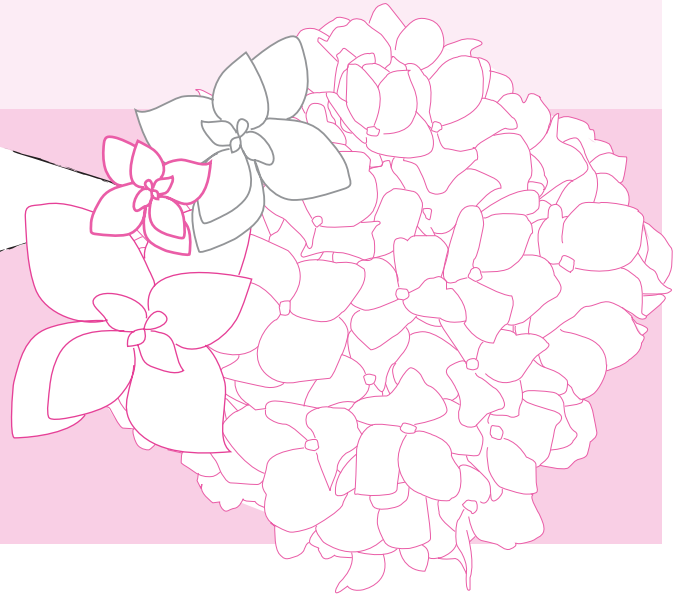


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WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

3373 Mt. Baker Highway

Bellingham, WA 98226

About the Friendly Competition: The Whatcom County in Bloom Friendly Competition is a community beautification project. The program encourages greater and more imaginative use of flowers and other plants to make our surroundings even more beautiful. First, second, and third place certificates are awarded in each category. Everyone who enters will be recognized with a certificate. There are also trophies that are awarded to recognize special efforts or outstanding features in the gardens that are entered for the year. At the end of the competition, when all the scores are compiled, there will be an awards ceremony on Wednesday, September 15th at 7 p.m. at the Whatcom County Courthouse to announce the winners. Gardeners can win first place in a category for two years in a row. The third year they must take a year of rest from that particular category. They may enter in a different category. Entrants may enter in two categories only each year. Whatcom in Bloom judges are horticultural specialists and landscape designers.



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Categories:

To enter, choose the category that best describes the garden you wish to enter.

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Save the Date!
Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, September 15,
7 p.m.

For information call:
360.676.6707
ext. 47012

Or visit
www.co.whatcom.wa.us/parks

Entry Fee:

- \$15.00 first entry
- \$5.00 each additional category or time period
- \$5.00 per children's garden entry

Please fill in and detach the form below and mail, along with entry fee, to:

Whatcom County in Bloom
c/o Whatcom County Parks and Recreation
3373 Mt. Baker Highway
Bellingham, WA 98226

- 1. RESIDENTIAL:** Choose the category that best describes the type of garden you wish to enter.
 - A. Garden Open to View:** Your garden will be judged by the plantings visible from the public right of way.
 - B. Private Garden:** Gardens screened from view behind fences, hedges, in back yards, etc.
 - C. Entire Garden:** This category includes the entire planted area. Gardens may incorporate many styles: flowers, woodland plantings, water features, vegetables, etc., to form a total landscape, under 1/2 acre.
 - D. Entire Garden:** Same criteria as C, 1/2 acre or more.
- 2. ECOLOGICALLY SOUND GARDEN:** Your environmentally friendly garden could include a garden maintained with minimal or no chemical pesticides and water use, natural habitat for birds and wildlife, use of native plants.
- 3. COLLECTOR'S GARDEN:** For gardeners who have special collections of plants within their garden. Please specify the focus of your collections that you wish the judges to see.
- 4. CONTAINER GARDEN:** For individuals or business who garden using containers in courtyards, on patios, decks, or a variety of other settings.
- 5. CHILDREN'S GARDEN:** Garden projects done by a child or group of children. Everyone gets an award!
- 6. COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Join together with your neighbors, relatives, co-workers, or friends to beautify your area through community gardening.
- 7. APARTMENT/CONDOMINIUM:** To recognize the management and/or residents who enhance the complex through gardening.
 - A. Complex**
 - B. Individual**
- 8. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS**
- 9. ENTRANCE WITH A SIGN:** For creative use of planting at businesses, apartments, condominiums, churches, gas stations, etc.
- 10. MEDICAL FACILITIES / OFFICE COMPLEXES**
- 11. SHOPPING DISTRICT**
- 12. PUBLIC AGENCIES / PARKS**
- 13. BEGINNERS GARDEN:** Creating your first garden? Then this is for you, if you have gardened for two years or less.

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Your first entry fee is \$15. Add \$5 for each additional category or time period. \$5 per children's garden entry. You may enter your garden in one or both time periods and in no more than two categories. Make your check payable to Whatcom County Parks & Recreation. All entries must be received by Friday, July 23.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS TO BE JUDGED: _____

DIRECTIONS FROM I-5: _____

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(if different than address to be judged)

CATEGORY: _____

IF YOUR GARDEN CANNOT BE VIEWED FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, please indicate if you wish to be notified when your garden will be judged: _____ YES _____ NO

CHOOSE THE TIME PERIOD YOU WISH TO ENTER

_____ A. June 1 - June 30 _____ B. July 10 - August 15