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RHS CHATSWORTH FLOWER SHOW 2017

Wednesday 7 June – Sunday 11 June

PERFECT FOR POLLINATORS CONTAINER COMPETITION FACTSHEET

The Perfect for Pollinators Container Competition will aim to increase the awareness of biodiversity and gardening for wildlife within local communities. The RHS runs campaigns that highlight these important topics and the competition will support them: 'Perfect for Pollinators' 'Greening Grey Britain' and 'Wild about Gardens'.

Before completing your application pack, please read through this document. It explains:

- What happens next
- Key contacts
- Show theme
- About the competition
- Collection
- Prizes
- Visiting the show

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

All applications must be accompanied by a plant list and explanation of why you have chosen these plants. The closing date for applications is **31 March 2017**. After the closing date your submission will be reviewed and we will contact you in April 2017 by email.

The Perfect for Pollinators containers will be on display for the whole of show week and used throughout the show to promote the importance of planting for our pollinators.

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SHOW IDENTITY

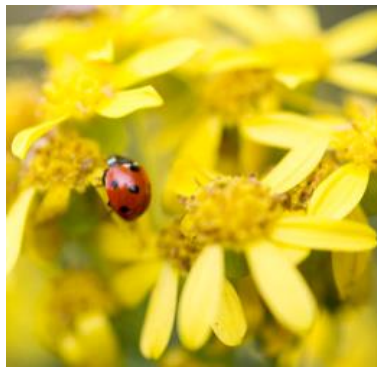
The first RHS Chatsworth Flower Show celebrates ‘Design Revolutionaries’ and takes this as its overarching theme.

Through the ages Chatsworth has attracted revolutionary thinkers who have made their mark. William Talman, Joseph Paxton and ‘Capability’ Brown are among those who shaped the house, gardens and landscape as we know them today. Contemporary designers and architects such as Dan Pearson, Thomas Heatherwick and Tom Stuart-Smith carry on the movement, keeping Chatsworth relevant and continuing the association with today’s design revolutionaries.

As well as celebrating creative and inspiring people who have shaped our gardening design history, the theme will showcase key trends and look to the future of gardening and garden design, providing a platform for the dreamers and innovators of tomorrow.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

You will find lots of information and inspiration on the RHS Perfect for Pollinators web page found here: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/perfect-for-pollinators>



PARTICIPATION

- This competition is open to community gardening groups, Britain in Bloom groups, Affiliated Societies, It's Your Neighborhood and any other community groups. Only one entry per group is permitted.
- There is no charge to enter the competition but you will need to cover the cost of travelling to the show and for your plants and props.
- Containers are supplied by the RHS and will be ready for you to plant with your plant material on arrival at the showground, and will be retained by the RHS after the show. The planters are 60cm in height and 50cm in diameter.
- If accepted you will need to return a signed attendance letter and complete a risk assessment by May 2017.

PLANTS/PLANTING

- Every Perfect for Pollinator containers must include a minimum of 70 % plants taken from any of the following three RHS Perfect for Pollinators lists:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/conservation-and-biodiversity/wildlife/rhs-perfect-for-pollinators-plants-of-the-world>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/conservation-and-biodiversity/wildlife/rhs-perfect-for-pollinators-wildflowers>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/conservation-and-biodiversity/wildlife/rhs-perfect-for-pollinators-garden-plants>

- Consider the impact for visitors by choosing plants that will be looking their best in early June.
- Props and accessories are permitted and must be detailed in your application form. They should be tasteful and enhance the overall message of your container.
- Due to the size of container it is recommended that plants be removed from pots and planted directly into the compost. This will also help in keeping plants looking good throughout the show and well-watered.
- When planted there should be complete cover of plants and foliage with minimal amount of compost showing.
- Cut flowers and artificial plants are not permitted. The use of colourant or paint on natural plant material is not permitted.

STAGING

- Each group is responsible for bringing their plants to the show on Monday 5 June between the hours of 13.00 – 18.00pm, if you are accepted further directions for this period will follow. A maximum of two adults will be permitted to access the staging area within the showground to plant up the container provided. The RHS will then move the container into final position.
- You will need to bring gloves, planting tools and watering can with you. If in any doubt please contact the show team for advice.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

- If you are accepted into the show each group will be required to submit a risk assessment to the RHS. The RHS will provide guidelines and an example risk assessment with the acceptance confirmation. Passes to access the show will only be issued once the risk assessment has been received.

COLLECTION

- You can collect your plants and props on Monday 12 June between the hours of 13.00 – 18.00. Please ensure you have checked this option on your application form and we will be in touch with more information if you are accepted. Please be aware you will only be able to collect the plants and props and not the container.
- Alternatively the RHS can donate these to charity, please ensure you have checked this option on the application form.

