

New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers' Association

34th Annual Christmas Tree Contest

At

NJ State Fair

Sussex County Farm and Horse Show

August 1st -10th 2008

TO: NJCTGA Members

From: William Rieth

RE: Christmas Tree Contest

The 34th Annual Christmas Tree Contest is to be held at the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair, August 1st-10th and is once again being sponsored by the New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers' Association and the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair. All NJCTGA members are eligible to participate. **DEADLINE** for entries is July 20th, 2008. Set-up and judging will take place on July 30th at 9:00 am.

Enclosed are details and contest rules. Please use the entry form at the bottom of this notice.

Entering the contest does not necessitate a trip to the fair. Every effort will be made to have someone who has entered trees in the contest transport additional trees as needed. Please make arrangements for this service by contacting the executive secretary a week prior to the deadline for entering the contest.

The Christmas Tree Contest is a proven way to advertise and promote the use of REAL CHRISTMAS TREES. KEEP IN MIND at the early December ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING CEREMONY, the NJ Secretary of Agriculture will be cutting a tree on the farm from which the Fred E. Johnston GRAND CHAMPION WINNER originates. Media coverage is widespread – what terrific exposure for your farm!! Last year's display was a great success and with your help this year's can be even better. Please enter to support your industry and the Association.

Detach entry form below and send to: William Rieth, Contest Chairman, C/O NJCTGA, P.O Box 211, Stockton NJ 08559 – by July 20th 2008

I plan to submit the following entries in the NJCTGA Christmas Tree Contest at the NJ State Fair on July 30th 2008. **(July 30th at 9:00 a.m. IS THE DATE TREES WILL BE SET UP FOR JUDGING).**

Check Class(es) Entered

1. ___ PINE 2. ___ SPRUCE 3. ___ FIR 4. ___ TABLE TOP

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ TEL: _____

NAME OF FARM: _____

33rd Annual Christmas Tree Contest

**Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair – August 1st through
August 10th**

Sponsored By:

NEW JERSEY CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

And

NJ STATE FAIR

SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW

Committee Chairman:

William Rieth

CLASSES

1) PINE 2) SPRUCE 3) FIR 4) TABLE TREES (all species)

AWARDS

Fred E. Johnston, Jr. Grand Champion Award - \$60.00

(Including CLASS FIRST PRIZE and GRAND CHAMPION RIBBON)

EACH CLASS RECEIVES A MONETARY PRIZE AND RIBBON

First prize - \$40.00 Second Prize - \$30.00 Third Prize - \$20.00

GENERAL RULES

- 1. Contest open to all NJCTGA member growers in the State.**
- 2. Trees must have been grown in New Jersey.**
- 3. All trees may be cut, potted or balled and burlapped*.**
- 4. Trees for classes 1, 2 & 3 must be between 6 and 8 feet tall, from cut butt or natural ground level to tip of leader.**
- 5. Table trees* (all species) for Class 4 must be between 2 ½ and 4 feet tall, from cut butt or natural ground level to tip of leader.**
- 6. Exhibitors may make one entry in each class, for a total of four trees.**
- 7. Each entry must have attached tag showing name & address of exhibitor, SPECIFIC species and AGE of tree from SEED (Tags are removed prior to judging).**
- 8. Entry DEADLINE is August 15, 2007 – Return entry form to Mike Plut.**
- 9. For entrant's convenience there will be an attempt to coordinate the delivery of trees for those who are unable to bring the trees to the fair grounds.**
- 10. Trees are to be in the judging tent between 9:00 am and 10:30 am on 8/21/2007.**
- 11. Judging will commence at 1:00 pm on July 30, 2008.**
- 12. All trees will remain on display throughout the Fair.**

*** Table Top trees cannot compete for Grand Champion designation.**

FOR SCORING - JUDGES WILL USE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

Height	Within the established limits (-1 pt/in. +/-)
Foliage	Fresh - Clean - Uniform
	15
Taper	Pines 40-90% Firs & Spruces 40-70%
	10
Density	Medium or Higher
	15
Handle*	Well trimmed - one inch per foot of height
	10
Color	Normal
	10
Naturalness	Not perfectly smooth outside appearance
	10
Lack of Damage	No crooked stems - Holes - Uneven sides Etc.
	<u>30</u>

PERFECT SCORE

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The GRAND CHAMPION will be selected from the best entry in each class.

*** Handles will be required on balled and bur lapped entries.**

Directions to Hunterdon County Fair Grounds:

The Fair will be held at the new Sussex County Fairgrounds, Frankford New Jersey. The Fair Grounds are located off of Route 206 and Plains Road