

CLASS 1: SPECIALIZED AREA OF THE GARDEN

- A defined area or feature that stands apart from the rest of the garden because of plant requirements, a special function or design. Examples: side garden (viewable from road), annual bed, planting integrated with pathways/hardscaping, xeriscape or living walls and plant artwork.
- Judged on its own merits
- Area to be judged must be clearly marked to avoid penalty.

Criteria for Class 1		Points
Design and overall Effect:	-first impression, visual impact, rhythm/flow	15
Use of Space:	-Integration, balance/proportion	15
Focal Points/Scale:	-Visual appeal, placement/location	10
Plant Material Variety:	-combinations, use and arrangement, colour and texture	20
Condition of Plant Material:	-Health/vigour, hardiness, maturity	15
Maintenance:	-Grooming/staking, mulch/condition, pruning (as applicable), Free of weeds, debris and clutter, lawn and hardscape well cared for (if applicable)	25
TOTAL		100

CLASS 2: CONTAINER COLLECTION/ FRONT PORCH DISPLAY

- An arrangement of two or more containers with at least three species of flowering or non-flowering plants in the arrangement.
- Containers to be judged must be clearly marked to avoid penalty.

Criteria for Class 2		Points
Design and overall Effect:	-first impression, visual impact, proportion and balance	15
Originality:	-intrigue, choice of container(s), creativity, textural Contrast, visual appeal	25
Relationship with Surrounding Area:	-placement/location, integration with rest of garden (if applicable)	10
Plant Material:	-combinations, colour and texture, flowers and foliage	20
Condition of Plant Material:	-Health/vigour, maturity	15
Maintenance:	-Grooming, deadheading, free from debris and clutter	15
TOTAL		100

CLASS 3: MIXED PERENNIAL BED or BORDER

- A designated bed/border that has a minimum of 15 different types of perennials.
- Area to be judged must be clearly marked to avoid penalty.
- Emphasis is placed on the design elements and variety of plant material

Criteria for Class 3		Points
Design and Overall Effect:	-first impression, visual impact, rhythm/flow, wow factor	20
Integration:	-balance and proportion, creativity, use of colour	20
Plant Material Variety and Use:	-combinations, textural contrast, variety of foliage	15
Condition of Plant Material:	-Health/vigour, hardiness, maturity	15
Uncommon Plants:	-unusual plants, borderline hardiness, plant labelling	15
Seasonal Appeal:	-succession of bloom, four season interest	10
Maintenance:	-Grooming, staking, mulch, deadheading, free from debris, weeds and clutter	5
TOTAL		100

CLASS 4: DECORATIVE FRONT GARDEN

- Front gardens that are welcoming and have curb appeal, while displaying a flair for horticulture
- Entries are judged on the balance between the house and the planting of flower beds, trees, shrubs and hardscaping
- Emphasis is on originality of design and decorative effect

Criteria for Class 4		Points
First impression:	-curb appeal, visual impact, wow factor	10
Overall effect:	-welcoming, balance, rhythm/flow	10
Use of Space:	-proportion, layout and balance	15
Special Features:	-placement/location	5
Plant Material Variety:	-combinations, use and arrangement, four season interest, colour and texture	20
Condition of Plant Material:	-health/vigor, hardiness, maturity	15
Maintenance:	-Grooming/ staking, mulch/condition, pruning, free of debris, weeds and clutter	15
Lawns and Hardscapes:	-maintenance/health, effective use of hardscaping	10
TOTAL		100