeed more than the sight and sound of sea and surf.

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