YOUTH COMPETITION
OHA 114th Convention
July 2020

Host: District 10

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1. Theme: This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title “Inspired by Nature, Learning, Growing, Blooming” as a means to explore creative expression. There are no Youth classes in the Photography competition. These classes are now part of the Youth Competition.

2. Eligibility: Each exhibitor must be a OHA Youth member or a OHA Youth Club Member or leader in good standing of a Society/Club (hereafter Society) in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).

3. Entry:
   a. Each class is either “Only one entry per Club” or “Open to all OHA youth members”. The Ruby Lobban High Points Award (Class 15) is for the Youth Club with highest total point aggregate from awards in the Youth competition so no need to apply.
   b. Please provide the coordinator with an estimated list of entries on a Youth Competitions Entry Form by June 1, 2020. Please estimate high, as the number of entries help determines the space allotted for the Youth Competition.
   c. All entries must be registered with the Youth Competition Coordinator (or clerk) with the Youth Competitions Entry Form at the Convention. If the Form was previously mailed or e-mailed to the Youth Competitions Coordinator by June 1st, the Youth Competition Coordinator will make the extra copies required.
   d. Age groupings for Youth Competition Classes 1 – 9 are as follows:
      A: Born 2011-2013 (6 – 8 years)  B: Born 2008-2010 (9 – 11 years)
      C: Born 2005-2007 (12 - 14 years)  D: Born 2001-2004 (15 – 18 years)
These groupings, DO NOT apply for classes 8 - 14.
e. Each entry must have an entry tag securely attached showing:
   Exhibitor’s name, age, Youth Club, Society and District. Use your
   local Society tags. If you do not have tags available, please contact
   the Youth Competition Coordinator.
f. Dried plant material is material from which the moisture has been
   removed either naturally or by artificial means. Scarce, protected, or
   endangered native plants will be disqualified. Refer to Government of
   Ontario, Ministry of Natural Resources “Endangered Species Act at
   www.ontario.ca/speciesatrisk.
g. Entries at the Convention must be placed Thursday between 6 and 8
   p.m. or Friday between 7 and 8 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m. NO
   LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
h. Permission form must accompany EACH Youths entry- 1 per youth,
   Permission to use the youth’s name/ age /details in OHA publications.

4. Judging: Criteria vary and are outlined in the schedule. Judging and
   placements will be based on merit. Honorable Mention (HM) placements
   may be awarded at the Judge’s discretion. Judges may withhold an
   award if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy. The Judge’s decision
   is final.

5. Awards:
   Classes 1-9: OHA ribbons and cash prizes
   1st prize: $5 (5 points), 2nd prize: $4 (4 points), 3rd prize: $3 (3 points)
   HM (up to 3): $1 (1 point each)
   Classes 10-14: OHA ribbons and prizes stated below the class
   description
   Best in Show Rosette, Section B: Artistic Creativity (5 points)
   Judge’s Choice Rosette, Section C: Floral Design (5 points)

6. Viewing: All entry tags will be open at the convention.
   Friday 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
   Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

7. Return: Entry removal not permitted until after the competition is
   closed on Saturday. Entries and prizes are to be picked up
   Sunday between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. or if necessary, by special
   arrangement with the Coordinator. A signature is necessary for
   receipt of materials.
SECTION A: WRITING Open to all youth members

A & B: Class 1 and 2 - not to exceed 150 words.
C & D: Class 1 and 2 - should have a minimum of 150 words.

Judging Criteria: Subject matter 70% Neatness and spelling 30%

Class 1 I Grew it!
Growing anything for the first time can be amazing, could me a flower, vegetable or even a plant for a pollinator. In your own words, explain why growing what you did is so important, it might be for your kitchen or for a caterpillar’s tummy. You can use information from the computer/ internet generated and researched. Drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos and/or magazine/website pictures are allowed. Display in a folder with a clear cover so that title page is visible

Class 2 I Need That!
Show the plant and the insect that eats it! Explain what the partnership is, in your own words, using drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos, and/or magazine/website pictures. Give other examples of plants that fall into this category.

SECTION B: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY Open to all youth members

Judging Criteria: Interpretation of title 20% Use of appropriate material 30% Creativity 30% Neatness 20%

Best in Show Rosette to be awarded.

Class 3 Blooming Beauty
Create a seed mosaic using seeds, beans, lentils, nuts etc. on card stock. Seeds should not be painted or dyed. Not to exceed 13 cm x 18 cm (5 x 7 in.).
Class 4 Nature in my Backyard
Create flyer on 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5” x 11”) paper or card stock. Show us a special guest you may see in your own backyard. What does it eat? Describe it, does it turn into something else? Teach us some interesting facts about your garden friend. You may use drawings, computer generated or magazine photos, coloured pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints.

