



## ***The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America***

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### **YOUTH GARDENING GENERAL RULES FOR THE NATIONAL CONTEST**

#### ***“FAVORITE FLOWERS”***

1. Any club, club member or member at large can sponsor youth (up to and including age 18) for the contest. The youth do not have to be in a club.
  2. Our youth may freely choose their own flowers to grow. Perhaps they are their favorite flower(s) or a mixture of flowers they like. They can have a theme, like flowers for shade, or for butterflies or different flowers but all of the same color or flowers whose name begins with the same letter as the youth's name.
  3. The flowers can be from seeds, bulbs, tubers, etc. They can be large or small, growing indoor or outdoor, old standard varieties or something brand new.
  4. Once the youths have decided what to grow, they need to get the contest form for favorite flowers and get growing. Three photographs must be taken of the youth and the flowers in various stages of growth.
  5. Each club or sponsoring member may set up their contest and follow the progress any way they wish. The following are just suggestions to get you thinking. You can mentor, encourage, advise and/or instruct. You can help with information on soil, planting, watering, light and temperature needs, fertilizing, etc. The web is a great resource.
  6. Clubs may end the contest whenever and however they choose. Set your date and time for the flowers to be brought in for judging. Invite parents to this meeting of recognition, celebration and/or rewards. Be sure the youths get a chance to talk about this experience and answer questions.
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1. By November 15, TGOA Youth Garden Chair Cheri Kessen must have the name, age, address, email, record and result form and the three photographs from all entering this contest. Please send it to Cheri Kessen, 1205 Limberlost Trail, Rome City, IN 4784 or [ckessen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ckessen2001@yahoo.com)