



Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.
2025 Trial Gardens Competition Evaluation Form

Judge: _____

Evaluation Date: June _____, 2025

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 Cottage 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. _____ Hardscape/accessories used to enhance the design, not to overwhelm, dictate, or distract. (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) colorful perennials, 2) colorful annuals, 3) at least one herb, 4) a bush or shrub, 5) at least one fruit or vegetable. (June only)

4. **Maintenance:** total category points awarded _____
 - a. _____ Ivy trimming
 - b. _____ Weeding and deadheading
 - c. _____ Watering (especially containers, pots, and water features).
 - 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.