



**YOUTH COMPETITION  
OHA 115<sup>th</sup> Convention  
July 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

*Keeping Ontario Beautiful*

**Host: District 2**

**Theme: ROCK YOUR GARDEN WORLD**

**Coordinator: Lianne Krane and Karen Redmond**

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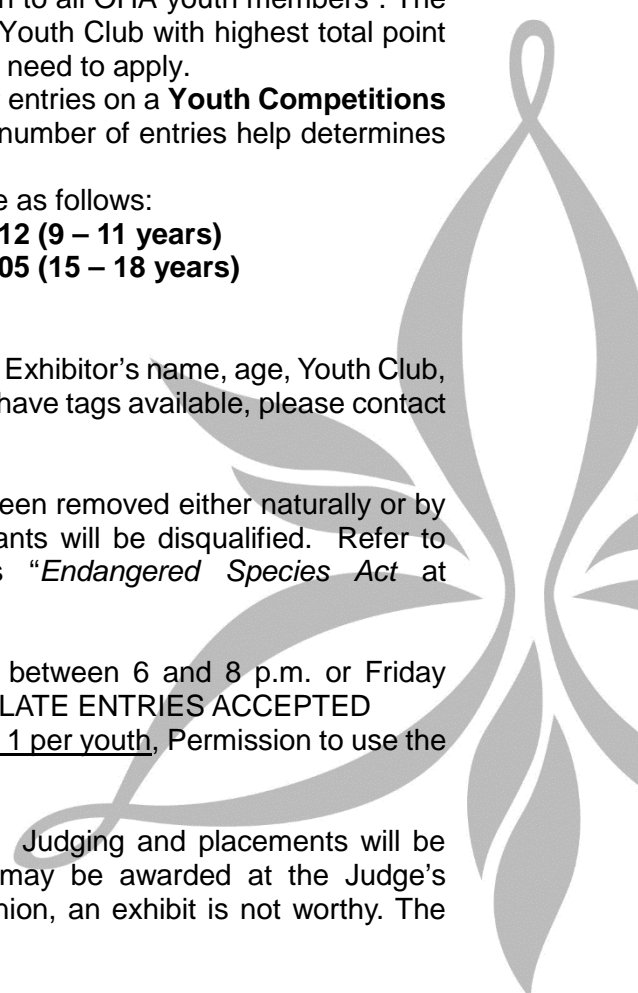
**Email:** youth@gardenontario.org

1. **Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title: **“Rock your garden world”** 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 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**. Please estimate high, as the number of entries help determines the space allotted for the Youth Competition.
  - c. Age groupings for Youth Competition Classes 1 – 7 are as follows:  
**A: Born 2017-2015 (6 – 8 years)    B: Born 2014-2012 (9 – 11 years)**  
**C: Born 2011-2009 (12-14 years)    D: Born 2008-2005 (15 – 18 years)**  
These groupings DO NOT apply for classes 8- 14.

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](http://www.ontario.ca/speciesatrisk).

- d. 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**
  - e. 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  
1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$5 (5 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$4 (4 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 for viewing.  
Friday 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 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: WRITING Open to all youth members**

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

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

**Class 1 – Grounded by soil**

Growing anything can be amazing, some vegetables & fruit may need a pollinator. In your own words, explain why growing what you did was fun, and how a pollinator helped or hindered; 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 – Solid partnership**

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

**SECTION B: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY. Open to all youth- Sponsored by Don Matthews, OHA Past President 1989-1990**

Judging Criteria: Interpretation of title 20%  
Use of appropriate material 30%  
Creativity 30% Neatness 20%  
1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$5 (5 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$4 (4 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$3 (3 points)  
HM (up to 3) \$1 (1 point each)  
Best in Show Rosette



### **Class 3 - Rocking the blooms**

Create a picture using fresh and/or dried material. E.g. You might paint a scene and add texture or blooms to help with the story. Not to exceed 13 cm x 18 cm (5" x 7").

### **Class 4 - Crop circle**

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.

## **SECTION C: FLORAL DESIGN    Open to all youth members**

Accessories permitted

Judging Criteria: In accordance with the *Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards (OJES) for Horticulture and Floral Design (Second Edition 2019 edition)*. Copies can be purchased from the OHA; order form on-line at <http://www.gardenontario.org/shop/index/php>.

Judge's Choice rosette to be awarded.

### **Class 5 - Pebbles n Seeds**

A single flower made of contrived material. E.g. cotton balls, seeds, pinecones, contrived materials such as dried orange peel. Finished flower may be painted.

### **Class 6 - Herbs are the foundation of the recipe**

3 different herbs in tubes with names listed

### **Class 7 - Firm footsteps**

A collection (min 3) plants in vase; should include plant material found out on a walk in Nature. Dried, Fresh, Combo any or all allowed. Named.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS FOR YOUTH MEMBERS**

**Class 8- 11 are** Open classes for all youth members (no age categories)  
Prize amounts awarded to individuals, prizes described with each class.

