Container Plants Competition Judging Criteria

These will be the guidelines the judges will use to score each individual design. 100 points are possible.

Design 40 points total (4 elements @ 10 pts each)

- Plant groupings and types suitable with the container/theme

- Plant number and size appropriate for container

- Entry designed to be viewed from all sides

- Plants have been grown in container and securely rooted

Plants & Quality 30 points total (5 elements @ 6 pts each)

- Features at least **3** different species of plants

- Display attracts attention, holds viewer's interest, and is sale worth in auction

- Plants chosen work together in related elements (water, sun, temp, etc.)

- Plants enhance the theme chosen

- Plants are healthy with no signs of pests or disease

Staging & Display 20 points total (5 elements @ 4 pts each)

- Container, additional media, or design elements enhances creative presentation of entry

- Display shows imagination, creative thought, originality

- Double potting is acceptable with suitable media and/or top dressing used in all pots

- Terrarium NOT double potted

- Plants in natural form without leaf or foliage enhancers used

Project Log 10 points total (5 elements @ 2 pts each)

- Official ACF log used (found on ACF Horticulture site to download)

- Narrative describing entry inspiration and creative process

- **10 + printed** photos over **8-week** student owned & grown project

- Plants used listed with genus, species, common name, cultivar, variety

- Timeline of planting/maintenance and cost of project included