2020 PHS Gardening Contest Judging Criteria

All judging will be based on photos and questionnaire answers submitted online. Gardens will be judged according to the potential available, given each contestant’s unique space, situation and intent, rather than according to the standards set by other contestants. We encourage gardeners of all levels to enter the contest to share their work and advance their interests.

Judges will refer to the following scale:

For all outdoor gardens:
100 Point Scale, 20 points per category

1. Aesthetic appeal including beauty, creativity and effective design
2. Plant Health & Production
3. Sustainability Practices
4. Habitat for beneficial wildlife
5. Social Connections to Family/Neighborhood/Community

For all Indoor Houseplant Gardens:
100 Point Scale, 25 points per category

1. Aesthetic appeal including beauty, creativity and effective design
2. Plant Health & Production
3. Sustainability Practices
4. Social Connections to Family/Neighborhood/Community

The questionnaire will refer directly to the above criteria and we encourage you to consider the above guidelines while planning and photographing your garden!