
Wreath Contest Rules and Judging Guidelines

The 2010 Virginia Wreath Contest will be held at the Best Western Inn, Waynesboro, Virginia. Wreaths will be set up and judged on Thursday, August 26, 2010. Setup will begin at 8 a.m. and must be completed by noon.

Eligible participants should complete the following form and submit it with their entry.

Responsibility for the wreath's condition will remain with the entrant until the wreath is set up in the judging area.

Questions should be directed to the Wreath Contest Chair: Robert O'Keeffe, Phone: 540-580-3528, rifton@swva.net

PURPOSE OF CONTEST:

To establish an opportunity for the VCTGA to encourage and promote the use of Real Christmas Tree evergreens.

RULES AND JUDGING GUIDELINES

These rules and guidelines establish the procedure to be followed in selecting the national champion wreaths.

General

- Wreaths are to be made of Real Christmas Tree evergreens (no princess pine), grown within the state of the contest entrant. No colorant may be applied. Wreaths may be single or double faced. They will be judged either hanging on a wall or on an easel. All wreaths must be made on a 12-inch diameter ring only.
- Both decorated and undecorated wreaths can be made of mixed evergreens. On decorated wreaths, natural or artificial decorations may be used. Decorated wreaths must have a bow.
- The wreath contest will be held at a site selected by the chair and will be convenient to the convention site.

Contest Procedures

- Prior to the contest, or with their entry, each entrant will provide a signed two-part "qualification statement" to the con-test chairperson. Part one should state that the entrant is eligible to enter the contest as a representative of his or her farm. Part two should state that the entrant is a member in good standing of VCTGA and be signed by the entrant. Eligibility will be cross-checked with VCTGA membership records

before winners are selected.

- Securely tied to each wreath will be a blank sealed envelope, containing a card with wreath maker's name, address and telephone number. The card should also contain the name and location of the grower of the evergreen materials if it is different than the entrant's.

Eligibility of Entrants

- Each Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association member is eligible to enter two wreaths per class in the VCTGA Wreath Contest. In no case shall one person, family or farm enter more than two wreaths, one decorated and one undecorated. Entrant must be registered for the Convention to enter the contest.

Awards and Recognition

- The top three places in each class will receive ribbons: First place – blue ribbon; second place – red ribbon; and third place – white ribbon.
- Award ribbons will be placed on wreaths the day of the judging. All contest wreaths will be identified with the name of the entrant.
- The Grand champion will receive a purple ribbon, plaque and the honor of furnishing a wreath for the Governor's Mansion as a representative of VCTGA for the current year. Presentation of a wreath to the Governor's Mansion is subject to approval and permission granted by the Governor's Mansion.
- \$25.00 vouchers to spend with Vendors will be given to the winner in each of the 2 wreath categories. An extra \$15 voucher will be given to the Grand Champion winner.
- After the judging, an "Avenue of Virginia Christmas Trees" will be maintained throughout the convention at a convenient location in the Convention Center. Non-winning wreathes may be used for other functions at the convention, such as decorating. The name of the entrant will be prominently displayed on each wreath after the winners are announced.