

# VZC CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

## Rules and Scoring Rubric

**Entry Fee: \$10**

**Deadline date: March 1, 2025**

**Paper entries must be postmarked OR submitted online by Google Sheet AND payments postmarked by March 1, 2025. Late fees are \$100/entry until March 11, 2025.**

**Judging: April 2, 2025**

**Location: Free State Building**

**General Guidelines:** Exhibitors should review the guidelines prior to preparing their entry.

Entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides. To designate a preferred viewing side, the exhibitor may mark the center back of the container with a white chalk mark.

- Entries should feature 3 or more different plant species per container.
  - Plant selection is at the exhibitor's discretion.
  - Plants may belong to any species.
- Plants must be healthy, free of disease, and bug free.
- Plants are the only living items that may be included with the entry – no other living items are permitted (e.g., animals, reptiles, bugs). Vivariums are excluded from the competition.
- Plants should be clearly and attractively potted in a container that is suitable for tabletop display.
- Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry.
- If submitting a container grown plant, double potting is permitted, provided natural top dressing is used and the inside of the container is not visible. Top dressing must not float when watered.
- If submitting a terrarium, double potting is not permitted.
- If submitting a terrarium, the container may be open air or closed.
- Leaf polish or other commercial foliage enhancers are **not permitted**.
- Accessories are permitted, however emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, freshly planted materials rather than of accessories to create a scene.
- Containers must weigh 50 pounds or less and be no larger than 30" wide or 30" tall.
- Entries must be moved by the contestant. (Do not make them heavier or larger than you can handle.)
- **Exhibitors must bring a folded index card with the following information:**
  - **Plant scientific identification**
  - **Common name**
  - **Exhibitors name**
  - **Club/Chapter**

**Delivery of Entries:** Entries must be delivered to the Van Zandt County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, between 8:00am – 5:00 pm.

**Judging:** The Show will select qualified judges for each competitive event.

- Entries will be judged on Wednesday.
- Entries will be judged on a 100-point system:

- Up to 45 points may be awarded for cultural perfection.
- Up to 25 points may be awarded for the variety of plants used.
- Up to 15 points may be awarded for creativity.
- Up to 10 points may be awarded for staging and perfection.
- Up to 5 points may be awarded for the completion of Exhibitor Project Log.
- Each exhibitor will receive a copy of their score sheet following the awards ceremony.
- Only judges and Horticulture Superintendents will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.
- Judges decisions are final.

Entries may be picked up Saturday morning.

## Score Sheet

Contest Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1 = poor and 5 = outstanding

Cultural Perfection	1 2 3 4 5	_____ /5
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Variety of Plants Used	1 2 3 4 5	_____ /5
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Creativity	1 2 3 4 5	_____ /5
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Staging and Perfection	1 2 3 4 5	_____ /5
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Completion of Index card	1 2 3 4 5	_____ /5
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Total Score \_\_\_\_\_ /25

Judges Notes/Comments:

# Container Grown Plants Participation Form

(only needed if not entered on the Google Entry Form)

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Chapter/Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if this is the **only** contest you are entered in: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Method \$10

Cash Check Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Received \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2025**

**LATE ENTRIES ARE \$100/ENTRY until MARCH 11, 2025**

**VZCJLS**

c/o Sandy Scheu

Attn: Contest Entry

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