

# Container Challenge

The Container Challenge is a timed competition between two designers who will try to top one another in creating the most beautiful potted garden. As in the Iron Chef show, the same selection of "ingredients" are on the table but results will differ depending on each contestant's approach.

**Ready? Set? Go have fun! Sign up today! Only 6 spots available.**

## Rules of the Game

1. Contestants will have 25 minutes to select plants and arrange them in containers.
2. Each arrangement must include one specified plant-of-the-day. Designers are free to select 2 to 4 other plants from a display of potted specimens.
3. Plants, containers, potting soil, trowels and watering cans will be provided. Contestants may bring pruning shears if they wish.
4. The host of each challenge will introduce contestants, announce the start of the competition and issue a five-minute warning when time is about to run out. While designers are working, the host will share container gardening tips with the audience.
5. The Container Challenge takes place daily at the Bouquet of the Day area on the show floor. Competitions are scheduled at the following times:
  - Friday, February 10 at 2pm with Sam Harris from Sam Harris Designs
  - Saturday, February 11 at 1:30pm with Rebecca Kolls, Host of Rebecca's Garden and author
  - Sunday, February 12 at 1:30pm with Jim Hassold from Glen Allen Nursery
6. The audience will select the winner of each contest by applause and/or a show of hands. Cheering, whistling and foot-stomping are permitted; shouting suggestions to contestants while they work is discouraged.
7. Contestants receive 2 free tickets to the show for the date of their appearance.
8. Glen Allen Nursey and Garden Center is sponsoring the contest and providing prizes. The winner receives a \$30 gift certificate and the runner-up a \$20 certificate, redeemable for plants at Glen Allen Nursery, 9107 Old Staples Mill Road Richmond, VA
9. Arrangements will be put on display and a Best-in-Show container will be selected on Sunday, February 12th.



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**To enter, return this form by Feb. 1st to the fax number or e-mail address below. Please indicate TWO (2) preferred time slots (see schedule above). Contestants will be chosen at random from entries and will be notified of their selection by Feb. 3rd. Questions? Call (804) 874-9242. Fax your entry form to (732) 449-5566 or e-mail to Mary McLaughlin at Mary@Macevents.com.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Years Gardening \_\_\_\_\_

2 Preferred Time Slots? \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Group Affiliation?  Garden Club of Virginia  Master Gardener