

Prizes:

All contestants will receive a participation certificate and a token gift.

The Overall Winner will be selected and their name will be engraved on the Children's Garden Award trophy.

In addition, prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Junior - 6-9 years old

Senior - 10 -12 years old

For each age group there will be prizes:

First Place - \$100 cash

Second place - \$50 cash

Third place - \$25 cash

All prizes include a plaque to keep.

Awards will be presented in October. More information regarding the award ceremony will be provided nearer the time.

Prince Edward County Master Gardeners will be available to help any participant who needs it. If you have a question email: cgaward2022@gmail.com

There is also lots of advice on our website at: <https://pecmastergardeners.ca>



Kids Garden Contest



2022 is Canada's Year of the Garden.

Join us and take up our challenge? The PEC Master Gardeners are pleased to announce the annual **Children's Garden Awards**.

The contest is open to all children (6-12 years of age) who have access to a garden in the County.

Here's how it works:

Contestants must

- Plant and maintain a garden themselves. They can seek advice, but they must do the work.
- Keep a careful journal (provided) about the garden, including plant names, gardening tasks and any other observations made throughout the growing season. (written or illustrated)

What to plant: vegetables, flowers or herbs or any combination. These can be started from seeds or seedlings.

Size of garden: any size (we suggest 4'X4').

Where to plant: wherever there is a space available in The County. For example: your backyard, or any other space you have access to such as a neighbors/friends yard, or an allotment /community garden

Master Gardeners will monitor contestants' progress and answer gardening questions. All arrangements will be made in consultation with parents/guardians.

We plan to visit the contestant garden twice during the summer (early summer, then September). We will take photos, look at the contestants' journals and ask questions about their garden.

All current COVID protocols will be followed, and we will adjust as required.

Creating and caring for a garden will encourage

- Engagement with the natural world
- Learning about how to grow food /herbs/flowers
- A feeling of accomplishment having created a garden

Gardening also requires patience, responsibility and organization.

Application deadline: **April 30th, 2022**, after which we will contact all parents/guardians to obtain consent for their children to participate and provide a gardening journal. Application forms will be available at all public libraries in The County and on our website: <https://pecmastergardeners.ca>

