



**YOUTH COMPETITION
OHA 115th Convention
July 12-14, 2024**

Host: District 7 & 8 - Guelph

Theme: “The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing”

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1. **Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title: “**The Heartland of Gardens growing and Rivers Flowing**” as a means to explore creative expression. There are no Youth classes in the general Photography competition. These classes are now part of the Youth Competition.
2. **Eligibility:** Each exhibitor must be an OHA Youth member or an 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 8, 9) 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**. Please estimate high, as the number of entries helps determine the space allotted for the Youth Competition.
 - c. Age groupings for Youth Competition Classes are as follows:

A: Born 2016-2018 (6 – 8 years)	B: Born 2013-2015 (9 – 11 years)
C: Born 2010-2014 (12-14 years)	D: Born 2006-2009 (15 – 18 years)

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.

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.

- d. Entries at the Convention must be placed Thursday between 6:00 - 8:00 pm or Friday between 7:00 - 8:00 am. Judging starts at 9:30 am. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
 - e. Permission form must accompany EACH Youth's entry- 1 per youth, Permission to use the youth's name/ age /details in OHA publications.
Found on the Gardenontario web site under Youth permissions and waivers.
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 - 5: 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 6 - 9: 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 for viewing at the convention.
Friday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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 am or if necessary, by special arrangement with the Chair. A signature is necessary for receipt of materials if not picked up by leader.

Note: No dried or fresh Marijuana plants allowed as per Ontario law - it is illegal to transport unless you are a registered grower.

SECTION A: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY.

Open to all youth members. No Age grouping.

Sponsored by Don Matthews, OHA Past President 1989-1999

Judging Criteria: Interpretation of title 20%

Use of appropriate material 30% Creativity 30%

Neatness 20%

1st prize: \$5 (5 points), 2nd prize: \$4 (4 points),

3rd prize: \$3 (3 points)

HM (up to 3) \$1 (1 point each)

Best in Show (Class 1 & 2) - Rosette.

Class 1. Blooming along the waters

Create a picture using fresh and/or dried material. e.g., You might paint a scene and add texture or blooms to enhance your picture.

Not to exceed 13 cm x 18 cm (5" x 7").

Class 2. Heartland full of crops

Create a flyer on 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5" x 11") paper or card stock. Show us the crop grown in Ontario and what you make from that crop. You may use drawings, computer generated or magazine photos, coloured pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR YOUTH MEMBERS

Following Classes are NOT age separated so no age code required.

Class 3 – 7 are open classes for all youth members (no age categories). Prize amounts awarded to individuals.

SECTION B - NATURE DRAWING - Open to all youth members

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

1st prize - \$6;

2nd prize - \$5;

3rd prize - \$4 (no points),

HM \$2 (no Points)

Class 3. River's Edge

Create a drawing of a **collection** of plants that many think are weeds but are native to your area. Minimum of 3 different cultivars, E.g., Milkweed, Goldenrod, Ragweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Dock, Cat tail. Drawing may be hand-drawn or pre-drawn on a 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5" X 11") sheet of paper, using crayon, paint, pencil crayon, magazine pictures, etc. in any combination. It should indicate the names and uses of the plants.

SECTION C: PHOTOGRAPHY- Open to all OHA youth members

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.

William D. Clingersmith Youth Photography Award (classes 4 & 5)

Awarded to the youth whose photograph has been chosen to have the best photograph across all youth photography.

1st prize - \$6; 2nd prize - \$5; 3rd prize - \$4 (no points),
HM \$2 (no Points) with \$20 award & Best in Show (Class 4 & 5) – Rosette

In memory of William Clingersmith- who is responsible for introducing me to nature and the outdoors, and always encouraged my work with the OHA. Kelly Clingersmith-Taylor, OHA Secretary.

Class 4. Bridge over water

Photo showing any type of bridge.

Class 5. I Grew that!

Your interpretation, named plant.

SECTION D: FINE ARTS

Class 6. Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award – Nature is Amazing Open to all OHA youth members

Your vision. Any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, fiber art, etc. Entry 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 2nd prize - \$8.00 3rd prize - \$6.00
Donated by Harry Wyma, Ridgeway,
District 11 Director 1983-1988, OHA President 1990

Class 7. Ruby Lobban High Points Awards

Open to all OHA youth members

This award is based on the highest point aggregate from awards in the OHA Youth competition.

1st prize - \$15.00

2nd prize - \$10.00

3rd prize - \$5.00

Memory of Ruby Lobban, a member of the Owen Sound Horticultural Society, and District 8 Assistant Director, 1970-83.

Class 8. Maisie Bray Award - Golden Rod

Only one entry per Club; may be a combined effort.

Golden Rod gets a bad rap as an allergen, but not true! Include the common and botanical name (printed), and some facts about this plant, including some edible uses and recipes. It is used as tea, made into jelly and creams in floral arrangements, and is an important food for fall pollinators.

The drawing is to be composed on firm board type material e.g., Bristol board. It may be coloured in any media (pen, crayon, pencil crayon, etc.).

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 E: SPECIAL AWARDS - Club award – Club Scrapbook

Class 9. Ruby Bryan Award - Only one entry per Club

In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2023 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: Subject matter 70% Neatness and Spelling 30%

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