

Designer Gardens – People's Choice Volunteers



Your task is to help visitors vote for their favourite Designer Garden (DG) - The People's Choice. It is very popular, and the result is often completely different from the formal judging. The designers really value the award so, to make it worthwhile, we need lots of votes! The winner will be announced at the DG site on Saturday at 3.00pm.

On arrival at the Show please go to the Show Information Point (SIP) and collect a steward's tabard and lanyard, and a bottle of water. Then proceed to the DG area where you will find

- At the front of each DG, a label (A-D), at ground level.
- A notice board with a post box, a plastic leaflet holder and a poster about the Competition and the People's Choice. The plastic holder is for blank voting slips and some pencils.
- A plastic storage box marked "Designer Garden People's Choice", at the base of the large tree behind the notice board.
- The box contains a supply of blank voting slips and pencils, a TFS bag with the postbox key tied to the bag handle, and a copy of these notes

During your duty please

- Keep the leaflet holder topped up with slips and pencils
- Move among the visitors encouraging them to vote, handing out slips (and pencils if needed)
- If the postbox gets full, open it and put the used slips into the bag. Relock the postbox and store the bag and slips in the box until the end of your duty.

- Use this opportunity to explain to visitors that all proceeds from the Show Raffle will help next year's DG Competition, by providing each designer with some financial support to create their garden - they are often starting out in business. So, everyone who buys a raffle ticket is a DG sponsor! Raffle tickets are on sale in the Floral and Competition Marquees and at the SIP.
- Offer the designers some slips - some like to encourage votes themselves

Towards the end of your duty empty the postbox into the bag again and take the bag with all the used slips to the SIP so they can be counted later. **Please return the bag and key to the storage box before you go off duty!**

Anne Kearle, DG Coordinator, will set up the voting each day and close it on Friday at the end of Show, and on Saturday at 2pm.

Please refer to the Volunteer Information Booklet for all the details of what to do in an emergency.

If you need any help or advice please return to the SIP and ask a steward to contact Anne Kearle, DG Coordinator.

We value your help and do not want you to feel isolated.