



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.

THE THEME - *Around the World in 30 Barrows*

School groups are encouraged to look at flora and fauna, garden styles, national heritage, architecture, 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, maybe taking inspiration from the country's flag as a visual cue, 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMINGS

- **Applications:** by 28 February, please register your interest using the application form, with louise.jackson@riverstreetevents.co.uk
- **Briefing session:** 14 March, 4.30-6pm at Winterbourne House and Gardens. School representatives will collect their Bullbarrow wheelbarrow and compost at this meeting
- **Submit plant list:** by 4 May to louise.jackson@riverstreetevents.co.uk
- **Barrow collection:** 10 to 12 June, barrows will be collected from the participating schools by CEVA Show Freight
- **The Show:** open from 13 to 16 June inclusive
- **Winners:** the winning Primary and Secondary schools can attend on Friday 14 June for the presentation of their award
- **Returning the barrows:** 17 to 19 June CEVA Show Freight will return barrows to participating schools

THE AWARDS

There are three awards available for the wheelbarrow schools:

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

The judging panel includes Matt Biggs from BBC Radio Four's Gardeners' Question Time and the award-winning garden designer Professor David Stevens. The winning Primary and Secondary schools will be emailed on Thursday 13 June, so they can be there for the presentation on Friday 14 June. Awards will be presented by Lee Connolly (AKA the Skinny Jean Gardener).

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Each school will be given up to eight complimentary tickets, with the opportunity to purchase additional tickets at a discounted 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@riverstretevents.co.uk

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We are really excited about our new theme and cannot wait to see the creativity of the 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 Louise on **07894 409 643** / louise.jackson@riverstretevents.co.uk

We hope you enjoy growing together.

GOOD LUCK!!

