

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Announcement of the
Victory Garden Contest
for Ridgefield Area 98642

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The Ridgefield Forward *Victory Garden Contest* opens May 1st, 2020!



People all over the world are taking time during the global slowdown to start their own vegetable gardens. We thought, why not celebrate the abundance of green thumbs right here in our beautiful Ridgefield area? We have adopted the name “Victory Gardens,” popularized during World War II, to highlight that self sufficiency in a time of great economic and supply chain uncertainty can also be a patriotic act. Growing our own vegetables, herbs and flowers can allow us to live more sustainably too. In other words, this contest is a winner by every measure.

Important dates:

Contest Opens: May 1st, 2020

Final Submission Date: August 23rd, 2020 by 11:59pm

Winners Announced: September 1st, 2020

Contest Rules: Gardens must be located in the 98642 zip code. They can be at a home, community garden or business and must be grown in 2020. Households or businesses with

more than one garden may submit entries for each garden. All ages are encouraged to participate. Gift certificates for Lava Java Cafe will be awarded for each of the following categories:

10 Contest Categories:

- Least Water Usage
- Most Visually Stunning or Best Use of Art
- Best Garden in Which to Be a Kid
- Most Biodiversity
- Most Improved (submit before and after photos)
- Best Use of a Small Space
- Best Food Theme (i.e. salsa, Asian veggies, herbal tea, pizza toppings etc)
- Greatest Food Production
- Best Youth Garden (Under 18 years old)
- People's Choice (most positive Facebook comments)

Awards:

1st prize \$25 gift card
2nd prize \$10 gift card
3rd prize \$5 gift card



Submissions:

Please submit your contest photo by posting it on the *Ridgefield Forward* Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/RidgefieldForward/>. Indicate for which category or categories you would like to be considered. If you don't use Facebook, you can still participate simply by emailing your pictures to mdonavan@gmail.com.

Sponsors: This contest is co-sponsored by **Ridgefield Forward**, a newly formed collaboration of local volunteers focused on reducing and reversing Climate Change, and **Lava Java Cafe owner Phuong Tran**, who is passionate about conservation and helping the planet.

*Photo submission is considered permission to post; however, ownership of all images shall be retained by the photographer. Please note that all photos submitted will be posted on our Facebook site and may be used for contest publicity.