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Youth Contests 2010-11

POETRY CONTEST: Theme "Fields of Daffodils"

Explore the different types of poetry and express your creative ideas. Use your imagination and join the winners to see your poetry in print!

ELIGIBILITY: 1) Kindergarten through 9th Grade

2) Special Education: Kindergarten through 9th Grade

CONTEST RULES:

1. All entries must be typed and titled.
2. Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on the back of the entry.
3. Sponsoring garden club must also be identified.
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 or Haiku.

JUDGING: Title 10 points, Content 40 points, Creativity 30 points, Style 20 points.

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.



U.S. FORESTRY SMOKEY BEAR/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 principles, with theme.

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

CONTEST RULES: 1. Paper size 11" x 17". 2. Poster must feature SB or WO, in traditional costume in pre-set colors, and include above theme. 3. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources. 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. Print artist's name, address, home phone #, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state on the back of the poster in the lower right corner (use provided label).

POSTER TIPS: Bold and simple in design. Message delivered in both picture and slogan, easily understood. Done by individual student.

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

Overall Effectiveness of Message 20.



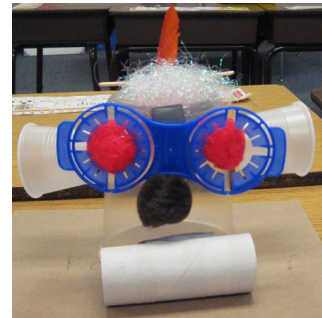
SCHOLARSHIPS: Various scholarship applications are available. Contact Committee.

SCULPTURE CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY: Grade 4th through 8th. Also Special Education.

CONTEST RULES: 1. Width of sculpture can be no more than 8 ½ x 11". 2. Height should be proportional to width. 3. Use official entry form (www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests/sculpture) and enter through A&M Garden Club below. 4. Include photographs on back of form, with at least 2 - 4x6" photographs recommended.

JUDGING: The purpose is to encourage youth to keep our planet green and to get involved with saving our planet.



ESSAY CONTEST: Theme "The Environment - Our Personal Responsibility"

ELIGIBILITY: All High School students attending 9th through 12th grades.

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



CONTEST RULES: Between 500 - 600 words. All words will be counted. Points lost if the essay does not conform to length. 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, name, address, phone number, school attending, grade, teacher, list of activities, sponsoring club 5, Neatness, legibility, folder to keep neat 5).

SPEECH CONTEST: Theme "To Be Announced" contact j-cohen@aggienetwork.com

ELIGIBILITY: Student 9 - 12 grade.

CONTEST RULES: Length: 6-9 minutes speech. Written manuscript and audio tape/CD of the presentation. Notes may be used when delivering speech.



JUDGING: Points - Content 55, Confirm to Topic 15, Knowledge of Subject 10, Practicality of Proposal 10, Creativity Originality 10, Conformance to Time 5, Subject Matter Well Organized 5.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROJECT

The High School Distinguished Service Project may be awarded to a high school student, grades 9-12, for an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit, e.g. environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, horticulture therapy, others. The A&M Garden Club will sponsor a nominee's application in recognition of the high school student's accomplishments. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc. \$100 may be awarded to the national winner and \$50 to the second place winner.



Deadline - Wednesday, October 6, 2010

WINNERS: Local winners will be invited to a Garden Club event to be honored.

For additional information, contact A&M Garden Club Youth Committee

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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.

<http://www.amgardenclub.com>

<http://www.texasgardenclubs.org/activities.html>

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