



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
OHA 115th Convention
July 20-23, 2023

Host: District 2

Theme: "Rock Your Garden World"

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to other competitions through the class title "Rock your Garden World".
2. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to members in good standing of a Society/Club (hereafter society) In Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
3. **Entry:**
 - a. Entries are to be emailed or mailed to the Coordinator and postmarked no later than May 1st.
 - b. Each entry must have an entry tag attached with class number, class title, exhibitors name, address, telephone number, society and district. The entry tag should be taped or stapled to the bottom right corner of the page and the entry. If no entry tag is available, please include all of the information on a piece of paper/electronic MS Word file and the Coordinator will fill in the entry card and attach it for you. A self addressed, stamped envelope can be included so the printed copy along with judge's comments can be returned. Electronic postal stamp not acceptable.
 - c. Entries can also be emailed to the Coordinator as an attachment in MS Word so that a confirmation email can be sent to acknowledge receipt of entry.
 - d. The submission of an entry implies that the exhibitor gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the entry in an way that it designates. For example, winning entries may be read at the convention. Ownership of the content is retained by the exhibitor.
 - e. Each exhibitor is allowed only one entry per class. All entries must be fresh, original and not previously published.
 - f. Entries are to be typed on white, letter-size (216 mm x 279 mm; 8.5" x 11.0") paper or in MS Word in 12 font Times-New Roman (if possible) with no distinguishing features. (e.g. DO NOT have your name printed on your entry)
 - g. Reasonable security will be supplied but the OHA assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
4. **Judging:** Class placements based on merit as follows:
Interpretation of the title 20% Creativity 20% Originality 30% Skill 30%
"Honorable Mention" (HM) Awarded at the judge's discretion. "Best in Show: based on merit and selected from the entries placing 1st. "Judge's Choice" is based on the judge's recognition of an entry that is notable in some aspect. Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy. The judge's decision is final.

5. **Awards:** OHA ribbons and cash prizes.
1st prize: \$10 2nd prize: \$8 3rd prize: \$6 HM \$2
Best In Show- Rosette, \$20 and certificate with exhibitors name
Judges Choice- Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary)
6. **Viewing:** All entries will be displayed with tags open. Friday 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
7. **Return:** All entries must be left in place until after the competition closes on Saturday evening.
Pick up of entries and prizes is on **Sunday between 7:30- 8:30 am.**

Should you not be in attendance on Sunday, please make arrangements in advance with the Coordinator to pick up your entries earlier. (However, prizes will not be available at this time) You can reach the Coordinator on her cell at (807) 627-8971 to make these arrangements. A signature is required for receipt of all entries. Return by mail **ONLY** with a stamped, self-addressed envelope which was included with the entry. Electronic postal stamps are not acceptable.

CLASS 1: A SONG: Create a song using the tune of another song and your own wording. Please name the tune and create lyrics related to the theme. "Like a rock".

CLASS 2: FREE VERSE POEM: Write a poem related to the convention theme "Rock your garden world". Poem should be a minimum of 8 lines long.

CLASS 3: NARRATIVE: Write about "Your garden paradise" - 500-600 words. Double spaced.