

SGF Hort Show 2019

Nano Tank Aquascaping Competition

Date: 20 – 21 April 2019

Theme: Designer's Choice

Organised By:



SGF Hort Show

The inaugural SGF Hort Show will take place from 27 April to 5 May 2019 at Jurong Lake Gardens. This nine-day biennial event will be a showcase of horticultural excellence and will comprise a mix of landscape and plant exhibits, horticulture and aquascaping competitions, retail and workshops.

The Nano Tank Aquascaping Competition and Display is a new addition to SGF and will make its debut at the SGF Hort Show 2019. It aims to showcase the beautiful world of underwater gardens, where aquatic plants together with accessories like rocks and wood are creatively and delicately curated to create a pristine rainforest or scenic mountain range display. Visitors to the show will have a chance to admire the displays created by internationally acclaimed local masterscapers, and to learn more about plants and fishes that are native to Singapore and the region.

This competition is open to all aquascaping enthusiasts. We welcome interested participants to submit their application forms for shortlisting.

20 shortlisted participants will be given 2 days (20 April and 21 April 2019, 10 am to 6 pm) to create an aquascaping showcase within a 30cm x 30cm x 30cm cube tank. Shortlisted participants will each be provided with an aquarium tank set to design and set up their display on-site. The displays will be judged by internationally renowned local judges, and will stand a chance to win a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award.

Event Details

Venue	: Jurong Lake Gardens
Competition Date	: 20 April 2019 (Saturday) & 21 April 2019 (Sunday)
Registration Deadline	: 31 March 2019 (Sunday), 6 pm
Exhibition of Displays	: 27 April (Saturday) to 5 May 2019 (Sunday)
Result Announcement & Prize Presentation Ceremony	: 27 April 2019 (Saturday), 9 am
Tear Down Date	: 6 May (Monday) to 7 May 2019 (Tuesday), 9 am to 8 pm

Entry Criteria

1. Only **individuals** will be allowed to participate in this competition, in their own name.
2. Participants must be at least 16 years of age.

Awards and Recognition

1. At the end of the competition, all shortlisted participants not disqualified will each receive for free, an aquarium set which consists of:
 - a. JBJ 30 cm Cube Ultra Clear Crystal Glass Tank
 - b. Hang-on filter
 - c. JBJ LED aquarium light
 - d. Dennerle Co₂ Pflanzen-Dunge-Set Bio Starter
 - e. ADA Amazonia II planting substrate
 - f. ADA Power Sand
2. The top three participants will receive the Gold, Silver and Bronze award respectively.

Judging Criteria

The judging criteria are as follows:

1. Overall Impression (35 points)
 - Does the aquascape make a significant positive visual impression?
 - Does the layout of the aquascape look balanced?
2. Composition, Balance, Use of Space and Colour (30 points)
 - Is there balance between the various components?
 - Is there an effective use of space?
 - Are the colours complementary and do they work well together?
3. Selection and Use of Material (20 points)
 - Are the materials used appropriate?
 - Do the materials complement each other?
4. Viability of Aquascape (15 points)
 - Does the aquascape have the potential for long term maintenance?
 - Is the plant selection viable for a long term aquascape?

Total: 100 Points

Instructions for Application

1. Each entry form **must** be attached with the following, for the participant's application to be considered for shortlisting:
 - a. Photo(s) of the participant's past aquascaping works.
 - b. Brief write-up/sketch of the participant's concept for the competition display.
2. Entries must reach the organiser by **31 March 2019 (Sunday), 6 pm** via mail or email to either of the following addresses:

Mailing Address: National Parks Board Singapore Botanic Gardens 1 Cluny Road Singapore 259569 Attn: Mr. Ong Chong Ren/Mr. Jeremy Yeo (Singapore Garden Festival) <i>*Entries must be received by no later than 31 March 2019 (Sunday), 6 pm sharp.</i>	Email Address: Jeremy_WL_Yeo@nparks.gov.sg
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3. Late entries, or entries without the required photograph or write-up will not be considered.
4. Shortlisted participants will receive a confirmation email/letter of participation from NParks within 2 weeks after the closing date, 31 March 2019. NParks' decision on the shortlisting of participants shall be final and no correspondence will be entertained.
5. Each shortlisted participant's competition spot is non-transferrable.

Enquiries

For any enquiries, you may contact Mr. Jeremy Yeo, at 6267 0157, or by email to Jeremy_WL_Yeo@nparks.gov.sg.

Competition Display Set-up

Each participant is required to complete their aquascape display within the stipulated time in the table below.

	Date / Time	Requirements
Competition Display Set-up (Shortlisted participants only)	20 April 2019 (Sat) 10am – 6pm & 21 April 2019 (Sun) 10am – 6pm	1. Participants are to bring their own material, aquatic animals, tools, plants, rocks and/or wood that they may require for their set-up. 2. Participants are required to use the tank, filter and light provided.

Competition Secretariat:

- a. Mr Ong Chong Ren
Contact Number: (65) 62670152
Email: Ong_Chong_Ren@nparks.gov.sg

- b. Mr Jeremy Yeo
Contact Number: (65) 62670157
Email: Jeremy_WL_Yeo@nparks.gov.sg

Rules and Regulations

1. Only the participants shortlisted for the SGF Hort Show 2019 Nano Tank Aquascaping Competition (individually, a “**Participant**” and collectively, the “**Participants**”) are allowed within the competition area. No assistants or guests are allowed in the competition area.
2. All expenses related to the competition (e.g. plants, wood, rocks, etc) are to be borne by the Participant.
3. Participants are responsible for selecting, providing, and bringing to the competition venue any hardscape, plants, aquatic animals, tools and materials they may require for their aquascape setup. Plants may be grown ahead of time in any way desired by the Participant. Hardscape materials may be brought to site pre-assembled.

