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BBC Gardeners' World Live 2020 Schools Wheelbarrow Competition- "Around the World in 30 Barrows"

Welcome to BBC Gardeners' World Live 2020 Schools Wheelbarrow competition. For the second year running the theme for the barrows will be "Around the World in 30 Barrows".

School groups are encouraged to look at flora and fauna, garden styles, national heritage, cuisine and cultures from around the world, ultimately picking one country to be the inspiration behind the design and planting of their wheelbarrow. Schools are particularly encouraged to take a lead from the edibles of their chosen country.

Your main contact for the competition will be Lucy Tremlett, lucy.tremlett@riverstreetevents.co.uk, or in the office on 0207 150 5130

Please note due to the nature of this competition it is only open to Midlands, UK based schools.

Main dates:

- Thursday 5th March 2020 at 4pm collection of wheelbarrows and compost from Winterbourne House and Gardens. This will be a
 briefing of hints and tips of best planting results and will include all show information
- 1st May 2020, please submit your plant list to Lucy Tremlett, this will be published on your signage at the show
- 15th-17th June 2020, collection of your barrow from the contact address you submit
- 18th 21st June 2020, Show open dates, the Schools with the highest awards will be invited to the Friday of the show for a
 presentation of the award
- 22nd 25th June 2020, barrows will be returned to the schools











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SCHOOL WHEELBARROW COMPETITION – "Around the World in 30 Barrows"

The School Wheelbarrow competition at BBC Gardeners' World Live is an exceptionally popular annual feature at the show. School Children, from infant up to secondary level can show off their creative flair, working as a team, with the satisfaction of seeing their final creations on display at the show, enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors.

This competition is a simple, hands-on and fun gardening activity that can be enjoyed by pupils of all levels. The children will need to nurture and care for their plants, so that they grow and thrive in their container. Please note that due to the nature of this competition (specifically the collection/delivery of barrows) it is open to schools in the **Midlands, UK**, only.

Entry is free, and the school can keep their own barrow for future use

THE THEME - Around the World in 30 Barrows

School groups are encouraged to look at flora and fauna, garden styles, national heritage, cuisine and cultures from around the world, ultimately picking one country to be the inspiration behind the design and planting of their wheelbarrow. Be creative and colourful with your barrow, taking a lead from any edibles that represent the country, creating a potted tribute to your country of choice. School groups are encouraged to grow plants from seeds or cuttings where possible. The barrow design can be supported by the creative use of props. Please remember these props will need to be secured to stand weather at the show and collection.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMINGS

- Applications: by 28 February. Register your interest with lucy.tremlett@riverstreetevents.co.uk using the application form
- **Briefing session**: 5th March, 4pm at Winterbourne House and Gardens. Representatives from the Schools will be sent a map of location and can collect their wheelbarrow. If you cannot make this date please let Lucy know.
- Submit plant list: by 1st May to Lucy.Tremlett@riverstreetevents.co.uk
- Barrow collection: 15th to 17th June, barrows will be collected from the participating schools by CEVA Show Freight
- The Show: open from 18th to 21st June inclusive
- Winners: the winning Primary and Secondary schools can attend on Friday 19th June for the presentation of their award
- Returning the barrows: 22nd to 25th June CEVA Show Freight will return barrows to participating schools









THE AWARDS

There are three awards available for the highest scoring wheelbarrows at the show:

- 1. Best Primary Schoolbarrow
- 2. Best Secondary Schoolbarrow
- 3. Public Choice (announced at the end of the Show, based on the public vote during the show open days)

As well as the above awards, as a new introduction for 2020, we will be awarding each Wheelbarrow with a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Certificate. A copy of the assessment criteria will be sent in advance to participating schools.

The assessment panel includes Lucy Chamberlain and Saul Walker, leading horticultural experts.

The winning Primary and Secondary schools will be emailed on Thursday 18th June, so they can be there for the presentation on Friday 19th June. Awards will be presented by a special guest on the stage in the Floral Marquee.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Each school will be given up to eight complimentary tickets for the School setting, with the opportunity to purchase additional tickets at the standard school rate.

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) will take responsibility for the upkeep of the wheelbarrows at the Show.

You can contact the Show's Marketing & PR team at any time with interesting stories, photos or news about your entry which could be used in the Show's social media or in PR activity. Please email Sarah on ssr@riverstreetevents.co.uk

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We cannot wait to see the creativity of your school children in their translation of the theme into their barrows.

Please get in touch with any queries as we're here to help. Contact Lucy on 0207 150 5130

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We hope you enjoy growing together.

GOOD LUCK!!



