

GREAT GARDENS CONTEST entry form

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania are sponsoring the second annual Great Gardens contest for gardeners living in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE(Daytime)

E-MAIL

NON-PROFESSIONAL

PROFESSIONAL

CONTEST RULES and RESTRICTIONS

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette may publish the name, photographs and any information provided with entries, in print and on the Internet, including any advertising and promotion.

Winners must sign a statement that they have fully complied with the rules and terms outlined. In this, the winners of the amateur gardening category must state that the design of their garden was done by a nonprofessional.

Only the homeowner or tenant may enter his or her garden in the contest. Employees of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette or Western

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society are disqualified from entering the contest, as are members of their immediate families. The judging panel is made up of local gardening experts, designers and garden writers.

One entry per household per year.

PRIZES:

Our six winners will receive a one-year membership to the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania and two tickets per winner to the Horticultural Society's annual (2005) Garden Tour. Our top winners will receive a gift certificate to Chapon's Greenhouse.

There are two categories of competition. The first is for gardens designed and created without professional help. The second is for those that have had professional design help, meaning its owners have paid someone else to design all or part of the garden. A grand prize and two honorable mentions will be awarded in each category.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Send us five to 10 photographs, 4" x 6" only, of your garden. Sorry, we cannot return the photos nor can we accept digital images or slides. Include your name and address on the back of each photo. Entries must be postmarked by June 28. Send your photos, entry forms and the description mentioned below to Great Gardens Contest, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 34 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. We will visit the semi-finalist gardens, and then notify the top winners by July 23.
2. In 120 words or less, describe to us why you think your garden is great. Consider factors such as how well you've used the available space, your plant selection, creative solutions for problem areas, your gardening experience and some of your possible goals for the garden. Include any other information you think is important for judges to know. Please include at the top of your essay which category, Nonprofessional or Professional, you are entering.

Questions, comments or concerns can be directed to PG Gardening Editor Susan Banks (412-263-1516 or sbanks@post-gazette.com) or Homes Editor Kevin Kirkland (412-262-1978 or kkirkland@post-gazette.com).

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