



“CELEBRATION!”

2012 Portland Flower Show Student Essay Contest

Rules:

- ✿ The individual must be a Maine resident to enter this essay contest.
- ✿ The individual must write/compose their own essay in their own words (with minimal assistance from another person).
- ✿ The individual may submit only one entry.
- ✿ The individual will respond in writing **150 words or less** (handwritten or typed) to the following:
(Please note essays longer than 150 words will not be scored)

Use your imagination to describe in detail a celebration you would plan outdoors.

(An 8 1/2 x 11 original picture/illustration may accompany the essay entry.)

Deadline

Submit written entry with completed registration form by Thursday, **February 16, 2012** (postmarked or email date) to:

Essay Contest

amy.witt@maine.edu

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Subject line: essay contest

75 Clearwater Drive, Suite 104

Please email the essay as an attachment

Falmouth, ME 04105

Registration Form or information that must be included with the essay

Last name, first name, middle initial

Mailing address (street or PO Box),

Town, State, Zip code

Phone number

Birth date: mm/dd/year

Age

Three prizes will be awarded in every age category:

6-9 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

10-13 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

14-18 years old (\$50, \$30, \$20)

Essay Judging Criteria:

Uniqueness & creativity of thought (0-30 points)

Passion for topic (0-20 points)

Use of descriptive language (0-20 points)

Focus (0-15 points)

Spelling/grammar (0-10 points)

Readable/legible (0-5 points)

A team of three judges comprised of an educator, a master gardener volunteer and a home horticulturist will score the essays.

Winners will be invited to attend the Opening Preview on Wednesday evening, March 7.

A news release announcing the winners will be released to local news outlets after prizes are awarded.

Selected essays will be posted for public viewing for the duration of the Portland Flower Show (March 8-11).

Winning essays will become the property of the Portland Flower Show.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.