



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

GardenOntario (113th) Convention

July 19-21, 2019

Host: District 11

“Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows”

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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 class title “*Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows*” to explore creative expression and stimulate viewing interest.
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 **mailed** to the coordinator and **postmarked no later than June 1**.
 - b. Each entry must have an entry tag attached with class number, class title, exhibitor’s name, address, telephone number, society and district. The entry tag should be taped or stapled to the bottom right corner of the entry. If no entry tag is available, please include all information on a piece of paper and the coordinator will fill in the entry card and attach for you. If needed, an entry tag template is available on the OHA website. A self-addressed, stamped envelope can be included so the printed copy of the entry can be returned along with the judge’s comments. Electronic postal stamp not acceptable.
 - c. Entries should also be **emailed** to the coordinator as an attachment in MS Word so that a confirmation email can be sent to acknowledge receipt of the entry.
 - d. Given the Society Award for highest aggregate points across all adult competitions, an exhibitor should enter with only one society affiliation.
 - e. The submission of an entry implies that the exhibitor gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the entry in any way that it designates. For example, winning entries may be read at the convention. Ownership of the content is retained by the exhibitor.
 - f. Each exhibitor is allowed only one entry per class. All entries must be fresh, original, and not previously published.
 - g. Entries are to be typed on white, letter-size (216 mm x 279 mm; 8.5” x 11.0”) paper in 12 font Times New Roman (if possible) with no distinguishing features.
 - h. Reasonable security will be supplied but the OHA assumes no responsibilities for loss or damage.
4. **Judging:** Class placements based on merit as follows:
Interpretation of title 20% Creativity 20% Originality 30% Skill 30%
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.
5. **Awards:** OHA placement ribbon and cash prize - 1st \$10 2nd \$8 3rd \$6 HM \$2
Best in Show–Rosette, \$20 & certificate with exhibitor’s name
Judge’s Choice – Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Doug Culbert)
Points will be given and summed across adult competitions to award a \$100 prize to the society with the highest point aggregate based on:
1st (5 points) 2nd (4) 3rd (3) HM (2) Entry (1) Best in Show (5) Judge’s Choice (5)
6. **Viewing:** All entries will be displayed with tags open. Winning entries may be read.
The show will be open: Friday 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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7. **Return:** All entries must be left in place until after the competition closes on Saturday evening. Pick up is on Sunday between 8:00-9:00 a.m. Should you not plan to be in attendance on Sunday, please make arrangement with the Coordinator to pick up your entry earlier. You can reach the Coordinator on her cell at 807-627-8971 to make those arrangements. A signature is necessary for receipt of materials. Return by mail ONLY if a stamped, self-addressed envelope was included with the entry. Electronic postal stamp 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 “*Field of Dreams*”.

Class 2 Free Verse Poem – Write a poem related to the convention theme “*Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows*” Should be at least 8 lines long.

Class 3 Narrative - Write about “*Pollinators in your garden*”. 500-600 words, double spaced.

