

Gardening AUSTRALIA ABC 2012

gardener OF THE YEAR



CALLING ALL PASSIONATE GARDENERS!

The search is on for the 2012 Gardener of the Year. Regardless of the size or location of your garden, if you are a passionate gardener, we want to hear from you!

This year our judges will select four finalists from entries received. The finalists will be showcased in the November 2012 issue of *ABC Gardening Australia* magazine and on *Gardening Australia* on ABC1.

To decide our winner, we will ask you to vote. That's right, your vote decides who receives the coveted Golden Spade as 2012 Gardener of the Year. Find details on how to vote in our November 2012 issue.

JUDGING CRITERIA

We are looking for a passionate gardener who has made a difference to the lives of others through gardening.

As well as assessing your gardening contribution, we will follow these judging criteria to select our four finalists based on their gardening skill.

* **Design** Our judges will look at your garden's layout to decide how well it relates to you and your needs and to those of your site. No garden is too big or too small to be considered.

* **Sustainable features** We want to know how you manage your garden's resources. Do you collect rainwater?

Do you recycle? Do you compost? Highlight sustainable features.

* **Plant choice** The judges will consider how well you have selected your plants for your local environment and also consider how well they are growing in your garden.

* **Maintenance** Gardening is a year-round preoccupation. We want to know how you look after your garden and how involved you are in its ongoing maintenance.



WIN A TRIP TO Norfolk Island & \$5000 cash

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

How to enter

In 300 words or less, tell us about you and your passion for gardens, and describe your gardening journey. Provide photographs (prints, disk or email), preferably 'before' shots and photos of your whole garden, a sketch of the layout and a completed entry form. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you'd like your entry returned.

Entries close July 27, 2012. Send entries to:
Gardener of the Year competition
ABC Gardening Australia magazine
Locked Bag 5030, Alexandria, NSW, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Daytime phone () _____

After hours phone () _____

Email _____

Checklist

Include all the items below with your entry:

- Official entry form (completed)
- Your story of your passion and a description of your garden (300 words or less)
- Photos of your garden, a sketch of the layout and a photo of yourself (prints, disk or email)*
- A stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of material (if necessary)

* We may also film and photograph winning gardens.

Terms & conditions: Open to Australian residents only. Competition starts 23/01/2012 00.01 AEST and ends 27/07/2012 23.59 AEST. Entrants consent to the use of his or her name, state of residence, pictures and entry for promotional and marketing purposes and agree to participate in reasonable promotional activities as requested by the promoter. For full terms & conditions, visit newslifemedia.com.au/terms/gardeningaustralia

AS 2012 GARDENER OF THE YEAR, YOU WILL WIN THIS MAGNIFICENT PRIZE PACKAGE, VALUED AT \$15,000

* A trip for four to beautiful Norfolk Island

Prize includes

- * Return Premium Economy travel for four people departing from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne or Newcastle
- * 7 nights' accommodation at the fabulous **Shiralee Executive Cottages**
- * Convertible car hire for the duration of your stay
- * Half-day orientation tour, Sound & Light show, Wonderland by Night and Mutiny on the Bounty show provided by **Pinetree Tours**
- * Gardener's Delight half-day tour provided by **Norfolk Touring Co**
- * Dinner voucher to a local restaurant from **Norfolk Island Tourism**
- * Passes to the four **Kingston museums** provided by the museums
- * Art Trail and Edible Gardens tours provided by **Baunti Escapes**
- * Handmade chocolates and confectionery provided by **Jes Himi**
- * **Two Chimneys Winery** lunch platter and bottle of wine
- * Souvenir welcome pack on arrival for the lucky winner
- * Pamper voucher from **Norfolk Island Tourism**

* Golden Spade from **Digadoo**

* \$5000 cash from **Seasol**

* A Seasol hamper with \$100 worth of products

EACH FINALIST WILL WIN

* Silver trowel from **Digadoo**

* A Seasol hamper with \$100 worth of products

Our 2010 Gardener of the Year winner **Frith Peters** with her Golden Spade from **Digadoo**.

