



**ARTS COMPETITION**  
**118th OHA Convention**  
**July 24-26, 2026**

**Host: District 4 & 17**

**Theme: "Gardening for Life"**

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

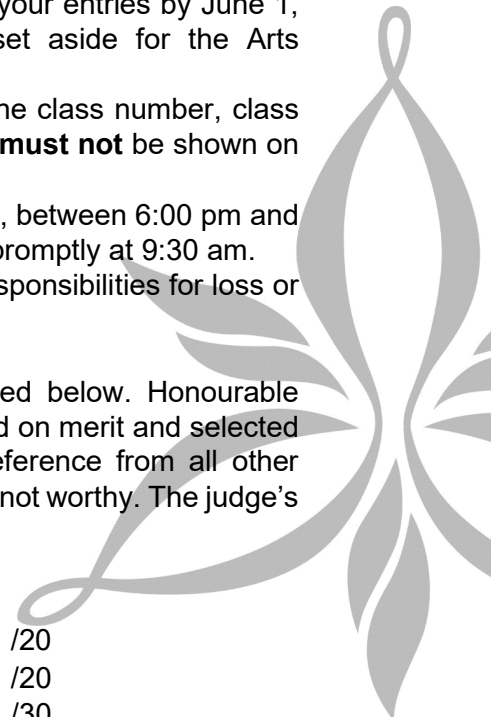
1. **Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the theme "**Gardening for Life**" to explore creative expression.
2. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to members In Good Standing of a Society/Club (hereafter Society) In Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
3. **Entry:**
  - a. Exhibitors may enter any number of classes but may only have one exhibit per class.
  - b. Exhibitors must provide the Coordinator with an estimated list of your entries by June 1, 2026. The number of entries help to determine the space set aside for the Arts Competition.
  - c. Each entry must have an entry tag securely attached showing: the class number, class title, Society, District, and exhibitor's name. The exhibitor's name **must not** be shown on the front of the exhibit.
  - d. Entries at the convention must be placed Thursday, July 23, 2026, between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm or Friday between 7:00 am and 8:00 am. Judging starts promptly at 9:30 am.
  - e. Reasonable security will be supplied but the OHA assumes no responsibilities for loss or damage.
4. **Judging:** Class placements based on the judging criteria specified below. Honourable Mention (HM) awarded at the judge's discretion. "Best in Show" based on merit and selected from entries placing 1st. "Judge's Choice" based on personal preference from all other entries. Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy. The judge's decision is final.

**Judging Criteria**

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| • Creativity and Originality     | /20 |
| • Interpretation of Class Title  | /20 |
| • Technique and Craftsmanship    | /30 |
| • Composition and Overall Design | /30 |

5. **Awards:** OHA ribbon and cash prize:    1st \$10                      2<sup>nd</sup> \$8                      3<sup>rd</sup> \$6                      HM \$2  
Best in Show – Rosette  
Judge's Choice – Rosette

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6. **Viewing:** All entries will be displayed with tags open at the convention.  
The show will be open on Friday and Saturday during hours posted at the convention.
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 coordinator

**Class 1 A Child's Garden**

A painting interpreting the title using any medium, e.g. oil, acrylic, watercolour. Framed. Not to exceed 30.5cm x 40.6cm (12" x 16"), including the frame.

**Class 2 A Community Garden**

A pencil or charcoal drawing interpreting the title. Framed. Not to exceed 30.5cm x 40.6cm (12" x 16"), including the frame.

**Class 3 The Colours of the Garden**

A fibre art of any type e.g. quilted or appliqued or embroidered fabric, needle-felting, crochet, knitting, macrame. Or any combination of the above. Accessories may be used. Not to exceed 30.5cm x 40.6cm (12" x 16").

**Class 4 The Changing Light in the Garden**

A glass art of any type, e.g. stained-glass panel, sculpture from glass objects, glass mosaic. Not to exceed combined dimensions of width and height total 100cm (39").

**Class 5 The Music of the Garden**

A metal art, e.g. sculpture, signage, wind chimes, wind vane. Not to exceed combined dimensions of width and height total 100cm (39").

**Class 6 Birds in the Garden**

A paper art, e.g. greeting card, folded paper, bookmark, notepad, stationery. Not to exceed 30.5cm x 30.5cm (12" x 12").

**Class 7 My Garden Memories**

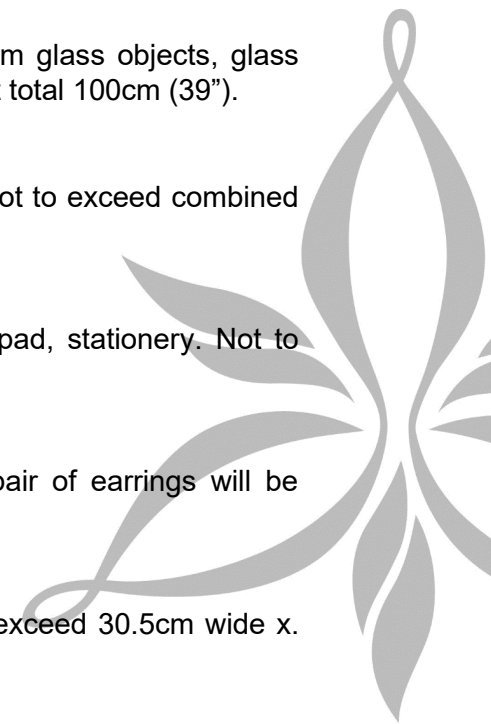
Any piece of handmade jewellery of any material. (Note: A pair of earrings will be considered one piece).

**Class 8 Flora and/or Fauna of the Forest**

A wood art of any type, e.g. carving, intarsia, abstract. Not to exceed 30.5cm wide x. 30.5cm deep x 50cm high (12" x 12" x 20").

**Class 9 Perennials**

A painted or wrapped rock. Not to exceed 30.5cm x 30.5cm (12" x 12").





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