



"Urban Retreat"

2008 Portland Flower Show Student Essay Contest



Rules:

- ✿ The individual must be a Maine resident to enter this essay contest.
- ✿ The individual must write/compose their own essay in their own words (with minimal assistance from another person)
- ✿ The individual may submit only one entry.
- ✿ The individual will respond in writing 150 words or less (handwritten or typed) to the following statement:

Why should I care about plants?

Deadline

Submit written entry with completed registration form by **February 25, 2008** (postmarked or email date)

To:

Essay Contest

awitt@umext.maine.edu

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

subject line: essay contest

PO Box 9300

please email the essay as an attachment

Portland, ME 04104-9300

Registration Form or information that must be included with the essay

Last name, first name, middle initial

Mailing address (street or PO Box),

Town, State, zip code

Birth date: mm/dd/year

Age in years, months as of March 5, 2008

Three prizes will be awarded in every age category

6-9 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

10-13 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

14-18 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

Essay Judging Criteria:

Creativity (0-20 points)

Focus/purpose (0-20 points)

Age appropriateness (0-10 points)

Passion for topic (0-20 points)

Use of descriptive language (0-15 points)

Grammar/Spelling (0-10 points)

Readable/legible (0-5 points)

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

A team of three (3) judges comprised of one educator, one Master Gardener Volunteer and one home horticulturist will score the essays.

Winners will be invited to attend the Opening Preview on Wednesday evening, March 5.

A news release announcing the winners will be released to local news outlets immediately after prizes are awarded.

Selected essays will be posted for public viewing for the duration of the Portland Flower Show (March 6-9).

Winning essays will become the property of the Portland Flower Show.