



THERE IS A POT OF GOLD IN YOUR GARDEN
DIG FOR IT

WAUGH SHIELD CHILDREN'S
GARDENING COMPETITION

Dear Parents:

The Waugh Shield Children's Garden Competition was founded by a prominent citizen, the late Mr. R. D. Waugh, who conceived the idea that when children are doing something for themselves under competitive stimulation, and, of course, with the necessary inspiration of parents, teachers and other interested persons, they not only learn devotion to duty, appreciation of nature and beauty, but they spend their surplus energy on something constructive rather than on something undesirable.

Since 1910, several Shields and other prizes were won by various districts of Greater Winnipeg. In 1923, the fifth and last shield was donated by Mr. R. D. Waugh, with the stipulation that this shield must be won five times before becoming the property of the winning contestants.

St. James succeeded in this in 1930, but the members of the St. James Horticultural Society realized the value of the Children's Garden Competition, and returned the shield to the Waugh Shield Committee for perpetual competition.

With the different schools of Greater Winnipeg and Horticultural Societies participating, this competition is now under the auspices of a committee of interested citizens. The soundness of this competition has proven its worth for practically 38 years in teaching our children to develop a pride in their own achievements and to gain the opportunity of ownership in the material things of life.

Every boy or girl who makes a Waugh Shield Garden, helps to produce food for the thousands who need it.

Make sure your child's application is returned early so that he or she will have the seeds when May 1st rolls around.

Waugh Shield Children's Gardening Competition

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

School.....

Signature of Parent.....

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the highest and next highest scorers, irrespective of sex.

Note—Competitor must be over 8 and under 14 years of age at May 1st.

What Must I Do?

TO ENTER THE WAUGH SHIELD CHILDREN'S GARDENING COMPETITION

For Boys and Girls

Age of Entry

You must not be under eight years of age nor have reached your fourteenth birthday on May 1st.

Application

Attached application form for membership is to be filled out, signed by your parent and returned to your teacher. Do not enter more than one application nor in more than one district.

Location and Size of Garden

Your garden can be on the school grounds, at home or on a vacant lot.

The size of the garden is important and should not be less than 100 square feet and not larger than 150 square feet.

If possible, put a stake at each corner as marker of your garden plot.

Vegetables and flowers must be grown on one plot, without path or division.

Seeds to be Planted

Three varieties of vegetables—
Table beets—Intermediate carrots—Dwarf beans

Also three varieties of flowers—
Zinnias—Centaurea—Marigold

Seeds will be delivered to you about May 1st, and only seeds obtained through the Waugh Shield Committee must be used. All vegetables and flowers must be grown from seeds, outside, in your own garden.

What Help Can I Get to Make My Garden a Success?

You are allowed assistance in preparing the ground for seeding but afterwards, you must do the actual gardening yourself. Your garden may be inspected from time to time by a representative of the Organization who will gladly assist and advise you.

How Will My Garden Be Judged, and When?

The judging of your garden will be done between August 1st and August 11th, according to points, and the highest points obtainable are:

Condition of Crops—45 points; Cultivation—30 points; Layout—9 points; Variety—6 points; Freedom from Insects and Disease—10 points; Total 100 points.

Other Information

Entering Garden for Judging

If your garden is good enough, it will be entered for judging. This will be done by the district representative before August 1st.

Judges

Judges will be appointed by the Waugh Shield Committee. Appointed judges will judge all districts.

Time of Judging

The judging to decide winners will take place between August 1st and August 11th.

Entry for Shield Competition

Each district shall enter twelve gardens under their respective jurisdiction for competition. District making highest points to be awarded the shield. The district winning the Shield shall be held responsible for it during the time it is in their possession, and must return it to the committee in charge at the end of the season following that in which it was won.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the highest and the next highest scores, irrespective of sex.

Cash Prizes

Four cash prizes will be awarded in each district competing. Gardens must score 60% or over to receive prizes.

Other Prizes

A suitable prize, donated by Mr. C. H. Budd, will be given to the competitor scoring the highest number of points who has not reached his or her ninth birthday on May 1st in current year of competition, and who is not a winner of another prize.

Exhibitions— Where You Also May Be a Prize Winner

Each child gardener has the privilege to exhibit his or her vegetables and flowers free of charge at any of the following Garden Shows:

Winnipeg Horticultural Show
St. Vital Agricultural Show
Fort Garry Horticultural Show
Charleswood Horticultural show

These shows are usually held during the latter part of August.

Surprise Gift

A valuable surprise gift will be given to the child who gets the highest total score on his or her exhibits at the above mentioned Horticultural Shows:

First prizes score 3 points
Second prizes score 2 points
Third prizes score 1 point

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