

HARVEST COMPETITION REGISTRATION
2008 County Fair
Saturday - September 20, 2008

All registration forms are due by September 13, one week before the competition. To register online, go to www.garfieldconservatory.org/harvest_registration.html. If you cannot register online, please mail or drop off the attached form to the Conservatory to let us know your plans for participating in this year's Harvest Competition.

Please submit registrations to:

Melanie Harding
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance
300 N Central Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60624
(773)638-1766 x16
mharding@garfieldpark.org

If you have questions about the actual competition, please contact:

Julie Samuels
Openlands
(312)863-6256
jsamuels@openlands.org

Participation Categories:

This year's participants can compete in 2 different categories: (1) Home and Family Gardeners or (2) Community and School Gardeners. When you submit an entry, you will be asked to identify which group best describes your entry or entries. If you plan to submit entries in both participation categories, please submit 2 separate registration forms. (Please note that you can compete in either category as an individual or as a family or group.)

Competition Categories & Rules:

There are 9 competition categories and participants may enter once in each category. Each entry competes in one category only, so if you enter in 9 different categories, please plan to bring 9 different plants or displays. On the registration form, please indicate all of the categories in which you plan to compete. We do not need the details of your entries at this time (i.e. which vegetables or flowers you'll be bringing), but we do need to know your competition categories.

Fees & Prizes:

Any individual or group can contribute up to 9 entries (one in each category) in the Harvest Competition for FREE! Winners will be announced toward the end of the competition day. Those winners who are not present at the end of the day will be contacted to pick up their ribbons and prizes.

Contact Information:

This year's Harvest Competition is coordinated by Openlands. If you have further questions about the competition, please contact Julie Samuels at (312)863-6256 or jsamuels@openlands.org.

Please note that pre-registration is required. If you know someone who does not have internet access to register online, please give them this form and have them drop it off or mail it to the Conservatory. We prefer to receive registrations by phone or mail, but we also understand that some participants may need to submit their registration by phone. If that is the case, please call Melanie Harding at the Conservatory to register (773-638-1766 x16).

2008 Harvest Competition REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and submit the following form to us by Saturday, September 13, 2008. Once you submit this form, you will receive more details about how and when to drop off your entries to the Conservatory before the competition.

Participant Information:

Please select the participation category that best describes your entry or entries. Select only one category on this form. If you plan to make submissions to both categories, please submit two separate registration forms.

- Home or Family Gardeners (can enter as an individual or a family)

- Community or School Gardeners (can enter as an individual or a group)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Name of Garden, School, Group, or Family _____
(Required only if you are entering as a family or group. Examples: The Johnson Family, North Neighborhood Garden, or Taylor School 3rd Grade. If you enter something here, we will assume you are competing as a family or group.)

Competition Categories:

There are 9 competition categories. Please check all categories in which you plan to compete. Each participant or group is permitted one entry in each category.

Produce Patch – herbs, fruits, and vegetables

- Special Specimen* – single herb, fruit, or vegetable (fresh)
- Creative Harvest Display* – any creative combination of herbs, fruits, and/or vegetables
- Strangest Looking Fruit, Vegetable, or Herb*

Flower Power – single or arranged fresh flowers

- Special Specimen* – single fresh flower stem (max 24")
- Fresh Flower Arrangement* – in a vase or bottle (max 14")
- Fresh Flower Arrangement in Creative Container* (max 14")

The Sunflower – One Seed Chicago's Seed of the Year

- Cut Sunflowers* – single or multiple, your choice of arrangement, fresh or dried
- Sunflower Sculpture* – natural sculptures using whole sunflowers or parts of sunflowers
- Creative Bird Feeder* – homemade bird feeder for dispensing dried sunflower seeds

