

Adult Department

PROFESSIONAL GARDENS

Coordinator: **Charlie Barboni**, Fair Office

Judges:

Darren M. Reynolds, San Rafael – Owner, *Land Studio C* –
Contemporary Landscape Architecture

David Teuschler, Porter Ranch – Director of Horticulture,
Valley Crest Tree Company

Chet Wilson, Santa Rosa – President, *Santa Rosa Men's Garden Club*

Timeline & Rules

Entry Form & Fee of \$40 per Garden Due → Monday, April 2, 5 pm

Meeting for Exhibitors with Coordinator → Wednesday, March 28,
6:30 pm, Petaluma. Location to be determined.

Exhibit Completion → Thursday, June 28, by 10 pm

Freshening of Exhibit Prior to Judging → Friday, June 29, by 10 am

Judging → Friday, June 29, 10 am

Judging Results Announced → Friday, June 29, by 9 am

**SALE OF PLANTS AND MATERIAL FROM GARDEN EXHIBITS ON
THURSDAY, JULY 5, STARTING AT 7 AM AT GARDEN LOCATIONS.**

1. Open to all local professional landscapers, designers, and landscape contractors.
2. One entry per exhibitor. Limited to first seven (7) entries. Entries are processed according to the date that they are received, so submit your entry form early.
3. Categories will include shade gardens with approximately 600 sq. feet of garden space. Diagrams of garden plots are available at the Fair Office.
4. All exhibits must have color, through textural shrubbery and media. Except where noted, gardens must contain a minimum of 35% Flowering Live Plant Material, 35% Non-Flowering Live Plant Material and 30% Hardscape – pathways, ponds, rocks, dried material, etc.
5. Absolutely no dyed, artificial, or painted flowers may be used. Materials used must be in their natural living form. No cut plant material. No poisonous plants.
6. **Live animals, insects and fish are not allowed in the gardens.**
7. If you use a water feature, it should be of a low-flow, re-circulating type.
8. Submit a rough sketch of your garden to the Fair Manager at least one day before judging. The sketches will not be on display during the Fair.
9. Exhibits which do not meet established standards of workmanship and rules of garden exhibits shall be rejected by Fair Management. Judges may withhold premiums if exhibits are not worthy of awards offered. (See State Rules.)
10. **Before judging garden, designers are required to remove all extra materials used in the construction of their garden. Fair will provide a dumpster.**

11. **Credentials:** Each exhibitor will be issued two five-day combined admission/parking credentials, one five-day admission credential and, six single day admission credentials.
12. Judging will be conducted using the Danish System. First place gardens must receive an average score of 170 points or above (85%). Second Place gardens will have an average score of 169 points or lower. Judging is closed to exhibitors and to the general public. Copies of scorecards will be available to exhibitors the day after judging.
13. Exhibitors must make arrangements to water and care for gardens between 8 am and 10 am daily. Vehicles must be off grounds by 10 am.
14. Garden areas are provided with electrical outlets. Although lighting is not a part of the scoring process, your creativity and imagination in planning night lighting for garden will enhance the beauty of your exhibit for our evening fairgoers.
15. Exhibitors may include an area in their garden to accommodate a table and chairs, or small kiosk for distributing brochures and additional information to the fairgoers about their business. If desired, gardens may be staffed by the exhibitors, enabling direct communication with fairgoers.
16. Sale of plants and material from garden exhibits will be on Thursday, July 5, starting at 7 am at garden locations. Exhibitors may bring in additional plant material for the sale, but not until Thursday, July 5, before 7 am. No additional material may be brought in after 7 am.
17. **Liability:** The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause.

Score Card for Professional Gardens	
REQUIRED GARDEN COMPONENTS (100 Points)	
Flowering Live Plant Material (Minimum 35% of Garden) -----	35
Non-Flowering Live Plant Material (Minimum 35% of Garden) -----	35
Hardscape (Pathways, Ponds, Rocks, Dried Material, etc.) (Minimum 30% of Garden) -----	30
ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS (100 Points)	
APPEARANCE ----- 30	
Aesthetic Quality (Overall Eye Appeal)-----	9
Distinctiveness -----	9
Creative Expression -----	4
Proportion & Balance -----	4
Use of Color -----	4
DESIGN ----- 30	
Layout -----	9
Originality -----	9
Harmony & Balance -----	4
Use of Assigned Space -----	4
Conveyance of Theme -----	4
PLANT MATERIAL ----- 30	
Quality of Bloom -----	9
Condition -----	6
Variety -----	5
Use of Texture -----	5
Creative Use of Plant Material -----	5
HARDSCAPE (Pathways, Rocks, Ponds, Dried Material, etc.) -- 10	
Choice of Material -----	10
Total ----- 200	

**Compost for the
Professional Gardens
generously provided by
West Marin Compost, Nicasio**



Division 7 Professional Garden Exhibits

- Your garden design may include some edible landscaping.
- Your garden design should focus on demonstrating environmental sustainability by using some recycled material and earth-friendly new material.
- In addition to aesthetic values, strong consideration will be given to designs that use water efficient techniques, habitat enhancement, and native plants. Ornamental plants, appropriate for each area, are welcome in the designs provided they are non-invasive species.
- Designers are challenged to use plants and landscape elements which could be integrated into attractive gardens that visitors can use as models for their homes or businesses.
- Each garden will be approximately 600 square feet.
- All gardens are in a shade tent.

**Class (Theme) You may interpret the theme in any way.
Celebrate one or more cultures from around the world!**

- 1 "Africa"
- 2 "Asia"
- 3 "Australia"
- 4 "Europe"
- 5 "North America"
- 6 "South America"

Danish System of Judging - Awards Offered per Class

First Place Award	-----	\$2,600 & Rosette
Second Place Award	-----	\$2,000 & Rosette
Best of Show	-----	\$500, Rosette & Plaque
Best Workmanship	-----	\$500 & Rosette
Outstanding Creativity	-----	\$250 & Rosette
Best Color Harmony	-----	\$125 & Rosette
Best Use of Edibles & Herbs	-----	\$125 & Rosette
Best Use of Grasses	-----	\$125 & Rosette
Best Use of Garden Furniture	-----	\$100 & Rosette
Best Use of Garden Sculpture	-----	\$100 & Rosette

Special Prizes - Awarded at the Discretion of the Judges
Courtesy of ~

Marin Municipal Water District

Best Use of Native Plants	-----	\$100 & Rosette
Best Use of Drought Tolerant Plants	-----	\$100 & Rosette

North Marin Water District

Best Water Conservation Theme	-----	\$100 & Rosette
-------------------------------	-------	-----------------