

2026 NWHS CONTAINER CONTEST:

It can be fun to create a container. It has been likened to creating a garden in miniature where you control the climate and growing conditions. When the results turn out well, it is very gratifying. Take photos of your successes and keep a list of used plant names...and, in September, share them with your fellow NWHS members.

WHAT CAN BE ENTERED:

For this contest, a “container” can be stand-on-the-ground container or a hanging basket or a coordinated group of such containers and/or baskets. They must be obvious separate entities. A section of a raised bed does not qualify.

EACH ENTRY MUST BE COMPRISED OF:

1. Your name
2. A photograph (up to 3 allowed) of the container
3. A list of all plants used in the container
4. A title or brief description of the growing conditions

THE BASICS:

1. The contest is open to all paid-up NWHS members as of the September 2026 general meeting.
2. Each member can submit up to 3 (three) entries.
3. Each entry must have been created by the entrant. It can have been created at anytime, even prior to September 1, 2025.

PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Up to three photographs per entry can be submitted.
2. The photograph need not be taken by the entering member.
3. Photographs must have been taken within the time frame of September 1, 2025 and September 8, 2026.
4. Photo dimensions allowed: if in normal format, up to 5”x7”; if panoramic, either width or length must be 5” or less (i.e. 5”x10” is allowed but 6”x10” is not).

ENTERING:

1. Entries are to be submitted at the September 8, 2026 NWHS general meeting. Please consult with the contest coordinator (Audrey Barnes, 604-526-8284, sgbarnes@telus.net) if this does not work for you.
2. At the meeting, there will be a supply of large envelopes. Use one for each entry. Just put your name, photograph(s), plant list and description inside. There is no need to write anything on the envelope.

JUDGING:

At the October meeting, all entries will be posted. Judging will be done, via secret ballot, by your fellow NWHS members. Each person in attendance selects the one container she/he considers “the best”.

AWARDS:

1. Awards will be given for first, second and third placings. No member can win all three prizes. If two or more placing containers receive an equivalent number of votes, a tie will be awarded. The first place winner will receive \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5. In the event of a tie, each entrant will receive the amount for their placing.
2. At the November meeting, a large poster highlighting the winners will be displayed.
3. Awards will be presented during the club’s annual awards ceremonies in December.



2025 First Place: Container, Gina Ng