

Trash-to-Treasure Theme “Revolutionary Birdhouse”

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Valley Forge is historically significant for winter encampment (1777-1778) where General George Washington's Continental Army camped for essential training, transforming the army into an effective fighting force. The soldiers endured extreme cold, hunger, and disease. They had to overcome such challenges that made Valley Forge a symbol of American perseverance and resilience.

Recognizing the sacrifices and determination of the Revolutionary War generation, GCFP 2025

Trash-to-Treasure contest will

showcase the design and construction of a functional revolutionary birdhouse for the garden utilizing recycled materials as described below. A patriotic birdhouse design may also be used to celebrate the upcoming semi-quincentennial anniversary (250 years) of America.

Specifications:

1. Birdhouse design themes will acknowledge the revolutionary period setting at Valley Forge including Log and stone house architecture and other creative revolutionary themes. Construction materials will primarily include recyclables.
2. Dimensions: No larger than 15" X 15" mounting surface. Height limited to 18".
3. Weight: No more than 20 lbs., including mounting surface.
4. Materials: All types of repurposed materials including wood, stone, limited metal (for bird safety), glass, other recyclables. Approximately 20% of the design may include functional materials such as glue and paint.

5. Entry must include a 3 x 5 card: Front: Title and materials list. Back: District, Garden Club, Designer(s) name and mailing address. Entry may be work of more than one.

ONLY ONE ENTRY FROM EACH DISTRICT

Selection method is determined by the district. District entries selected for convention competition must be submitted on Sunday, April 6, from 1-5 PM, at the designated area of the Alloy Hotel. Judging will be at 5:15 PM. Entries are not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show.

Questions?

Please phone Trash-to-Treasure Co-Chairs Naser Chowdhury and Marsha Chowdhury.

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SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING

Conformance (fits within stated dimensions, weight)	20 pts
Artistic Concept (creative use of recycled materials)	40 pts
Expression (interpretation of theme)	20 pts
Execution (workmanship)	20 pts

TOTAL 100 pts

