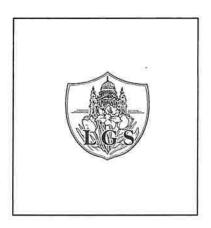
THE LONDON GARDENS SOCIETY

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NOTES FOR JUDGES AND COMPETITION ENTRANTS

LGS MARKING FORM FOR JUDGES

LGS MARKING STANDARDS FOR COMPETITIONS

(APRIL 2017)

THE LONDON GARDENS SOCIETY: JUDGES MARKING FORM

Competition:	JUDGING CRITERIA	POSSIBLE MARKS	ACTUAL MARKS				
Category: Entrant:	Visual Impact	30					
Address:	Cultivation/ Maintenance / Sustainability	35*					
Phone: Fax:	Horticultural Content/ Special Features	30					
E-mail:							
	Site Difficulties	5**					
	TOTAL	100					
Why have you given marks using the above criteria?							
1. Visual Impact							
2. Cultivation/Maintenance (*Max 30 Marks) Sustainability (*Max 5 Marks)							
3. Horticultural Content/Special Features							
4. Site Difficulties (**1 mark only for each evident site difficulty to Max of 5 Marks)							
Comments which could help the entrant improve							

Signature of Judge:	Date:			
Print Name:	(LGS Judges Marking Form April 201	ıε		

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STANDARD	MAXIMUM MARKS			OURANGE NOTES		
ACHIEVED	100	35	30	5	GUIDANCE NOTES	
OUTSTANDING	90-100	31-35	26-30	5	What is so outstanding to justify the mark awarded? Please comment in your report.	
VERY GOOD	75-89	25-30	21-25	4	Generally accepted as the Upper Standard of mark awarded. Please comment in your report.	
GOOD	60-74	18-24	16-20	3	Generally accepted as the Middle Standard of mark awarded. Please comment in your report.	
ACCEPTABLE	45-59	12-17	11-15	2	Generally accepted as the Lower Standard of mark awarded. Please comment in your report.	
POOR	26-44	6-11	6-10	1	What is so poor to justify the mark awarded? Please comment in your report.	
VERY POOR	0-25	0-5	0-5	0	What is so very poor to justify the mark awarded? Please comment in your report.	

COMMENTS BOX ON JUDGES MARKING FORM

Judges are asked to make full use of this box, as it is helpful in any feedback to the entrant or when second round judging is found to be necessary.

It is important for judges to justify the reason for the mark given.

The comments box at the bottom of the judging sheet can include remarks that would be helpful to the entrant to encourage them to improve, or the reason why a particular mark was given; it can also include comments to help the organisers of the competition i.e. Road difficult to find or keys left with neighbour to gain access to rear garden.

Constructive remarks are very important

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NOTES ON JUDGES MARKING FORM

VISUAL IMPACT: MAXIMUM MARKS 30

The visual impact of many entries will primarily be dependent on a display of colour.

However, given the changing tastes in gardens and other types of displays, the visual impact of an entry may not be primarily dependent on colour as for example in the case of Rock Gardens, Structure Gardens, Themed Gardens, Water Gardens and Vegetable Gardens. Judges should consider this type of entry on its own merits and should avoid awarding lower marks merely because of lack of colour.

Judges should also consider the overall design and layout of the entry under this heading when awarding their marks.

CULTIVATION/MAINTENANCE/SUSTAINABILITY: MAXIMUM MARKS 35

Plants, including trees and shrubs if they are appropriate to the competition, should be healthy and free of disease. All plants, trees and shrubs should be deadheaded, pruned and well maintained.

Lawns and their edges should be well maintained.

Containers, tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets should be properly maintained.

Judges should mention on the marking form examples of steps taken to preserve naturally occurring resources. Examples are correct mulching, water conservation, reduction of the use of peat/pesticides/herbicides, waste management, recycling, composting etc, and the quality and general presentation of the entry should be considered here.

Judges may award a maximum of 30 marks for Cultivation and Maintenance and a maximum of 5 marks when there is evidence of good sustainability practice. If there is none evident, Judges must not award any marks at all under the Sustainability criteria.

HORTICULTURAL CONTENT/SPECIAL FEATURES: MAXIMUM MARKS 30

Consider the diversity and range of plant material used. Note rare plants and those of special interest and the use made of drought tolerant summer and all year round plants.

Judges should mention on the marking form any special features if they enhance the entry. Examples that may be regarded as special features are rockeries, structures, themes and water features. Judges should only reward one point for each feature which must be listed on the marking form and no more than a maximum of 5 points out of the 30 available in this section should be awarded.

SITE DIFFICULTIES: MAXIMUM MARKS 5

Judges should mention on the marking form any site difficulties such as exposure to the wind, overhanging trees, shade, litter problems, traffic or other pollution and vandalism.

Judges will award 1 mark for each site difficulty up to a maximum of 5 marks. If there are no site difficulties present, Judges must not award any marks at all under this criteria.

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