

Connecticut's Historic Gardens

CT's Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest 2025

Theme:

Bringing Artists and Historic Gardens Together

Call for Entries:

Connecticut's Historic Gardens Group, a consortium of public sites with historically significant homes and gardens, is celebrating its annual statewide Historic Gardens Day on June 22, 2025. Artists are invited to submit artwork to be considered for a poster that will advertise the annual event. Entry for the 2025 Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day Poster is open Monday, September 16, 2024 and will close on Friday, December 6, 2024. The winning artwork will be selected by a jury of the Connecticut's Historic Gardens Group and announced on Monday, December 16, 2024. The winning poster will be used as part of our advertising and outreach for our 2022 Connecticut Historic Gardens Open Garden Day that will take place on June 22, 2025.

Objective:

The annual Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day in June attracts thousands of garden lovers from throughout the state and beyond. These gardens celebrate the centuries-old tradition of beautiful flower gardens, working potagers, and herb gardens. These beautiful gardens are set on the grounds of lovely historic homes and structures. The aim of this contest is to connect Connecticut artists with the beauty of Connecticut's historic homes and their gardens.

Goal:

Create a poster-size painting, in oil, acrylic, water color, ink or pastel, representing any one of the fifteen Historic Gardens in Connecticut. The rest is up to your imagination. Feel free to explore these historic properties and their charming gardens for inspiration. See the website for a listing of the properties or pick up a brochure at any of the sites. Best of luck!

Eligibility:

The Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest is open to all Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts artists whose medium is oil, acrylic, water color, ink or pastel. Artists can submit up to three works of art. Please, no paintings should be previously published on the internet or other social media.

Rights:

The winner will be awarded a prize of \$250.00. The artist retains the right of ownership of the work of art, but allows Connecticut's Historic Gardens Group the right to reproduce and distribute the image on a limited-edition poster, on notecards and in other advertising materials to third parties. The artist also agrees to sign copies of the poster that will be raffled at each site.

In addition, all artists who submit an entry agree to have the submitted image of their entry on the CT Historic Gardens website as part of the advertising of the gardens as well as the Poster Contest.

For Contest Application click on www.cthistoricgardens.org

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Agreement to Official Rules:

Artists: Entering into this contest constitutes your full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules and the decisions of Connecticut's Historic Gardens, which are final and binding. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein in a timely manner.

Entry Period: The Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day Poster Contest begins on September 16, 2024 and ends on December 6, 2024 (the "Entry Period".)

Submission Requirements and Process: To enter, complete the online entry form and check the appropriate permission boxes provided. You must include on the entry form your complete and accurate information, including your name, email address, phone and mailing address, title and description of the submitted artwork, and all other information requested. To qualify, your submission must conform to the following specific Contest Rules:

1. Each Entry must be a digital copy of an original work (on canvas or otherwise) with oil, acrylic, water color, ink and/or pastel that you have created that does not include material in which a third party has intellectual property rights.
2. The work can be created in either portrait or landscape orientation.
3. Each Entry must not, in the sole discretion of Connecticut's Historic Gardens, be obscene, indecent, offensive, violent, hateful, or libelous, or contain any other content otherwise inconsistent with the purposes of the Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest as described in these Official Rules and related materials.
4. Each Entry must be available for poster reproduction at 300 dpi (CMYK) or greater for reproduction purposes.
5. **IMPORTANT: Each Entry must be submitted for consideration in JPEG format at 300 dpi hi-res (CMYK) format suitable for reproduction, sized no greater than 1024 by 768 pixels and may not exceed 5 MB. Orientation: Portrait or landscape.**
6. Please do not enter promotional or advertising material into the contest; these will not be accepted.

Artists are allowed to submit up to three original works. The Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day Poster Contest reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to restrict participation in this contest to any person at any time for any reason and/or to disqualify any entry at any time for any reason.

Judging: The artwork will be judged by a jury of members of Connecticut's Historic Gardens Group. Entries are judged between December 9 and December 15, 2024. The winning artist will be notified by December 16, 2024 and the prize will be awarded by January 31, 2025, once the final image of the artwork has been submitted. All decisions of the jury are final.