PRIZES

- The Perfect for Pollinators Containers will be judged by a panel of horticultural professionals on Wednesday 7 June. The winning groups will receive:
 - 1st prize - £200 Garden Centre Vouchers and an RHS Certificate
 - 2nd Prize - £125 Garden Centre Vouchers and an RHS Certificate
 - 3rd Prize - £50 Garden Centre Vouchers and an RHS Certificate
- All groups will receive an RHS certificate of participation

VISITING THE SHOW

- A maximum of two passes will be provided for representatives from each group to access the show on the Press/Preview Day Tuesday 6 June. Please arrive after 11am and be sure to have exited the site by 4pm.
- On receipt of the community group's confirmation of attendance and risk assessment, Press/Preview Day passes will be posted to the group coordinator.
- If friends and family would like to visit the show, tickets can be purchased online at www.rhs.org.uk or by calling 0844 338 7505.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The following regulations have been formulated in accordance with the Royal Horticultural Society's policies on conservation and the environment.

Restricted Materials

- **Surface-stripped limestone** pavement must not be used at any RHS Shows.
- **Peat** must not be used for staging or mulching purposes.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to minimise or exclude **peat** from plant production as much as possible.
- Timber treated with **creosote** should not be used at Shows. The European commission restricts the use of creosote-treated products. For more information see <http://www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/copr/creosote.htm>

Restricted Plants & Plant Regulations

The Society reserves the right to demand the removal of any plants or other materials which compromise the following RHS policies:

The Society reserves the right policy regarding the use or sale at RHS shows of non-native invasive plants, as

detailed in Schedule 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act for England and Wales, can be found here <https://rhs.org.uk/shows-events/pdf/restricted-plants-at-rhs-shows>

- The Society does not permit the use or sale of plants, moss, bulbs or corms which have been collected from the wild.
- The Society requires exhibitors to comply with CITES as implemented in the European Union and other conservation legislation designed to protect wild plants and their habitats. For more information see <http://www.cites.org/eng/disc/what.php>
- All plants entering the United Kingdom from outside the European Union (EU) will require a phytosanitary certificate and will be inspected prior to entry. Importers of consignments from outside the EU must notify the Plant Health and Seeds Inspectorate (PHSI) using the PEACH system (<http://ehmipeach.defra.gov.uk/>). There are also restrictions on the movements of some plants within the EU, for example imports of *Castanea* (sweet chestnut), *Fraxinus* (ash), *Platanus* (plane), *Quercus* (oak) and *Ulmus* (elm) are restricted into the UK (<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/treeHealth/index.cfm>).

For more information see: <http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/imports/index.cfm> Tel: +44 (0) 1904 465625; Fax: +44 (0) 1904 465628; Email planthealth.Info@fera.gsi.gov.uk

Exhibitors are advised to familiarise themselves with current regulations regarding:

Agapanthus gall midge

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=9001>

Ash dieback (*Chalara Fraxinea*)

<http://forestry.gov.uk/chalara>

Asian Longhorn beetle

Fuchsia Gall Mite (*Aculops fuchsiae*) <http://fera.co.uk/plantClinic/documents/factsheets/fuchsiaGallMite12.pdf>

Oak Processionary Moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*)

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-74CE39>

Phytophthora diseases including those caused by:

Phytophthora kernoviae:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraKernoviaeFactsheet.pdf>

Phytophthora lateralis:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraLateralis.pdf>

Phytophthora ramorum (Sudden oak death):

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/publications/documents/factsheets/phytophthoraRamorumFactsheet.pdf>

Information about further important pests and diseases can be found here:

<http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/pestsDiseases/index.cfm>

Harmful plants

Most plants do not present any hazard to humans and incidents in the United Kingdom are rare. Nevertheless it is the responsibility of exhibitors to ensure that risks are avoided, e.g. by positioning plants known to have skin or eye irritant qualities away from the front of a stand; and that controls are in place in case of an incident.

Potentially harmful plants must be clearly identified. For further details refer to the Code of Recommended Retail Practice Relating to the Labelling of Potentially Harmful Plants published by the Horticultural Trades Association. (http://www.kew.org/science/ecbot/HTA_code_list.pdf)

For more information see www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/Profile?PID=524.

Using & selling timber

Timber products brought to RHS Shows for sale or display must be proven to be from sustainable source. Exhibitors must provide a copy of their own timber certificate or, if they do not hold certificates themselves, a valid certificate from their direct supplier accompanied by a recent invoice. All exhibitors are encouraged to use sustainably sourced timber in the construction and staging of exhibits. Independent audits are undertaken at RHS Shows to ensure exhibitors are complying with the policy.