

The First Annual Region 2 Winter Meeting Birdhouse Contest

CONTEST RULES

1. **Who can enter?** The contest is open to all members in attendance at the Region 2 Winter Meeting 2010. All ages can enter, as individuals or as groups. The Event Coordinator, judges, and members of their immediate family and/or household may not enter.
2. **Cost.** This is a FREE event, both for the participants and for the attendees. All entries become the property of Region 2 and will be auctioned off. Proceeds to go to Reg 2
3. **Entry forms.** To allow sufficient time for planning the staging of the competition, the completed entry form **must be received** no later than Wednesday, Feb 10. Limit one birdhouse per person. One entry form per birdhouse. A legal parent or guardian's signature must accompany the signature of any individual under 18.
4. **Divisions.** There is only one major division of the contest.
5. **Categories.** There is only one Category in this contest.

Functional birdhouses: Birdhouse must meet specific requirements of the particular bird for which it was built and constructed of non-toxic materials that can withstand elements outdoors. (Dimensions for houses of specific birds can be found at the library, on the Internet.

Decorative or whimsical birdhouses can be used indoors or outdoors – but must be functional, to make these birdhouses, you are limited only by your imagination! They can have a folk art flavor, have fun shapes, or even look silly. These houses can show off your painting skills or be made of unusual materials. Your imagination is the limit, as long as it adheres to the rules.

6 **Design.** Your birdhouse can be a traditional design or an original design. You may purchase an unfinished birdhouse from a crafts store and decorate it. Your birdhouse must be able to be displayed upright on its own or on a stand.

7. **Dimensions.** The birdhouse cannot exceed the following dimensions: 18" x 18" x 24". This should accommodate most local cavity-nesting backyard birds, owls, and waterfowl. You may mount your birdhouse on a stand if you wish; the stand will not be included in the overall dimensions.

8. **Materials.** You can make or decorate your birdhouse out of practically anything: wood, metal, plastic, cardboard, flea market finds, craft store items, or unlikely things found in grocery or hardware stores. Once again, you are limited only by your imagination. There is only one important rule: if you are building a functional birdhouse that will be used outside, you must use materials, adhesives, and finishes that are non-toxic to birds and that are durable to withstand the elements outdoors.

9. **YOU must build/decorate the birdhouse.** All birdhouse construction and/or decoration must be done by the individual(s) entering the competition. Assistance with power tools is acceptable. For safety, young competitors may be supervised by parents or guardians; however, as much as possible, children should make their own entries. You may not enter a birdhouse made by someone else or purchased from a store.

10. **Disqualifications.** Whether decorative or functional, your entry must be a real birdhouse, not a structure, such as a box or block of wood, painted to look like a birdhouse. Your entry must look like a house made for birds, with round hole(s), not like a small house with a rectangular door. Used birdhouses are not acceptable. You may not enter a birdhouse made by someone else or purchased from a store.

This is a family event. All entries must be in good taste. Any entry considered offensive or inappropriate will not be allowed.

11. **Judging criteria.** Birdhouses in each category will be judged on
 - a. Overall appearance
 - b. Creativity, originality, imaginative concept and its execution
 - c. Exceptional use of form, texture, color, composition

12. **Personal Identification.** Please attach a small card with your name, address, phone number, and email on the underside of your birdhouse where it cannot be seen. DO NOT put your name or any identifying information on the birdhouse where it can be seen.

13. **Submitting your entry.** You must deliver your completed birdhouse to the Coordinator (JR Blanton) between the hours of noon and 5pm in the Crown Plaza (Great Room) Friday, Feb 26, 2010. When you submit your birdhouse, please include a description of your birdhouse on the front of a 4x6 index card (limit 100 words or less). Feel free to include any unique features about your birdhouse or to describe the construction process and/or materials. DO NOT put your name or any other identifying information on the front of this card. Since this is a functional birdhouse, you will want to indicate the bird(s) for which it was built.

14. **Judging.** Judging will take place on Friday afternoon, Feb 26, beginning at 6 p.m.

15. **Awards.**

1. 1st 2010 Introduction from “Daylily World”

2. 2nd Registration Fee paid for the 2011 Region Winter Meeting

3. 3rd 50.00 Gift certificate from “Tangled Vine Garden”.

15. **Announcement of Winners.** Winners will be announced at a ceremony held on Friday, Feb 26th birdhouses will be on display until they are auctioned.

16. **Questions?** Email jrlanton@yahoo.com or call 513.252.7403.

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CONTEST**

Feb 26,27,28 2010

ENTRY FORM

Read the entire list of contest rules before completing this form. Then please print or type the following information:

Contestant's name: _____

Street Address:

Phone where you can be reached if there is a question:

Email address: _____

I have read the contest rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

(required for any entrant under 18)

Email form to: Birdhouse Contest

jrlanton@yahoo.com

Questions? Call 513-252-7403