



Young Horticulturist of the year 2006

COMPETITION



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Education Trust in conjunction with the New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation is organising a national competition to inspire and acknowledge the talents of the young people employed in the horticultural industry.

TO ENTER

Participants must enter the competition via one of the horticultural sectors listed below. Entry forms are available from these industry associations.

Participants must be 30 years of age or under at the 31st December 2006 and currently working full time in the horticultural industry.

Participants must have worked in a practical, hands on position for the last three years in the sector in which they are entering the competition.

Closing times for applications will vary between sectors, but will be no later than the 31st July 2006.

The winner of each Horticultural sector competition will progress through to the Grand Final of the Hort Fert Plus Young Horticulturist of the Year competition.

THE GRAND FINAL

The Grand Final will be a one day event to be held at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on Friday 17th November 2006.

The day consists of-

1. Practical Activities

Each finalist will answer a series of practical and oral questions relating to horticulture. All finalists will be expected to complete two generic practical questions as well as a specialist question from their sector of horticulture. There will also be a Hortisport event where all finalists race against each other as well as the clock to complete a number of practical horticultural based activities.

All oral and /or practical questions will be taken from subjects and skills required to complete a National Certificate in Horticulture Level 4.

2. Interviews

A panel of 3 judges will interview each finalist with a range of questions relating to past experiences, education, interests, etc.

3. Computer Project

Finalists will be expected to complete a computer based activity, duration of 1.5-2.0 hours.

4. Evening Session

A semi formal dinner will be held in the evening with an MC as well as a guest entertainer. During the evening contestants will give a short 3 minute speech on a topic given to them earlier in the week prior to the Grand Final. There will also be a series of quick fire questions to answer as well.

Tickets for the dinner will be available for purchase.

THE HORT FERT PLUS YOUNG HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR 2006 PRIZE POOL

The winner will receive a trophy glass art work created by Evelyn Dunstan and is gifted to the winner by the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture Education Trust.

1st Prize:

Travel overseas to further your horticultural interests, to the value of \$8,000
 Educational management course, up to the value of \$11,000
 Kathmandu Clothing package to the value of \$1000
 A selection of pruning tools \$500
 Voucher to be redeemed at a Fruited Supplies store \$500
 Book vouchers \$100
 NZ Horticultural magazine subscription of your choice, up to \$100
 A bottle of Champagne

2nd Prize:

Travel to Australia to a Horticultural event to the value of \$3,000
 Kathmandu Clothing package to the value of \$1000
 A selection of pruning tools \$500
 Voucher to be redeemed at a Fruited Supplies store \$300
 Book vouchers \$100
 NZ Horticultural magazine subscription of your choice, up to \$100
 A bottle of Champagne

3rd Prize:

Kathmandu Clothing package to the value of \$1000
 A selection of pruning tools \$500
 Voucher to be redeemed at a Fruited Supplies store \$200
 Book vouchers \$100
 NZ Horticultural magazine subscription of your choice, up to \$100
 A bottle of Champagne

Note: the winner of the competition will be required to give short interviews for television, radio and our horticultural industry magazines.

TO ENTER, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

NZ Arboriculture Association

Richard Wanhill
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Applications close in Nov '06 for the '07 competition, please contact Richard Wanhill.

NZ Fruitgrowers Association

Grace Ginnane Hort ITO
 Phone: 07 839 2213
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Closing dates for applications will vary between regions, please contact Grace Ginnane

NZ Winegrowers

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Applications close 31st July 2006

Nursery & Garden Industry Association

Bob Wynyard
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Applications close 5pm, 10th May 2006

Vegetable Growers Association

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Applications close 31st May 2006

For other sector enquiries please contact:

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Landscape Industry Association of NZ

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Applications close 30th June 2006

Northern Cutflower Growers Association

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Applications close 30th June 2006

NZ Recreation Association

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Applications close 30th June 2006

NZ Floristry

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Applications close 31st July 2006

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