



YOUTH COMPETITION
111th Convention
July 21-23, 2017
Sheraton Parkway Convention Centre
Richmond Hill, ON

Host: District 5 – “Green From Shore To Shore”

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1. This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title “Perfect Partners” as a means to explore creative expression. There are also Youth classes in the Photography competition.
2. Each exhibitor must be a Youth member or a Youth Club leader in good standing of a Society/Club (hereafter Society) in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
3. Each class is either “Only one entry per Club” or “Open to all 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.
4. Please provide the coordinator with an estimated list of entries on a Youth Competitions Entry Form by June 15, 2016. Please estimate high, as the number of entries help determines the space allotted for the Youth Competition.
5. All entries must be registered with the Youth Competition Coordinator (or clerk) with the Youth Competitions Entry Form at the Convention. If the Form was previously mailed or e-mailed to the Youth Competitions Coordinator by June 1st, the Youth Competition Coordinator will make the extra copies required.
6. Age groupings for Youth Competition Classes 1 – 7 are as follows:
Junior: 6– 8 year 9 – 11 years Senior: 12 – 14 years 15 – 18 years
These groupings, DO NOT apply for classes 8-14.
7. 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.
8. 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 .
9. Entries at the Convention must be placed Thursday between 6-8 p.m. or Friday between 7- 8 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**
10. Judging criteria vary and are outlined in the schedule. Judging and placements will be based on merit. Honourable Mention (HM) placements may be awarded at the Judge’s discretion. The Judge’s decision is final.
11. Awards:
Classes 1-9: OHA ribbons and cash prizes

1st prize	\$6 (5 points)	2nd prize	\$5 (4 points)
3rd prize	\$4 (3 points)	4th prize	\$3 (2 points)
5th prize	\$2 (1 point)	HM	\$0 (0 points)

Classes 10-15: 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)
12. Public Viewing:
Friday 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
13. No removal is permitted until after the competition is closed on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Entries and prizes are to be picked up Sunday between 7-9 a.m. or if necessary, by special arrangement with the Coordinator. A signature is necessary for receipt of materials.

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SECTION A: WRITING Open to all youth members

Junior: Class 1 and 2 – Ages 6 to 8 and 9 to 11 - not to exceed 150 words.

Senior: Class 1 and 2 - Ages 12 to 14 and 15 to 18 - should have a minimum of 150 words.

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

Class 1: “Perfect Partners”

Insect pollinators can include a variety of organisms such as bees, flies, butterflies and moths, wasps, and beetles. Pollinators and flowering plants need each other.

Choose a pollinator and a flower, shrub or tree and show why they are “Perfect Partners”. To be composed in your own words; information may be 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

See: <http://www.feedthebees.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/A-Landowners-Guide-to-Conserving-Native-Pollinators-in-Ontario.pdf>

Class 2: “Think Green”

A poem at least 8 lines to be presented on a 22cm x28cm (8.5”x11”) piece of paper or card stock and enhanced with drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos, and/or magazine/website pictures.

SECTION B: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY Open to all youth members

Judging Criteria:	Interpretation of title	20%	Use of appropriate material	30%
	Creativity	30%	Neatness	20%

Best in Show Rosette to be awarded.

Class 3: “Happy Sesquicentennial Canada!”

Create a birthday card using dried pressed plant material to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday. Dyed plant material is not allowed.

See <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1342792785740>

Class 4: “Drought Tolerant”

Create a flyer on 22cm x 28cm (8.5” x 11”) paper or card stock advertising at least 4 drought tolerant plants, shrubs or trees suitable for planting in District 5. Include name of plant and basic growing conditions (i.e. sun/shade, soil conditions etc.). You may use drawings, computer generated or magazine photos, coloured pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints to complete your picture.

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 (2003, reprinted 2007, 2010, and 2012). Copies can be purchased from the OHA; order form on-line at <http://www.gardenontario.org/shop/index/php>.