4. The National Parks Board (the “**Organiser**”) will provide to each Participant an aquarium set (see **Awards and Recognition** above) for the Participant to set-up their competition displays.
5. Only live aquatic plants may be used in the aquascaping display. Artificial plants are strictly not permitted, and any Participant who uses such materials shall be disqualified from the competition.
6. Visually, at least 40% of the Participant’s aquascaping display must consist of aquatic plants. NParks reserves its right to disqualify the Participant from the competition if NParks deems that this criterion has not been met.
7. If live aquatic animals are used in the aquascape display, they must be of the appropriate type, size and number for the aquarium. Participants are to ensure that proper care and environmental conditions are provided for the aquatic animals. Points will be deducted from their total score if Participants do not ensure that proper care and environmental conditions are provided.
8. The Participant is required to clean up their area after the completion of their aquascaping display, failing which points will be deducted from that Participant’s total score.
9. All entries must be completed by 6 pm on 21 April 2019 (Sunday).
10. All entries shall be set up on-site by the Participants in the stipulated time; no replacement of entries after 6 pm on 21 April 2019 (Sunday) is permitted, and no exceptions will be made.
11. Participants may attach any background to their aquarium set, or choose not to use any background.
12. A list of additional materials provided by the Organiser will be circulated to shortlisted Participants at a later date. These materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
13. There should be no indication of the Participant’s identity placed on or around the display until after the prizes are awarded.
14. Judging will be done by judges on the Competition Judging Panel.
15. Judging will be based on the judging criteria. The judges’ decision for all awards shall be final and no appeals will be entertained.

16. Place ribbons will be awarded for aquascapes that are given first, second and third placing. Special Mention ribbons are awarded at the sole discretion of the judges.
17. No entries may be removed before the closing of the SGF Hort Show 2019 without the permission of the Competition Secretariat.
18. The Participant is responsible for the tearing-down of their display after the end of the competition, and the proper disposal of all unwanted items. The allocated dates for tear-down are on 6 May 2019 (Monday, 9 am to 8 pm) and 7 May 2019 (Tuesday, 9 am to 8 pm).
19. All award winners must be present at the award ceremony to receive for their prize. All unclaimed prizes at the end of the ceremony will be forfeited.
20. The display of competition entries during the exhibition period shall be at the discretion of the Competition Secretariat. For the avoidance of doubt, the Organiser is not obligated to display all competition entries during the exhibition period for SGF Hort Show 2019.

Terms and Conditions

1. In the event that any Participant fails to participate in the competition, they shall be required to pay the Organiser a no-show fee of SGD\$100.00. If a shortlisted Participant is unable to participate in the competition, they shall notify the Organiser in writing at least 1 week in advance of the competition set-up date, 20 April 2019.
2. The judges' decision is final and conclusive. The Organiser reserves the right not to award any prizes if the submitted aquascape displays do not meet the expected standard of technical and artistic quality.
3. Whilst copyright in the design of the respective aquascape display remains with the Participant, each Participant hereby grants to the Organiser a perpetual, world-wide, royalty-free license to reproduce the aquascape display as and when the Organiser intends to, at no cost to the Organiser. The Organiser shall attribute the design of the aquascape display to the Participant.
4. Participants agree that the Organiser may collect, use, disclose and share photographs, audio-video or other recordings of the Participants and their aquascape displays taken in the course of the competition, for the Organiser's publicity and / or use in websites, publications, presentations and promotional materials, in original or edited format, without any further notification, remuneration or compensation to the Participants.

5. The Organiser reserves the right to dispose of any item that is not removed from the competition ground after the end of the event, and the Organiser shall not be liable to the Participant for any loss, expenses, damages or any other consequences arising from such disposal.
6. Participants are responsible for their personal belongings. The Organiser will not be responsible or liable for any injuries, lost, damaged or stolen items or any other losses resulting from participation in this competition.
7. The Organiser reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions without prior notice.
8. Any non-compliance with any of the rules and regulations, or the terms and conditions may lead to the Organiser's disqualification of the aquascape display or Participant concerned. Any appeal against a disqualification decision must be made to the Chief Judge of the Competition Judging Panel, whose decision shall be final.

Entry Form for Nano Tank Aquascaping Competition

Mandatory Information*

Personal Particulars		
Name of Participant: <i>(according to NRIC/FIN/Birth Cert)</i>	NRIC/FIN/Birth Cert No.:	Insert Photograph#
Date of Birth: (DD/MM/YYYY)	Nationality:	
Contact Number:	Occupation:	
Other Information		
Email Address:		
Mailing Address:		

A presentable photograph of the Participant in colour for collaterals/website (*file format in jpeg, file size of approximately 1 megabyte, and image size of 400 by 514 pixels*)

**The above information will be used for the identification of participants. If necessary, we may share this data with other Government agencies (or non-Government entities which have been authorised to carry out specific NParks services), unless such sharing is prohibited by law.*

Photo(s) of Previous Aquascape(s)

Concept of Competition Tank

What is the style, layout or theme for the tank? (e.g., Iwagumi, Nature Aquarium, Dutch)

What materials will be used? (e.g., driftwood, slate rocks)

What plants will be used?

Declaration by Participant

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as well as the Terms & Conditions of the SGF Hort Show 2019 Nano Tank Aquascaping Competition. I hereby acknowledge and accept that I am participating in this competition voluntarily and at my own risk and will not in any way hold the National Parks Board responsible for any injury, loss, damage, expense and/or costs which I may sustain or incur as a result of my participation in the competition. I further agree to indemnify the National Parks Board for any loss suffered by the National Parks Board resulting from my acts or omissions.

Signature:	Date:
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