

Dundee Flower & Food Festival
Camperdown Country Park
31 August - 2 September 2018



POCKET GARDEN DESIGN COMPETITION

Dundee Flower and Food Festival 2018, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, is promoting a competition to create the most exciting and unusual pocket garden design, using plants that can be eaten, attract wildlife and celebrates 30 years of the Festival in Camperdown Park.

Celebrating 30 years of the Festival

The competition is for groups to design a pocket garden, sized 120cm x 100cm, to mark this 30th year and celebrate sustainable growing and gardening. Twelve winning designs will be selected and these groups invited to construct their pocket garden for display at the Dundee Flower & Food Festival, which runs from 31 August to 2 September. The twelve pocket gardens will form a 'Celebration Garden' located in the Floral Marquee adjacent to the Keep Scotland Beautiful stand.

Entries are invited from all organisations, including schools, nurseries, horticultural societies, friends' groups, It's Your Neighbourhood and Beautiful Scotland Groups, allotments and community allotment groups, etc.

Interested groups are asked to provide a sketch of the proposed pocket garden design, annotated or with explanatory notes.

The twelve winners invited to display their gardens in the 'Celebration Garden' will receive two free tickets to the Dundee Flower & Food Festival and will receive a commemorative Certificate.

The twelve gardens on display at the Festival will also be judged at the Festival.

All entries must be submitted electronically by 5.00pm on Friday 15 June 2018 to bookings.flowershow@dundeecity.gov.uk



COMPETITION DETAILS

Timescales

- 5pm, 15 June - deadline for design submissions
- 23 June - winners notified and can begin to build their design for the Festival
- 30 August - winning gardens set up their gardens at Camperdown Park
- 31 August-2 September - Dundee Flower and Food Festival
- 5.30pm, 2 September - Gardens taken home (by arrangement gardens can be uplifted on Monday 3 September)

All designs must be submitted electronically by 5pm, 15 June. Designs must be high resolution (photographed, scanned or saved)

Competition Advice and Show Information:

- Use the Competition Design Brief and One Planet Picnic principles as well as the competition themes to inspire you
- Remember that materials used eg compost should be sustainably sourced / manufactured - please use peat free compost and locally sourced material, where possible
- School groups may want to partner with a local community group to help tend their pocket garden during the summer holiday
- If you are not a winner we would encourage you to build your garden in your school/community space so that everyone can enjoy it
- All accompanied school children are allowed free entry on the Friday and all children under 16 are admitted free of charge during the weekend
- The Dundee Flower and Food Festival is open to the public the following times:
 - Friday 31 August - 10.00am-5.00pm
 - Saturday 1 September - 10.00am-5.30pm
 - Sunday 2 September - 10.00am-5.30pm

DESIGN BRIEF

For this pocket garden design competition, there are three interlinked themes: One Planet Picnic, Wildlife Gardening and 30 years of the Dundee Flower and Food Festival.

A One Planet Picnic is a picnic that is good for you and also good for the planet. That means using local and seasonal ingredients, organic and ethically sourced produce as well as reducing waste. See the table below for how these principles can be applied to your garden design.

We rely on all sorts of other creatures to help maintain healthy soils and crops, so we want to see colourful, exciting and fabulous designs for bees, butterflies, frogs and hedgehogs as well as for you.

This year is the 30th year of the Dundee Flower and Food Festival held in Camperdown Park, the first being in 1988. What did life look like then? How has it changed? What is your vision for life in 30 years' time?

The design must be built on the five principles of the One Planet Picnic and include food for people, but can illustrate the three themes in whatever way you like. The principles are:

OPP Principle	Example
Locally sourced	Use as many native plants as you can. You can use plants you have already growing as well as growing from seed for faster growing plants. Visit www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/pocketgarden for more ideas.
Seasonal	The show takes place in September. Think about plants that are in flower or leaf in September and that are edible to something!
Waste reduction	Reuse containers, recycle building materials, use compost etc.
Organic	This is a picnic for people and other creatures. Don't use pesticides, fungicides etc.
Ethically sourced	The garden should be peat free. Any composts and mulches should ideally be locally made from recycled materials and plant matter.

Size: Pocket sized gardens must fit within the standard size of a pallet: 120cm x 100cm. You can use a pallet to frame the garden laid flat as a base, upright on its side, or on a slant. You don't have to incorporate a pallet but your design footprint must fit within the size above. You can introduce some height through construction or plants but no higher than two metres is allowed.

Scale: Your design should be to the scale of the plants used. This will help you think about how your plants and structures will fit together. Keep the design simple but imaginative.

Plant choice: Choose plants that you would find growing together - do not put pond plants next to plants that prefer somewhere drier for example. Choose plants that thrive in Scotland and play with colour, leaf size and shape and plant heights.

Anchoring: All construction elements must be firmly secured. The ground at the show cannot be dug and must be left in the same condition it was in before the show. However, stakes may be used to secure uprights. Your design should show how you have thought about making it secure.

Construction: It may be easiest to assemble your pallet-sized garden at the show. Think about all the elements you will need to bring. Plants in pots are easiest but think about how the pots themselves will be disguised or covered.

DESIGN THEMES

One Planet Picnic

Holding a One Planet Picnic is an informal way to think about food and sustainability, and taste and share some fabulous food.



Open to all sorts of groups, it provides inspiration for trying sustainable food at work, at school, in communities and at home. You can celebrate local harvests, reduce food waste and get to know food, friends and your local area. What would you like to grow and eat? Over 60,000 people have enjoyed a One Planet Picnic.

Visit www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/opp to see their stories and ideas.

Wildlife Gardening

We all depend on healthy ecosystems. Healthy soils, clean air and water rely on a myriad of creatures, from pollinators to micro-organisms.



Wildlife-friendly gardening ideas and techniques are key to a sustainable future and are great for well-being and healthy living.

Visit www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/community-projects/garden-for-life/resources/ for a series of wildlife gardening resources. How many creatures (including people) will your garden attract?

garden for life

Dundee Flower & Food Festival 30th Anniversary

2018 is the 30th Anniversary of Dundee Flower and Food Festival at Camperdown Park.



It is a celebration year to mark the history of the Festival over the 30 years it has been held in the park and a look at the future of the Festival.

What do you think has been best about the Festival across its 30 years since 1988? What has changed since it began? and, what would you like to see at the Festival in the future?

For more about the Festival and its history visit www.dundeeflowerandfoodfestival.com