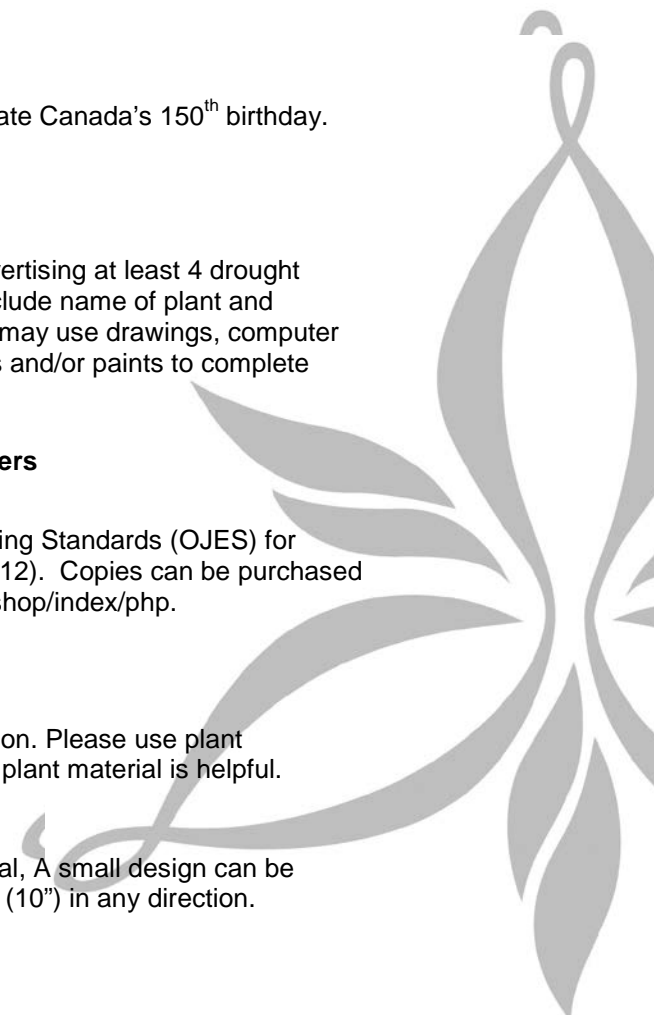
Judge’s Choice rosette to be awarded.

Class 5: “Reduce”

A miniature design, not to exceed 12.7 cm. (5 inches) in any direction. Please use plant material that will last over the time of the Convention. Conditioning plant material is helpful.

Class 6: “Re-use”

A small design in a re-purposed container, using dried plant material, A small design can be 13.9 cm – 25.4 cm (5 ½ - 10 inches) but must not exceed 24.4 cm. (10”) in any direction.



Class 7: “Re-cycle”

A parallel design, not to exceed 30cm (12”) in any direction.

SECTION D: PLANTS

Cash prizes donated by Anna Peterson, St. Mary’s, District 10 Director, 2005-2010

Class 8: “Herb Garden” One entry per Club; may be a combined effort

Create an herb garden in a suitable container not larger than 50cm (20”) in any direction.

Should contain at least 5 cultivars. Please attach names of cultivars to your entry card.

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Class 9: “My Favourite Herb” Open to all youth members

A drawing/photo of your favourite herb with a recipe that includes that herb in the ingredients. For example: “Dill” with a recipe for a dill dip or cheese and dill bread.

Entry to be a drawing (hand or pre-drawn) on 22cm x 28cm (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 in the title or in a line at the bottom of the picture.

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

SECTION E: FINE ARTS**Class 10: Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award - “Xeriscaping” Open to all youth members**

Your interpretation. Should have a horticultural element. Any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, fiber art, etc. not to exceed 50cm (20”) in any direction. Dry plant material is permitted.

Dictionary.com defines “Xeriscaping” as: Environmental design of residential and park land using various methods for minimizing the need for water.

Judging criteria: Interpretation of title 20% Creativity 20% Originality 30% Skill 30%
1st prize - \$10.00 + plaque 2nd prize - \$8.00 3rd prize - \$6.00

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

Class 11: Maisie Bray Award - “Milkweed”**Only one entry per Club; may be a combined effort**

This plant can be found throughout the Oak Ridges Moraine which is an environmentally sensitive area within District 5. Create a poster to include the entire plant, and root, plus the printed name, including common and botanical name and some facts about this plant. 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.).

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 F: SPECIAL AWARDS AND COMPETITION FOR YOUTH CLUB LEADERS**Class 12: Ruby Bryan Award Only one entry per Club**

In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2016 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: On content only, not as a scrap-booking project

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

Class 13: Frances Lemke Award Only one entry per Club Pre-Judged

A \$25 award to the Youth Club that has been the most active and innovative in the previous Calendar Year or School Year. To enter, fill out the entry form, entry tag (please state "Calendar or School") and attach to the Youth Activity Report.

Sponsored by the Past Presidents' Council In memory of Frances Lemke

Class 14: Ruby Lobban High Points Award

This award is based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club from awards in the Youth competition.

1st prize - \$15.00 2nd prize - \$10.00 3rd prize - \$5.00

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

See Photographic Competition Schedule for Youth classes, classifications and requirements.

Due date: See Photography competition schedule

YOUTH CLASSES a) ages 6-11 b) ages 12-17

Class 12 a & b) Garden Visitors

Class 13 a & b) Tree Leaves