

# 2019 GardenFest Birdhouse Competition Registration Form

**Entry Fee - \$2 per entry**  
due at dropoff w/registration form.  
Enter as many times as you like!  
Please complete one form per entry.

Entrant Name:

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**Age Group** (Select 1)

- Adults (Ages 16 and Above)
- Children Ages 12 to 15
- Children Ages 8 to 11
- Children Ages 4 to 7

**Category** (Select 1)

- Gourd
- Other Materials– realistic house
- Other Materials – fantastical design

**Title and/or Description of Birdhouse:**

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Pre-register online if you prefer.

[bit.ly/birdhouse-contest](http://bit.ly/birdhouse-contest)

or bring this form to dropoff with your entry.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association supports its members, Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners serving the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, and Warren.

Extension Master Gardeners are volunteer educators who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management, education, and training. Extension Master Gardeners are required to continue their education each year to stay up to date on current issues and recommendations for home gardeners.

As an educational program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Extension Master Gardeners bring the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the commonwealth.

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Master Gardener Association

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Help create a home for our feathered friends and share your creativity!



Entries may be constructed from scratch, or undecorated birdhouses may be purchased and then decorated. "Other Materials" can be any birdhouse-suitable material and may be new or reused/recycled. Entrants must decorate their own entries, though guardians may help children use tools.

## Categories

- 1) Gourd
- 2) Other Materials– realistic house
- 3) Other Materials – fantastical design

## Age Groups

- A) Adults (Ages 16 and Above)
- B) Children Ages 12 to 15
- C) Children Ages 8 to 11
- D) Children Ages 4 to 7

## Registration

Entrants may enter as many birdhouses as they'd like. Each entry is \$2, due at dropoff. Entrants may elect to pre-register online at [bit.ly/birdhouse-contest](http://bit.ly/birdhouse-contest), or they may bring registration form(s) at time of dropoff.



## Judging & Awards

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Honorable Mention awarded in each category by age group.**
  - \$20 awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place adult winner in each category.
  - Ribbons awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Honorable Mention adult and children winners in each category.
- **Special recognition for:**
  - *Community Choice* (voted on by attendees)
  - *Best Use of Recycled Materials*
  - *Best Shenandoah Valley Theme*
  - *Best Gardening Theme*
  - *Most Artistic*

Awards will be announced at noon, and birdhouses must still be on display to win.

## Display

Entrants may bring a pole or stand for display if birdhouse does not sit level on a table.

**Drop off/Pickup:** All entries should be delivered between 8:00 am and 9:00 am on June 1, 2019, to the GardenFest Birdhouse Competition Booth at Belle Grove Plantation. Judging is between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. All entries must be picked up between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Entrants may choose to donate their entries. Donations and any entries not picked up will be door prizes at future Master Gardener events, with any proceeds benefiting educational activities in the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

## Birdhouse Specifications

If you make a box from scratch, you'll learn that different sizes attract different birds. Here is more information on birds common in our area.

Additional birdhouse information and birdhouse plans are available from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at <https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/>.

Species	Hole Size	Width & Length	Depth
Eastern Bluebird	2 1/4" h x 1 3/8" w	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	9"
Black-capped Chickadee	1 1/8"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8"
Carolina Chickadee	1 1/8"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8"
Carolina Wren	2 1/2" h x 5" w	5" x 6 1/2"	7"
House Wren	1"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8"
White-breasted Nuthatch	1 1/4"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8"
Tufted Titmouse	1 1/4"	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8"
Barred Owl	7"	13" x 13"	23"
Eastern Screech-Owl	3"	10" x 11 3/4"	14"
Pileated Woodpecker	4"	11 1/4" x 11 1/4"	24"

Measurements © Cornell Lab of Ornithology at <https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/>