



Youth Contests 2020-21



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POETRY CONTEST: Theme: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries" Embrace your creativity through writing poetry. Explore different types of poetry and express your thoughts and ideas. Use your imagination and join the winners to see your poetry in print!

ELIGIBILITY: 1) General Education - Kindergarten through 9th Grade

2) Special Education & English as a Second Language - K-9

CONTEST RULES: <http://gardenclub.org/youth/poetry-contest.aspx>

1. All entries must be typed and titled.

2. Include name, address, age, grade and school of participant on the back of the entry.

3. Sponsoring A&M Garden Club and Texas Garden Club must be listed on the back of the entry.

4. All entries become property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

5. Poems do not have to rhyme.

6. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick or Haiku.

7. The theme should not be used as the title to any poetry.

JUDGING: Scale of Points - Title 10, Content 40, Creativity 30, Style 20.

NATIONAL AWARD: First Place (each grade, each division) receives Certificate of Commendation.

The winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

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U.S. FORESTRY SMOKEY BEAR OR WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST:

Theme: Smokey Bear - "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires"

Theme: Woodsy Owl - "Lend A Hand - Care for the Land"

Original drawing of Smokey Bear (SB) or Woodsy Owl (WO) that shows understanding of fire prevention or basic environmental conservation with theme.

ELIGIBILITY: Students 1st - 5th grades. Also Special Education students. Top

Prizes: round-trip air & hotel for four to Washington, DC; \$50 to each grade.

CONTEST RULES: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/smokey-bear-poster-contest.aspx>

1. Size 11" x 17". 2. Must feature SB in traditional costume in pre-set colors and include theme. 3. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires. 4. Material may be crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc. 5. No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted. 6. Color of SB needs to be accurate - ck web site -

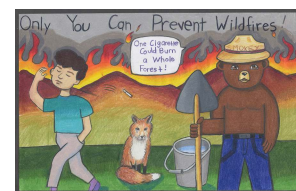
www.fs.fed.us/learn/kids. 7. On the back of the poster in lower right corner, attach a label or print artist's name, address, home phone #, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number. Each poster must also show name of the sponsoring A&M Garden Club, PO Box 10892, College Station, TX 77842, phone ___-___-____, email AMGC4U@gmail.com. (Do not use a dark marker for this info as it may show through.)

POSTER TIPS: Bold and simple in design. Message delivered in picture and slogan, easily understood.

REFERENCE: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids/smokey-bear-woodsy-owl-poster-contest-kids>

JUDGING: Originality 20, Design 20, Slogan 20, Artwork 20, Message 20.

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SCULPTURE CONTEST: Theme: "Keep Our Planet Green - Save Our Environment"

ELIGIBILITY: Students 4th - 8th grades

CONTEST RULES: 1. Width of sculpture no more than 8 ½ x 11". 2. Height proportional to width.

3. Entry form - www.gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-youth-sculpture-contest-entry-form-2017.pdf

4. Include photographs on back of form. Two 4x6" photos recommended.

REFERENCE: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-sculpture-contest.aspx>

JUDGING: The purpose is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet. Creative use of materials and self expression 60%, Description of sculpture and materials used 30%, Craftsmanship and technique 10%.

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ESSAY CONTEST: Theme: "Adapting our Actions to Protect our Natural Habitats"

ELIGIBILITY: All High School Students 9th - 12th grades.

A \$1000 National Garden Club Scholarship will be awarded when the national winning student enters college (via Financial Aid). The second placed winner will receive \$100.

CONTEST RULES: Between 600 - 700 words. All words will be counted. Points lost if the essay does not conform to length. Must be typed and titled. Essay will be published in the NGC publication, "The National Gardener." All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

JUDGING: Points - Content 65 (Knowledge of subject 25, Practicality of proposal 10, Originality 15, Subject matter well organized/clarity of presentation 15); Composition 25 (Vocabulary 15, Conformance to length 10); Manuscript 10 (Wallet-size photograph [optional], name, address, phone number, school, grade, teacher; List of activities, name of sponsoring A&M Garden Club 5, Neatness, legibility, in folder 5).

A&M Garden Club: Judy Anderson, jellowrose@hotmail.com, 979-575-1277



BIRD POSTER CONTEST: Theme: "Male Downy Woodpecker - Picoides pubescens"

ELIGIBILITY: Students 1st - 5th grades. Each grade will have a first place winner.

CONTEST RULES: 1) Size: 8.5 x 11". 2) Materials include crayons, markers, poster paints, water-colors, etc. 3) May include artwork pasted upon a 2nd piece of paper. No 3D allowed. 4) On the back of poster in lower right corner, attach a label or print student's name, grade, school, teacher's name, A&M Garden Club, PO Box 10892, College Station, TX 77842, phone 979-xxx-xxxx, email AMGC4U@gmail.com. If marker is used, avoid ink showing through to front or bleeding. 5) Poster will not be returned.

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YOUTH GARDEN CLUB PROJECTS: Sponsored by the A&M Garden Club - AMGC4U@gmail.com

1. Grades: A) 1-3, B) 4-6, C) 7-9, D) Other

Y-1 Youth Garden Club - all phases of Garden Club work with youth

Y-2 Horticulture Achievement - outstanding horticulture activity.

Y-4 Youth Environmental Concern - project in environmental concern

Y-5 Horticulture - Planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area.

2) High School Grades 9-12

Y-3 Gardeners Accomplishments - best all-around gardening project

Y-6 Distinguished Service - outstanding civic project with significant for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others.

Reference - pages 34-37 of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award Rules 2019-21 -

<http://gardenclub.org/resources/awards-applications/NGC-Awards-Rules-2019-2021.pdf>

3) Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant - A&M Garden Club working with youth planning and planting Pollinator Gardens may apply for grants, up to \$200. Info: <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/youth-contests.aspx>

A&M Garden Club: Susie Ohendalski, Susieo.1976@gmail.com, 713-553-0791



SCHOLARSHIPS: Several scholarship are available on various dates. AMGC4U@gmail.com.

A&M Garden Club: Jane Cohen (as above)

Deadline - Oct 16, 2020 Submit local entries to contacts as above for each contest. Local winners will be invited to a Garden Club event to be honored in spring 2021. District and State winners will receive Certificates.

A&M Garden Club encourages civic planting; stimulates an interest in the conservation of native plants, wildlife and natural resources; studies and shares the knowledge of improved horticulture practices and plant materials and their use in landscaping and flower arranging.

Committee: Jane Cohen, Judy Anderson, Lyndie Lyndie, Susie Ohendalski, Terry Utley, Eugenia Williams

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