SECTION C: FLORAL DESIGN Open to all youth members

Accessories permitted


Judge’s Choice rosette to be awarded.

Class 5 Bloom
A pave design not to exceed 24 cm./10 in. in any direction. To ensure your design will last for the 3 days of the Convention, plant material should be conditioned. Dried material allowed.

Class 6 Fun Flowers
A Contrived arrangement, made in pie plate, Not to exceed 30 cm. (12 inches) in any direction. E.g. Paint pinecones and make into flowers, Flat or on skewer stems.

Class 7 Walk in Nature
A design using a walking shoe/boot, should include plant material found out on a walk in Nature.

SECTION D: PHOTOGRAPHY

Entries must be colour prints (unless stated otherwise). Print to be mounted not matted. Mounted size to be 5” x 7” (outside measurement). The photo
is to be no larger than 4” x 6”. The photo should contain a horticultural element. Photos with identifiable persons will be disqualified. An entry implies that the exhibitor gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the entry in any way that it designates. Ownership of the entry is retained by the exhibitor.

Class 8 Caterpillars can Fly!
2 photos mounted together showing walking and flying stages

Class 9 Visitors to my Garden
Your interpretation.

SECTION E: PLANTS

Class 10 Herbs I love                             One entry per Club; may be a combined effort.
A potted collection of herbs not to exceed 61 cm (24”) in any direction. Should contain at least 5 cultivars. Please attach names of cultivars to your entry card.


1st prize - $6; 2nd prize - $5; 3rd prize - $4 (no points), h.m. $2 (no Points)
Cash prizes donated Jane McDonald, Youth Competitions Past Youth Chair

Class 11 Weed? I think NOT    Open to all youth members
A collection of what folks think are weeds but have healing or edible properties, 2 different cultivars

Entry to be a drawing (hand or pre-drawn) on 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5” x 11”) sheet of paper. May use crayon, paint, pencil crayon, magazine pictures, etc. in any combination. Drawing should indicate the name of the plant with uses of plant.
Judging criteria: Subject matter 70%    Neatness and spelling 30%
1st prize - $6; 2nd prize - $5; 3rd prize - $4 (no points), hm $2 (no Points)
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SECTION E: FINE ARTS
Class 12 Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award – Nature is Amazing    Open to all youth members
Your vision. Any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, fiber art, etc. not to exceed 50 cm (20”) in any direction. Dry plant material is permitted.

Judging criteria: Interpretation of title 20% Creativity 20% Originality 30% Skill 30%
1st prize - $10.00 + plaque 2nd prize - $8.00 3rd prize - $6.00
Donated by Harry Wyma, Ridgetown, District 11 Director 1983-1988, OHA President 1990

Class 13 Maisie Bray Award - Phragmites
Only one entry per Club; may be a combined effort
Phragmites australis is a very common Invasive grass which has taken a firm hold in most corners of Ontario. Create a poster to include description of plant and ways to combat its spread, plus the printed name, common and botanical and some facts about this plant. It is to be composed on firm board type material e.g. Bristol board. Drawing may be coloured in any media (pen, crayon, pencil crayon, etc.).

www.invadingspecies.com/invasive-phragmites

Judging Criteria: Subject matter 70% Neatness and spelling 30%
1st prize - $10.00 2nd prize - $8.00 3rd prize - $6.00
Donated by Maisie Bray, Lion’s Head, District 8 Director 1978 – 1983
SECTION F: SPECIAL AWARDS AND COMPETITION FOR YOUTH CLUB LEADERS

Class 14 Ruby Bryan Award  Only one entry per Club
In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2019 Calendar Year or School Year. This should include a pictorial and illustrated description and narrative about specific subjects, meetings and projects. There is no limitation to the size. May be done by Youth Club leader. On the entry tag, please state “Calendar or School” year.
Judging criteria: On content only, not as a scrap-booking project
1st prize - $10.00  2nd prize - $8.00  3rd prize - $6.00
Donated by Ruby Bryan, Englehart, District 12 Director 1964–1969, OHA President 1972

Class 15 Ruby Lobban High Points Award
This award is based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club from awards in the Youth competition.
1st prize - $15.00 2nd prize - $10.00  3rd prize - $5.00
In memory of Ruby Lobban, a member of the Owen Sound Horticultural Society, and District 8 Assistant Director, 1970-83.

Class 16 The Frances Lemke Award.  Only one entry per Club
For the Youth Club that has been the most active and innovative in the previous Calendar Year or School Year. To enter, fill out an entry tag (please state “Calendar or School”) and attach to the Youth Activity Report. Deadline June 1, 2020. Mail to Catherine McGill, Youth Coordinator, Ontario Horticultural Association, 303 Morrison Dr, Caledonia, On, N3W1A2
Sponsored by the Past Presidents’ Council In memory of Frances Lemke. Award: $25