



## GCFP CONVENTION, April 6-8, 2025, King of Prussia, PA

### Trash to Treasure Contest Theme/Rules

**Convention Theme: “Gardening Revolution”**

**Trash to Treasure Theme: “*Revolution Bird House*”**

Valley Forge is historically significant for winter encampment (1777-1778) where General George Washington’s Continental Army camped for essential training and transforming the army into an effective fighting force. The soldiers endured extreme cold, hunger, and disease. They had to overcome such challenges that made Valley Forge a symbol of American perseverance and resilience.

Recognizing the sacrifices and determination of the revolutionary war generation, GCFP 2025 Trash to Treasure contest will showcase the design and construction of a functional **Revolution Bird House** for the garden utilizing recycled materials as described below. A patriotic bird house design may also be used to celebrate the upcoming semi quincentennial anniversary (250 yrs) of America.

#### **Specifications:**

1. Bird house design theme will acknowledge the revolutionary period setting at Valley Forge including Log and stone house architecture and other creative revolutionary theme. Construction materials will primarily include recyclables.
2. Dimensions: No larger than 15”X15” mounting surface. Height limited to 18”.
3. Weight: No more than 20 lbs including mounting surface.
4. Materials: All type of repurposed materials including wood, stone, limited metal (for bird safety), glass, other recyclables. Approximately 20% of the design may include functional materials such as glue and paint.
5. Entry must include a 3 x 5 card: Front: Title and material list. Back: District, Garden Club, Designer(s) name and mailing address. Entry may be work of more than one.

#### **ONLY ONE ENTRY FROM EACH DISTRICT**

Selection method is determined by the district. District entries selected for Convention competition must be submitted on Sunday, April 6 from 1-5 PM at the designated area of the Alloy Hotel. Judging will be at 5:15 PM. Entries are not to be judged under the same standards as a flower show. Questions? Please call Trash to Treasure Co-Chairs - Naser Chowdhury and Marsha Chowdhury. Email: [chowdhn@gmail.com](mailto:chowdhn@gmail.com); Ph: 484-432-6386

#### **SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING**

Conformance (fits within stated dimensions, wt...) .....	20 pts
Artistic Concept (creative use of recycled materials) .....	40 pts
Expression (interpretation of theme) .....	20 pts
Execution (workmanship) .....	20 pts
TOTAL .....	100 pt

## EXAMPLES AND IDEAS

