

LANDSCAPERS

CHALLENGE



Island County Fair presents the first annual **Landscapers Challenge**. This challenge is open to commercial landscapers and designers as a friendly, promotional opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities, thereby enhancing their business visibility to the public.

This is a prime opportunity to showcase your talent. The only rules are shown below. Let your imagination bloom! You may use temporary or permanent plantings in your design and donate what you would like. A donation certificate shall be provided to you for plantings left for the remainder of the year for others to enjoy. This is like the Home Show and the Garden Show, impress your clients and gain some new clients as well. You may have a representative on hand to give out information, brochures and business cards if you choose.

Winners shall have the opportunity to showcase their business on the Camano Avenue/Langley Road Fairground frontage throughout the following year, as well as having county-wide bragging rights! Restrictions apply per code and liability.

RULES

ENTERING

- ❖ Entrants must fill out an entry form showing which lottery space has been assigned to them, along with other appropriate information to be given to the Island County Fair Office, *attn: Landscape Superintendent* during regular fair office hours.
- ❖ There is **no entry fee** for participation.
- ❖ All standard rules for the Island County Fair shall apply to entrants.
- ❖ Entrants must be a **commercial business**.
- ❖ **Entry deadline** shall be Friday, August 1, at 4 p.m.
- ❖ All designed/landscaped areas **must be completed** prior to judging competition, on Friday, August 8, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Entrants must leave their designs in place until the Wednesday following the Fair. Entrants who remove their entry prior to that time shall not be allowed to participate the following year.
- ❖ Entries are limited to space availability.
- ❖ Entrants shall be placed in assigned area by a drawn lottery system. There will be two categories of ground area or container gardens. Each participant will be assigned to the category by the lottery space drawn.

- ❖ Each entrant will be able to purchase up to 2 vendor price tickets for themselves or their staff daily to maintain the gardens. All participants must have a ticket to gain entry, even to just water.

MATERIALS

- ❖ All entrants shall supply their own plants, garden features, tools, necessary equipment, labor, bark or soil as needed **at their own cost**.

SAFETY

- ❖ No vehicles will be allowed on the fairgrounds after the start of the fair season.
- ❖ All entrants shall be liable for their own and/or employee safety.
- ❖ All areas of participants must meet safety guidelines for public access at all times
- ❖ Security shall be provided as part of a routine procedure of the Fair, however, the Island County Fair Association, Island County Fair Board and staff shall not be held liable for theft, damage, fire, flooding or any acts of vandalism to the entries.

WATER

- ❖ All entrants shall be responsible for watering and maintaining their own entries. Employees may be assigned to maintain your space for your company.
- ❖ All entrants need to consider how to water your design if necessary. Water will be made available, but entrants must supply their own hoses or water tankers to perform adequate watering from available water sources. Times to water said areas shall be prior to the opening of the fair each day and at the last hour of the fair at night prior to closing. No vehicles will be allowed on the fair grounds after the start of the fair season. Please be mindful of waste and runoff of water, as entrants may be held liable for damage caused to other displays by carelessness.

JUDGING CRITERIA

For the year 2008, there will be an **open theme** for the Landscapers Challenge.

Judging criteria will based upon:

- Best use of materials
- Best use of space
- Overall design
- Best artistic impression
- Best incorporation of non plant materials
- Habitat-friendliness
- Special considerations will be given for use of native plants, water features, drought tolerant plantings and lighting
- Additional awards shall be given for educational materials and displays

A point system shall be used for each of the above criteria.

Those entrants that are assigned a “container space” shall be judged in a separate category but with equal opportunity to win a year-round display area.

Judges are qualified persons from county, private and educational areas of expertise and their decisions are final. Any concerns or disputes shall be addressed by the Landscaping Challenge Superintendent and then appropriately forwarded to the Island County Board for review if necessary.

AWARDS

- ❖ Best of Awards will be given in the following categories:

Container

Design

People's Choice

Landscapers/Designers

Landscape

Superintendent's Choice

Water Feature

Drought Tolerant

Educational

The top three total point winners shall have the option to participate in the year-round showcase display area on the Camano Avenue/Langley Road frontage. In the event of an entrant declining the option, the option then will be given to next nearest point total recipient. There will be no monetary compensation for winners or participants.

- ❖ Winners of the challenge shall agree to maintain their frontage display throughout the year as is appropriate for the area and climate/season. Winners shall also be able to promote their business by use of signage per Langley City ordinance. Winners shall assume liability for their displays as the Island County Fair Association, Island County Fair Board and staff shall not be held liable for theft, damage, fire, flooding or any acts of vandalism to the displays.



Be a Blooming Beauty!!

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Official Entry Form

Date of Entry _____

Name of Company / Entrant _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone No. _____

E-mail address _____

Lottery number assignment _____

Area location _____

to be assigned by Superintendent

There is no entry fee for participation.

Number of vendor-priced tickets purchased @ \$1 per person per day of Fair _____

Paid by: Cash Check Amount \$ _____ Date _____

Checks should be made payable to "Island County Fair"

Any questions may be addressed to Superintendent, Landscapers Challenge, Island County Fair,
360.221-4677 or 19icfa12@whidbey.com

Entrants must complete and turn in entry form by deadline of
Friday, August 1, 2008 at 4 p.m.

Entry received by _____ Assigned by _____