

The President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, today presented the annual home decoration awards in Narva.

By taking good care of their homes and improving its looks, people are simultaneously taking care of their village or town, county and, ultimately, the improvement of our country in general, said President Ilves, in extending his thanks to the owners of the beautiful homes.

"Estonia is comprised of all our contributions, and if we all share the attitude you have shown our country will become a better and more beautiful place," stated the Head of State. "Many streets in towns, shabby parks or dilapidated squares have been tidied up thanks to the example you have set."

He acknowledged the Home Decoration movement for emphasising sustainable home planning, which means emphasising energy saving and smart landscaping.

"A beautiful home is a well executed home. We all know these large private houses that were built with big bucks and are expensive to maintain. People described such extravagance quite adeptly, calling these regions "la-la land". But you can teach others how a beautiful and penny-wise approach can be fitted together," explained President Ilves.

He considered appropriate the fact that this year the awards for beautiful homes are only presented in Narva, as this town has become one of the most beautiful in Estonia in recent years. He also recommended that people from other parts of Estonia visit the new Narva promenade, for example, not to mention the University of Tartu college building and the stronghold, of course.

Apart from the 58 titles for the most beautiful homes in Estonia, the prize for the best popular sports establishment was awarded, in co-operation with the Estonia Olympics Committee, to Valgehobusemäe skiing and recreation centre in Albu. The award for the most beautiful apartment house went, in co-operation with the Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations, to Lillnurk, a housing association in Pärnu. The National Heritage Board supported the selection of the most beautiful heritage object, which was the lower lighthouse

complex of the Mitt family in Suurupi. The awards for energy-saving homes were presented to Mäe farm in Püha village on Saaremaa, Sepa 11 housing association in Valga and Lootus, a child welfare institution in Sillamäe.

This year's most beautiful homes in Estonia are:

Harju county

Home of Lüllü Römer in the town of Keila

Country house of Tuuli and Urmas Kreek in Vaela village, Kiili rural municipality

Home of Tiiu and Harald Lindeberg in Tiskre village, Harku rural municipality

Hiiumaa island

Mäki Farm of Aili and Aivo Küttem in Kopa village, Hiiu rural municipality

Metsääre farm of Maie and Uno Piili in Emmaste village, Emmaste rural municipality

Eedi farm of family Piil in Värssu village, Pühalepa rural municipality

Ida-Viru county

Home of Tiiu and Lembit Apsi in Aseri small town, Aseri rural municipality

Saka Manor in Saka village, Kohtla rural municipality

Home of Elvira Roor in the town of Narva-Jõesuu

Jõgeva county

Luuu Forrest Management School, Palamuse rural municipality
Home of Eleonora Salus and Vello Vestmann in Saare rural municipality, Vanassaare village
Home of Ene and Urmas Õunapuu in Torma small town
Most beautiful local authority: Põltsamaa town

Järva county

Home of Riina and Eduard Algepus in the town of Türi
Home of Kadri and Mart Mandri in Valgma village, Paide rural municipality
Home of family Aruste in town of Paide

Lääne county

Home of Arder and Helju Väli in Dirhami village, Noarootsi rural municipality
Home of family Meltsas in Lihula
Home of Silvi and Arvo Niitsoo in Tuudi village, Lihula rural municipality

Lääne-Viru county

Eha farm of Lilia and Jaak Koidumaa in Veltsi village, Rakvere rural municipality
Home of Kadi and Ain Inno in the small town of Sõmeru, Sõmeru rural municipality
Home of Mirjam Allikma in Kadapiku village, Kadrina rural municipality

Põlva county

Home of Piret and Urmas Jõgeva, town of Põlva
Country house of Mare and Kurmet Ossip in Leevi village, Veriora rural municipality
Summer house of Signe and Peeter Kähr in Lutsu village, Põlva rural municipality

Pärnu county

Home of family Urbel in Seljametsa village, Paikuse rural municipality
Klaara-Manni Holiday house in Randivälja village, Tori rural municipality
Surju Basic School and Surju Kindergarten in Surju village, Surju rural municipality

Rapla county

Home of Iris and Väino Rajasaare in the small town of Järvakandi, Järvakandi rural municipality
Home of Anne and Are Veski in Pukamäe village, Kohila rural municipality
Home of Milvi and Tiit Tammsaar in Raka village, Rapla rural municipality

Saaremaa island

Home of Elle and Veljo Ots in Paenase village, Muhu rural municipality
Soela Harbour in Leisi rural municipality
Tiisu Alvar of Elvi and Reet Viira in Suure-Rootsi village, Pihtla rural municipality

Tartu county

Home of Teresa Lepikov and Kaido Kroon in Issaku village, Võnnu rural municipality
Home of Margit Saar and Marek Pungar in Soinaste village, Ülenurme rural municipality
Home of Malle, Rauno and Raido Raudsepp in Voika village, Nõo rural municipality

Valga county

Home of Maire Sillaots in the town of Tõrva
Home of family Kimmel in Kaurutootsi village, Otepää rural municipality

Cemetery of Hargla Congregation of Estonian Evangelic Lutheran Church, Taheva rural municipality

Viljandi county

Home of family Mägi in the town of Suure-Jaani
Veski farm of Liivi and Aivo Jurak in Vissuvere village, Kolga-Jaani rural municipality
Kindergarten Mesimumm in the town of Viljandi

Võru county

Home of Katy Pähna's family in Meegomäe village, Võru rural municipality
Home of family Krillo in Tüütsmäe village, Lasva rural municipality
Home of Maria Mellup and Ain Vissel in Kusnetsova village, Meremäe rural municipality

Narva

Summer house of Tatjana and Pjotr Gontšarovi on Lehise Street
Promenade along River Narva
Väike Pimeaed (Small Dark Garden)

Town of Pärnu

Home of family Witkop in Pärnu
Home of family Võlmets in Pärnu
Home of family Ago in Pärnu

Tallinn

Home of Helen and Kaido Kaljumäe in Nõmme district, Tallinn

Home of Ülle and Viljar Vaht in Haabersti district, Tallinn

Home of Annika Hanson in Pirita district, Tallinn

Town of Tartu

Home of Mare Lossman in Tartu

Home of Piret and Ahti Rattasepp in Tartu

Botanical Gardens of University of Tartu

Special awards:

The best popular sports establishment

Valgehobusemäe skiing and recreation centre in Albu rural municipality, Järvamaa

The most beautiful apartment house

Housing association Lillnurk in Pärnu

The most beautiful heritage object

Suurupi lower lighthouse complex of Anne-Ly and Rene Mitt, Harku rural municipality, Harju county

Energy-saving beautiful home

Residential house: Mäe Farm in Püha village, Pihla rural municipality on Saaremaa

Apartment house: housing association Sepa 11 in Valga

Public building: child welfare establishment Lootus in town of Sillamäe, Ida-Viru county

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