**Following Classes are NOT age separated so No age code required.**

### **Class 8 – Start of time                      Open to all youth members**

A collection of what many think are weeds but are commonly found in your area, Minimum 3 different cultivars, E.g. Milkweed, Goldenrod, Ragweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Dock, Cat tail.

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%

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$6;

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$5;

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$4 (no points),

HM \$1 (no Points)

**SECTION D: PHOTOGRAPHY    Open to all 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 9 & 10)***

All age classes are eligible. Awarded to the youth who has been chosen to have the best photograph across all youth photography classes. \$20 award & Best in Show 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 Taylor, OHA Secretary.

**Class 9 - Rocks are cool**

1 photo showing any type of rock formation.

**Class 10 - Field stone**

Your interpretation.

**SECTION E: FINE ARTS**

**\*Changes in Award-no longer receives a plaque**

**Class 11 - Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award – Rocky road ahead**

**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%
1 <sup>st</sup> prize - \$10.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - \$8.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> prize - \$6.00	

Donated by Harry Wyma, Ridgetown  
District 11 Director 1983-1988, OHA President 1990

**SECTION F: HORTICULTURE**

**Open to all OHA youth members \* Changed to open class**

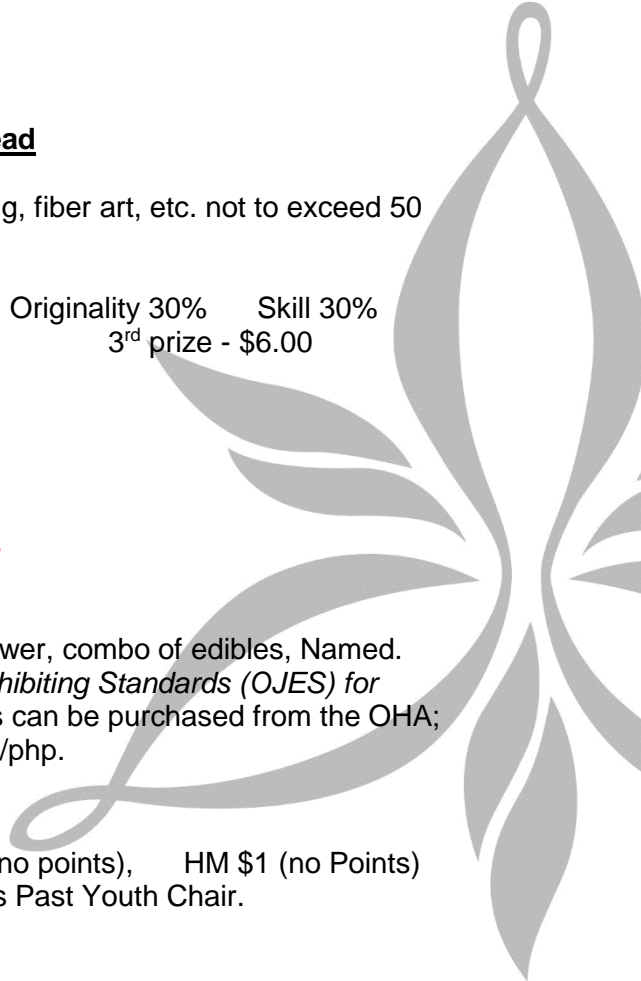
***Class 12 - Past Youth Chair Awards***

Pot/planter of Edibles, 3 varieties minimum, could be herb, flower, combo of edibles, Named.

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1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$6;                      2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$5;                      3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$4 (no points),                      HM \$1 (no Points)

Cash prizes donated by Catherine McGill, Youth Competitions Past Youth Chair.



**Class 13 - 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.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$15.00                      2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$10.00                      3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$5.00

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

**Class 14 - Maisie Bray Award - Golden Rod**

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

**\* Changed to open class**

Golden Rod gets a bad rap as an allergen but not true! Please include the printed name, common and botanical and some facts about this plant including some edible uses and recipes. It is used as tea, made into jelly and creams, as well as in floral arrangements and huge food for fall pollinators. 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](http://www.invadingspecies.com/invasive-phragmites)

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

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$10.00                      2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$8.00                      3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$6.00

In memory of Maisie Bray, Lion's Head, District 8 Director 1978 – 1983

**SECTION G: SPECIAL AWARDS - Club award**

**Class 15 - Ruby Bryan Award    Only one entry per Club**

In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2 years of Covid 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:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$10.00                      2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$8.00                      3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$6.00

Donated by Ruby Bryan, Englehart, District 12 Director 1964–1969, OHA President 1972

