The Kathy Pufahl Container Design Competition
Cornell University Floriculture Field Day

**Entry category (check one)**  

- 10-14 inch (outside diameter) hanging basket of living mixed plants  
  (larger sizes should be entered in the Unlimited category)  
- 16 inch patio container of living mixed plants  
  (larger sizes should be entered in the Unlimited category)  
- Unlimited - No limit to size or materials used  
- Edibles (vegetables, herbs, edible flowers) – No limit to size

**Criteria for Judging:**  
There are 5 possible points in each category, with a possible total of 50 points, with 5 possible points for extra credit. The final score for each entry will be the average of all the judges for the same entry. The entry with the highest total score wins. Judges may need to confer in the event of a tie.

**Score 1-5 (circle one)**

1 2 3 4 5  **Color scheme of plant composition**  
Excellent color coordination – 5  
Average color coordination – 3  
No apparent color coordination – 1

1 2 3 4 5  **Foliage texture**  
Excellent combination of contrasting and similar foliage texture – 5  
Evidence of some attention to foliage texture – 3  
Foliage texture is monotonous – 1

1 2 3 4 5  **Effective use of structural elements – i.e. accent plants, fillers, and trailing plants**  
Excellent use of structural elements – 5  
Evidence of some attention to structural elements – 3  
Composition lacks structure - 1

1 2 3 4 5  **Balance**  
Excellent balance of color, form and texture, plants well-proportioned in composition - 5  
Satisfactory balance of color, form and texture – 3  
Color, form and/or textural qualities are unbalanced, some plants completely taking over others in composition - 1

Judge’s name ___________  Entry number: _________  Final Score: ___________
Coordination of container selection and plant composition
Container and plant composition nicely complement each other and are in proportion to each other - 5
Average coordination of container and plant composition, some or all plants out of proportion with others or container - 3
Container competes with, or doesn’t complement, plants, - 1

Plant health
Well grown and maintained, clean foliage, etc. - 5
Some evidence of insect and/or disease present - 3
Plants poorly grown, evidence of insect and/or disease present - 1

Compatibility of plants
Light and water requirements for plants in container in agreement - 5
Light and water requirements for plants in container similar - 3
Plants have very different light and water requirements - 1

Maintenance and construction
All plants well integrated into whole container, appearing to be a unified whole even if assembled on site - 5
Some lack of integration of container - 3
Mechanics of construction visible - 1

Signage
All plants clearly and accurately identified - 5
Plants misidentified or signage unclear - 3
No plant identification included - 1

Creativity
Makes us say “WOW” - 5
Makes us smile - 3
Uninspiring - 1

Extra Credit – up to 5 points to award if deserved, examples include:
Exciting plant materials
Extremely clever design or concept
Clever signage