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GROW IT YOURSELF AND BEAUTIFY

CATEGORY III: GROW IT YOURSELF AND BEAUTIFY

(GIY & Beautify TT)

OPEN TO GROUPS ONLY

Introduction:

- a. The Annual Best Village GIY and Beautify Competition is an opportunity for community groups to display/highlight the product of their community gardening and clean-up efforts. As a community we need colourful, productive gardens, our streets, blocks and countryside must be free from litter. Our environment must be a reflection of ourselves and our culture. What we do around our homes, streets, waterways, mountains, forests etc., says a lot about how we care about our space and the value we place on the resources around us.
- b. The Best Village Annual GIY and Beautify Trinidad and Tobago Competition takes a yearly snapshot at our people and surroundings. It speaks about our pride in the community in which we live and our efforts to keep our environment beautiful, productive and clean. This is an expression of the culture that characterizes us. The competition is meant to highlight the best of our expressions.
- c. The competition is committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation. It is meant to challenge communities to enhance the natural beauty of their surroundings. The competition focuses on tidiness, natural beauty, community involvement and education.
- d. All communities are encouraged to enter. This competition provides personal, community and economic benefits.
- e. There will be one –off judging for this competition. **Judging is scheduled for 11th-24th April, 2024.**

- f. The judging panel will consist of experts in the field of Agriculture, Public Health, Horticulture, Environmental Management and Forestry.
- g. This year the Annual Best Village Clean and Beautify Trinidad and Tobago Competition has five (5) categories in which all village and community groups are eligible to participate.

The Categories: -

a) GIY Best Flower Garden:

This category allows for the creative expression of ornamentals. The following are hints for creative expression and adding flair to existing garden design, using more of the same thing and making it look better, or adding features to make a garden unique and come alive. The gardens may have a variety of plants including:

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| i) Palms | ii) Bromeliads | iii) Hibiscus |
| iv) Poinsettia | v) Chrysanthemums | vi) Geraniums |
| vii) Ferns | viii) Begonias | ix) Crotons |
| x) Aloe Vera | xi) Cactus | xii) Dahlias |
| xiii) Roses | xiv) Snap Dragons | xv) Orchids |
| xvi) Portulacax | xvii) Lilies | xviii) Ixoras |
| xix) Africa Violets | xx) Durantas | |

Points are awarded for colour, design, quality of plants and cleanliness. Traditional species would be accepted.

Criteria for Judging:

Beautification – attractive features	20 points
Arrangements/organization - how the garden is displayed	20 points
Health and appearance of plants	20 points
Decorative aspects – attractiveness	10 points
Display of colours and balance – restful to the eye	15 points
Appearance - Good grooming, neat and tidy appearance	15 points
Total	100 points

b) GIY Best Kitchen Garden:

A few aspects which the competition focuses on are: productivity, personal creativity, garden display and crop quality. A range of crops which could be grown includes:

Vegetables:

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| i) Tomatoes | ii) Peppers | iii) Cauliflower |
| iv) Carrots | v) Lettuce | vi) Cucumber |
| vii) Cabbage | viii) Pumpkin | ix) Patchoi |
| x) Egg Plant (Melongene) etc. | | |

Root Crops:

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| i) Sweet Potatoes | ii) Dasheen | iii) Yams; etc. |
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Herbs:

- i) Chive
- ii) Parsley
- iii) Thyme
- iv) Shadow Beni
- v) Celery etc.

Others:

- i) Pigeon Peas
- ii) Bodi
- iii) Ochroes
- iv) Water Melon etc.

Criteria for Judging:

Creativity and design – efficient use of space	20 points
Productivity	20 points
Selection/variety of crop	20 points
Plant quality and quantity of crop	20 points
Utilization of inputs to produce garden	10 points
Cleanliness (free from debris, pest and disease)	10 points
Total:	100 points

c) Best Kept Street:

Streets will be judged based on the following:

- i) Observance of litter laws.
- ii) Cleaning and enhancement projects by the community, for example, face lifts, tree planting, construction of drains, etc.
- iii) Lack of hazards, nuisances, stenches and indiscriminate dumping.

- iv) Sanitation conditions in eating establishments, factories, markets, schools, public buildings and homes.

All eating establishments and roadside food-vendors must comply with food handling regulations.

Presence of proper garbage disposal, collection and disposal facilities - bins along sidewalks, roads, parks, etc.

Visible presence of street signage.

Criteria for Judging:

General appearance and maintenance of the street	25 points
Measures taken by the community to maintain the street	25 points
Level of community involvement	25 points
Sanitation and cleanliness (free from debris, garbage, etc.)	25 points
Total:	100 points

d) Best Kept Community Centre/Meeting Place:

This aspect of the competition is mandatory to all participating councils and groups participating in the National Environmental Competition, where there is a community centre. Much emphasis is placed on: -

- i) Appearance of the interior and exterior of the centre;
- ii) Maintenance of the building and equipment, including toilets, kitchen areas, furniture, appliances etc.;
- iii) Use of the centre (as evident by records which must be made available) for community activities, meetings etc.;
- iv) The upkeep of the surroundings for example, presence of vegetable/flower gardens, shrubs and hedges.

Criteria for Judging:

Landscape quality and aesthetic value	20 points
Sanitation and cleanliness	20 points
Use of centre	20 points
Community participation	20 points
Maintenance and upkeep	10 points
Community facilities (e.g. presence of recreational facilities)	10 points
Total:	100 points

e) Best Local Heritage/Structure:

This category aims to encourage communities to take a greater interest in their local heritage and the contribution they have made to community life and development. It is hoped that the Competition will result in the study and documentation of local history and culture and will enable community residents to value their local heritage sites and structures and help in their preservation.

Criteria for Judging:

Maintenance and upkeep	25 points
Sustainability	25 points
Knowledge and Awareness	25 people
Community Involvement	25 people
Total:	100 points