



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

GardenOntario (112th) Convention

July 27-29, 2018

Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston, ON

Host: District 3 Theme: "Shore to Shield"

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title "The Old Apple Tree" to explore creative expression and stimulate viewing interest.
- 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).
- Entry:**
 - Entries are to be **mailed** to the coordinator and **postmarked no later than June 1**.
 - 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 upper left corner of the entry. 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.
 - 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.
 - Given the Society Award for highest aggregate points across all adult competitions, an exhibitor should enter with only one society affiliation.
 - 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.
 - Each exhibitor is allowed only one entry per class. All entries must be fresh, original, and not previously published.
 - 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.
 - Reasonable security will be supplied but the OHA assumes no responsibilities for loss or damage.
- 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.
- Awards:** OHA placement ribbon and cash prize - 1st \$10 2nd \$8 3rd \$6 HM \$2
Best in Show—Rosette, \$20 & plaque engraved with exhibitor's name
Judge's Choice – Rosette and \$20 (Donated by District 3)
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)
- 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.
- Return:** Entry removal not permitted until after the competition is closed on Saturday. Entries and prizes are to be picked up Sunday between 7:30-8:30 a.m. or if necessary, by special arrangement with the Coordinator. 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** – “**Gardening Rocks**”- Name the tune and create
- Class 2** **Free Verse Poem** – Using the Convention Theme: From Shore to Shield. Should be at least 8 lines long.
- Class 3** **Narrative** - Write about “*The Old Apple Tree*”. 500-600 words, double spaced.

