

Adult Department

PROFESSIONAL GARDENS

Coordinator: **Charlie Barboni**, Fair Office

Judges:

Alanna Brady, San Rafael – Award Winning Marin Master Gardener

David Teuschler, Lodi – Chief Horticulturalist, *Devil Mountain Nursery*

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

Timeline & Rules

Apply via phone → Beginning March 1, 415-473-7048

Exhibitors & Coordinator Meeting → Wednesday, March 18, 6 pm,
Petaluma. Location TBD.

Entry Form & \$40 Fee Due → Wednesday, April 1, 5 pm

Exhibit Completion → Monday, June 29, by 10 pm

Final Pre-Judging Freshening → Tuesday, June 30, by 10 am

Judging → Tuesday, June 30, 10 am

Judging Results Announced → Wednesday, July 1, by 9 am

**SALE OF PLANTS AND MATERIAL FROM GARDEN EXHIBITS ON
MONDAY, JULY 6, 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 call 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 Coordinator 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 at 9 am 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 before 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 Monday, July 6, starting at 7 am at garden locations. Exhibitors may bring in additional plant material for the sale, but not until Monday, July 6, 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

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Division 8 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 The Soaring 2020s!

- 1 “Birdland” – Showcase the flight of one or more birds.
- 2 “Up, Up and Away!” – Soaring in a hot air balloon.
- 3 “Fantasy Flight” – The flight of the fairies.
- 4 “Go Fly a Kite!” – Use one or more soaring kites in your garden.
- 5 “The Flight of Bees” – Showcase the world of bees.
- 6 “Fluttering Butterflies” – Use one or more butterflies in your garden.

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

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

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