



Gardens on Parade 1939, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, NY
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Visitor & Administration Building 2007
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"The Garden of Tomorrow"

An Art Competition in Celebration of the 50th and 75th Anniversaries of Queens Botanical Garden and the 1939 and 1964 New York World's Fairs

In 1939, Flushing, New York became the “World of Tomorrow,” as the World’s Fair at Flushing Meadows Corona Park introduced visitors to an array of ideas and possibilities for the future. Seven key facets of co-operative life were highlighted — amusement, communication, community interests, food, government, production and distribution, and transportation.

Amongst more than 1,000 exhibitors representing nearly 60 nations and 30 states, was a five acre display called “Gardens on Parade” showcasing horticultural specimens ranging from exotic flowers to common house plants. Visitors delighted in the rare specimens — some of which had never been seen before — as they learned how to properly care for the various flora, and how to cultivate their own gardens at home.

After receiving its charter in 1946, “Gardens on Parade” expanded to 15 acres and became Queens Botanical Garden (QBG). Tended by a team of dedicated Queens residents, these visionaries carried forth QBG’s mission to inspire and educate generations of gardeners and flower enthusiasts. Serving the most ethnically diverse county in the United States, QBG has become a place where people, plants and cultures meet.

QBG is also a model of sustainability for the city of New York and its neighboring counties with its LEED™ (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) platinum certified Visitor & Administration Building, rain water collection and filtration systems, organic growing methods and sustainable rose garden, composting and recycling programs and pioneer programs in aquaponics. With these cutting edge initiatives, QBG continues looking ahead to the future while building on the vision of its past.

So where do you envision QBG 50 years from now? 75 years from now? What might the landscape or cityscape of the future Queens look like? What new plants or flowers might be discovered in your Garden of Tomorrow? And how might this future garden affect you, your family, your neighborhood, or the world? SHOW US!



Categories

- 5-8 years old
- 9-12 years old
- 13-17 years old
- Ages 18 and over

Rules

- Submissions accepted through August 31, 2014 VIA EMAIL ONLY
- One entry per applicant per medium. Media includes: Drawing, Painting, Pastels, Sculpture, Prints, Illustration, Mixed Media, Digital Mixed Media, Video, Music, Graphic Design, Digital Photography and Traditional Photography. No size restrictions for 2D and 3D work.
- Accepted file formats: JPEG and/or PDF of your original artwork attached to email. Attachments not to exceed 25MB total. For video and music submissions, include a YouTube link within your submission email (videos and compositions no greater than 5 minutes in length).
- Email subject line must read “QBG Art Competition 2014” for entries to be considered. Completed application form must also be attached to submission email for artwork to be entered into competition.
- Email(s) must be sent to Andrea Gray, Visitor Services Coordinator at agray@queensbotanical.org
- School classes or groups, and collaborative artists wishing to submit one work of art composed by multiple individuals may do so by providing their class/group name as the “Artist Name” on the application form
- **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL ARTWORK.** Any original artwork (including photographs and slides) sent to Queens Botanical Garden will neither be entered into the competition, nor returned to sender.
- 1st 2nd and 3rd place, and Honorable Mention will be awarded in each category. Winners will be notified and invited to QBG’s Harvest Fest, October 2014.