



**Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.**  
**2024 Trial Gardens Competition Evaluation Form**

**Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluation Date:** June \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

There are four main categories to be evaluated; please use a 5-point system with 5 being excellent, 4 very good, 3 average, 2 below average, and 1 poor. Half-points are allowed. For each main category, first assign your points in all sub-categories, then add those points and enter your total on the first line of each respective main category.

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Theme interpretation:** total category points awarded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Creativity and interpretation of "A Butterfly Garden" theme. (June only)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Unity and balance of design.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Spatial awareness within the design and with the plot size and shape.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Overall impression/impact of the design.
  
2. **Construction and Design Elements:** total category points awarded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ The use of hardscape/accessories to enhance (but not overwhelm) the design. (June only)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Overall construction and scale of each design element in relation with plot shape and size.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Endurance and longevity of design elements and continued appropriateness and effectiveness.
  
3. **Horticultural elements:** total category points awarded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Sun/shade appropriateness of plant selections.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Variety and creativity in use of plant materials selected for the design.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Use of interesting color combinations, sizes, textures, and height variations.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Required elements: 1) a water source for butterflies 2) a milkweed plant, 3) an herb, 4) a shrub, 5) nectar-rich plants to attract butterflies, and 6) multiple varieties of annuals. (June only)
  
4. **Maintenance:** total category points awarded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Ivy trimming
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Weeding
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadheading
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Overall upkeep and maintained appearance (exclusive of design).

**Judges' Comments:** Clubs appreciate your feedback, they never see the points you assign and rely on your comments.