



2007 America's Anniversary Garden™ Contest Categories and Criteria

Category 1 – Commercial Green Industry – Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

A – Garden center displays - Displays or gardens at any business that sells plants including traditional garden centers, hardware and grocery stores, etc.

B – Farmers market displays - Displays or gardens at both city and individual business farmers markets.

C – Landscape design/installation/maintenance projects - Gardens or landscapes designed, installed, and/or maintained by commercial designers and/or landscapers.

Category 2 – Business gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by the Virginia Society of Landscape Designers

Gardens or landscapes on the property of any type of commercial business.

Category 3 – Neighborhood gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by the Virginia Master Gardener Association

Gardens or landscapes at neighborhood entrances, common areas, playgrounds, etc. – includes apartment complexes, town homes, condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.

Category 4 – Residential gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by the Virginia Flower Growers Association

Gardens or landscapes at individual residences – includes single family homes, duplexes, apartments, town homes, condominiums, etc.

Category 5 – Municipal gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Gardens or landscapes at town and city halls, libraries, entry corridors, parks, and other public facilities.

Category 6 – School, church, hospital, and other institutional gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs

Gardens or landscapes at schools, universities, daycare centers, churches, hospitals, or any other non-residential, commercial, or public institutions.

Category 7 – Other gardens or landscapes – Sponsored by the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, International Soc. of Arboriculture

All other gardens and landscapes including those at state parks, airports, racetracks, adopt-a-spot, botanical gardens and arboreta, etc.

Special Awards:

- **Best Use of Native Plants** – Sponsored by the Virginia Native Plant Society - an entry in any of the above 7 categories that uses at least 65% plants native to Virginia.
- **Best State Fair Student Garden** – Sponsored by Virginia 4-H
- **Best in Contest** – Sponsored by the Historic Triangle Jamestown 2007 Host Committee Beautification Task Force – best presentation of the AAG red, white, and blue theme.

General criteria:

- All gardens and landscapes can be from any time in 2007 (late winter pansies, woody plants garden, spring bulb garden, summer annual garden, etc.) and can range from small container gardens to large landscapes. Gardens and landscapes containing woody and herbaceous plants may have been started in 2006.
- Gardens and landscapes may be either in-ground or in containers, hanging baskets, window boxes, etc.
- Plants used can be native, non-native, or a mixture, and do not have to be on the America's Anniversary Garden extension publication lists to be accepted. For lists of suggested plants and sample designs please see our website - <http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/instructions.html>.
- Signs are encouraged but are not mandatory. The America's Anniversary Garden™ logo can be downloaded from our website for use on signs or materials describing the gardens and landscapes - <http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden/images/AAG.jpg>
- Entries will be judged on creativity and ingenuity, presentation, overall impact, and the use of plants with red, white, and blue features.
- Contest judges reserve the right to change the entry category of an applicant if they feel an inappropriate category has been selected.
- Each entrant must submit an application form, plant list, and up to three color pictures (film or printed digital) of the finished garden. An application form can be downloaded from the America's Anniversary Garden™ website - www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden or obtained at your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office.
- The contest application submission deadline is September 1, 2007. Applications must be sent to Dr. Bonnie Appleton, Hampton Roads AREC, 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Please contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office (<http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices/>) or Dr. Appleton (bapple@vt.edu; 757-363-3906) with questions about the contest.
- All contest entrants will receive an America's Anniversary Garden™ contest certificate of participation from Virginia Cooperative Extension. Category winners will receive a plaque and possibly an additional prize depending on category sponsor.

Local communities are encouraged to sponsor their own America's Anniversary Garden contests. Winners of local contests will be entered into this statewide contest if the local contest committee forwards its winning entries by the September 1, 2007 deadline.