Rice Tabletop Centerpiece Contest

2014 Arkansas Rice Expo
August 1, 2014

Theme: “Locally Grown”

This activity will serve to promote the many uses of rice and utilize the talents of Arkansans to create beautiful centerpiece displays to be used on luncheon tables for over 1,000 people that will be attending this event. All participants will be given rice panicles and an optional mason jar—the rest is up to you!

- Open to all: including Master Gardeners, Garden Club members and general public.
- Pre-registration required by July 25.
- Limited to first 60 pre-registered centerpieces.
- May enter up to 3 centerpieces per person, utilizing rice panicles (Supplied rice panicle could be green and immature – standing up, and/or brown and mature -drooping over.)
- Centerpieces may contain natural or store bought materials, but must include rice.
- Mason jars will be provided, but you can bring your own vase if you choose. However, if you plan to take your own vase home, the arrangements cannot be removed until the end of lunch at 1:00 p.m. and must be gone by 2:00 p.m. Mason jars provided are not to be removed from premises.
- Centerpieces should be no more than 18 inches tall and no more than 18 inches in diameter from corner to corner. May not use balloons.
- 2014 Arkansas Rice Expo held at: Grand Prairie Center, 2807 Highway 165 South, Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160

Centerpieces may be constructed on site under a tent with table supplied or brought pre-made, but must contain rice panicles. Assembly begins at 8:00 a.m. but needs to be completed and on the tables indoors between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. Judging begins at 9:15 a.m.

Prizes awarded for top 5 places along with a People's Choice winner. Prizes include new rice cooker, an hour landscape consultation with Janet Carson, signed copies of Janet's “In the Garden” book and rice gift packages. Awards will be presented at 12:25 pm.

Entries will be numbered for judging with exhibitor card displayed following judging.
Pre-registration for Rice Tabletop Centerpiece Contest
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Theme: “Locally Grown”
Entry Deadline: July 25

Name: _______________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________City: ___________________________
Email: __________________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________
Expected number of centerpiece entries: ________ (no more than 3)

For more information contact Richard Klerk, 870-238-5745.

Completed pre-registration form should be mailed, emailed or faxed to:
Cross County Extension Service
705 E. Union Ave., Room 2, Wynne, AR 72396
870-238-5717 (fax)
raklerk@uaex.edu

This activity is open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status.

Point System for Judging

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