



General Instructions for Pallet Garden and Planter Entries for the SGF Challenge

AIM OF THE CHALLENGE

To encourage and foster amateur gardening groups e.g. schools, colleges, horticultural societies and clubs to participate and showcase their work at a national gardening event.

THE CHALLENGE

Entrants are challenged to create and display their own decorative horticultural exhibit which must bear a title, be practical, of strong design and contain predominantly living plant material.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

The challenge is open to all Scottish amateur gardening groups, horticultural societies and clubs, schools and college students who submit a compliant application form by the advised deadline.

“PALLET” SPECIFICATION FOR PALLET GARDEN EXHIBIT

- A pallet marked with the entrants' name, will be provided by the SGF. These will be located on the designated display site for use by each registered entrant. All pallets will be collected by the SGF at the end of the event.
- The “pallet” is a bottomless collar of rigid black plastic measuring approximately 1m wide x 1m long x 15cm high.
- If entrants wish to supply their own rigid base for their exhibit, it must fit within the internal dimensions of the plastic collar which has rounded corners. A rigid base with a maximum footprint of 97cm wide x 97cm long will fit inside the plastic collar.

PALLET GARDEN RULES

- The exhibit must fit inside the collar provided by the SGF. It should not exceed 2m in height measured from ground level. **Entrants must not dig into the ground.**
- Plant material may overhang the collar.
- The exhibit should be designed to be viewed from a distinguishable front. The use of a backdrop is permitted within the stated dimensions.

CONTAINER SPECIFICATION FOR PLANTER EXHIBIT

- Entrants are responsible for providing their own plant container.
- Maximum permissible dimensions for the plant container are 70cm long x 50cm wide x 70cm high.

PLANTER RULES

- Entrants must clearly identify their planter exhibit with their organisation's name.
- Maximum permissible height for the planter exhibit is 1.4m measured from ground level. **Entrants must not dig into the ground.**
- Plant material may overhang the container.

GENERAL RULES

- Each exhibit must consist of predominantly living plant material (can be edible) with hard and soft landscaping components such as rocks, ornaments or other props being kept to minimum. **Artificial plant material is not permitted.**
- All material brought onto site by entrants must be free from pests and diseases to avoid contaminating the surroundings and other exhibits. Any infected material which the event organisers notice will be removed from the display site and disposed of appropriately.
- Entrants are encouraged to provide a leaflet or display board not exceeding A3 size, giving a brief overview of the exhibit including the names of the plants used, and or information about their organisation.
- Entrants are responsible for transporting all their exhibit material to and from the display site and must be available to assemble and dismantle their exhibit in compliance with the requirements and timings specified by the event organisers.
- Entrants are advised that any items which they bring onto site, either temporarily or for the duration of the event, are left at their own risk.
- During assembly and dismantling of their exhibit, entrants must keep the surrounding area clean and tidy and be courteous to others working adjacent to them.
- When dismantling their exhibit, entrants must ensure that the site is left free of debris and that all items which they have brought onto site are completely removed.

NOTE: Pallet Garden and Planter entries are free of charge.