HOE-DOWN NATIVE GARDEN CONTEST

Here is a great idea for some friendly competition among chapter members. Something similar could be done for competition among middle school demonstration gardens or other display gardens in your community.

Page 1 shows a one-page application form which also contains the rules. Notice that a Nov. 1 deadline provides for photos of the garden from 3 seasons.

Page 2 is a judging scoresheet.

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November 1 - Deadline to turn in Application

I. Minimum size of 20 square feet

II. Must contain only native plants
   Minimum of 5 native species

III. Turn in 3 pictures which give a good representation of your native bed.

IV. Points to be considered in judging the garden:
   Use of texture, contrast, focal points, multi-seasons of interest

Name ______________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________
Phone: _____________________  email _____________________________

What are the approximate dimensions of your native garden? _____________

Does your garden have only native plants? _____________________________

What spring blooming plants did your garden include?
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What additional summer blooming natives did your garden include?
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What fall blooming native plants did your garden include?
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What do you consider the focal point of your garden?
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Score Sheet

1. Landscape Presentations (5 points per category) _______
   a. Color ______
   b. Texture ______
   c. Contrast ______
   d. Focal Points ______
   e. Multi-seasonal interest ______

2. Required Native Plants (1 point for each category with plants) ______

3. Conservation Practices (1 point for each practiced) ______

4. Focal Points (Garden Features) (1 point for each feature) ______

5. Landscape Contest (20 points)
   Level of difficulty of plants growing in landscape
   ______
   Total Points ______

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