



Over the years the Spring Home/Garden Show has constantly worked to provide the Garden Masters, exhibitors and public with the best show in San Diego. We listen and learn, make improvements and, yes, even make mistakes...as that is the nature of growth.

After listening to Garden Masters over the years, cheers and grumbles, and carefully watching shows throughout the industry, we are trying something different. Rather than judging gardens against one another, we are using a Danish judging system, where the gardens were judged on the achievement of the mission concept which each garden master wrote up to describe their specific display. After picking up more and more discarded ribbons after the show (for up to one-third of the displays), and having folks complain that no one knew what the ribbons stood for, we decided to try recognizing the Garden Masters on their signs, in addition to creating a high quality frameable certificate which the Garden Masters can display after the show.

Garden Masters Mission Statement

The mission statement is comprised of three parts:

A. Statement of Purpose

This can be one sentence or a full explanation of what you hope to accomplish with your garden. The judges will use it to evaluate whether or not you have accomplished your goal(s) with the finished garden you create for the show.

B. Garden Name

Pretty self-explanatory—this will go on your sign to identify your garden to the public.

C. Garden Description

This is a conceptual description of your garden. Rather than saying "it has ten rose plants and alternating color flagstone pavers," it might be described as "the Red Queen's chessboard garden when Alice came through the looking glass."