



Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.
2026 Trial Gardens Competition Evaluation Form

Judge: _____

Evaluation Date: June _____, 2026

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. Under each main category, first assign your points in all the **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 “250th Anniversary of our Nation” theme. (Judged in June only)
 - b. _____ Overall unity and balance of the design.
 - c. _____ Spatial awareness in the design and with the plot size and shape.
 - d. _____ Overall impression/impact of the design.

2. **Construction and Design Elements (accessories):** total category points awarded _____
 - a. _____ Hardscape/accessories feel an integral part of the design, serving to enhance and complement the overall plot design, and not overwhelm the design. (Judged in June only)
 - b. _____ Construction, harmony, scale, and visual impact of design elements in relation to the plantings.
 - c. _____ Appropriate purpose/function and effectiveness of each design element and its balance and continuity with the other elements.
 - d. _____ Required elements: 1) any type of path, 2) a water source, and 3) a flag (accessory or plants).

3. **Horticultural elements:** total category points awarded _____
 - a. _____ Sun/shade appropriateness of plant selections.
 - b. _____ Variety and creativity in use of plant materials throughout the design.
 - c. _____ Use of interesting color combinations, sizes, textures, and height variations.
 - d. _____ Required elements: 1) a rose bush, 2) an ornamental grass, 3) a native plant, 4) a variety of annuals. Primary colors should be red, white, and blue. (Judged in June only)

4. **Maintenance:** total category points awarded _____
 - a. _____ Border maintenance (i.e. weeding, trimming, watering).
 - b. _____ Weeding, including immediate area surrounding plot, 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 do not see the points you assign, so rely on your comments.