



**ENTRIES ARE INVITED FOR THE
16th ANNUAL MAVIS BATEY ESSAY PRIZE
Closing date for submissions 3rd May 2020**



Our annual essay competition is intended to encourage vibrant, scholarly writing and new research, especially by those who have not yet had their work published. It is open to any student, worldwide, registered in a *bona-fide* university or institute of higher education, or who has recently graduated from such an institution. Submissions must be 5,000 to 6,000 words and the only restriction on subject matter is that it must be of relevance to some aspect of garden history which could include explorations of little known gardens, or an aspect of botany, ecology, horticulture, archaeology, social history, architecture, design or sculpture.

The prize includes an award of £250, free membership of The Gardens Trust for a year and consideration for publication in our peer-reviewed, scholarly journal *Garden History*. All previous winners have been accepted for publication, and often the best of the non-winning entries are invited to submit to the journal as well. Submissions or any further enquiries should be sent to essayprize@thegardenstrust.org by 6pm 3rd May 2020.

For further details and entry forms see :<http://thegardenstrust.org/research/prize/>



16th Annual Essay Prize

Rules for submission

Please read carefully: entries not conforming to the rules below will not be judged

The rules for submitting an essay are:

- 1) Authors should have *bona fide* student status at a university or other recognised institution of further education or have graduated from such an institution in 2018 or 2019.
- 2) The essay should be between 5,000 and 6,000 words in length, exclusive of endnotes, captions to illustrations and bibliography. Up to 8 illustrations may be included. Essays longer than the permitted word count will not be considered.
- 3) The essay should be set out in the format recommended by **Garden History**, the journal of The Gardens Trust, with a short [200-300 word] abstract and endnotes, plus a bibliography of works consulted. Our submissions guidelines can be found at http://thegardenstrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/00_Garden_History_submissions_guide.pdf or see recent issues of **Garden History**, (don't worry about trying to match the font). **Garden History** is available on-line at JSTOR.
- 4) There are no restrictions on the subject matter except that it must be relevant to some aspect of garden history.
- 5) Applicants from any country may apply, but submissions must be in English.
- 6) Applicants **do not** have to be members of The Gardens Trust.
- 7) The essay must be submitted in electronic format as a PDF (.pdf). No more than 2 files should be sent.
- 8) The prize will be judged anonymously so please do not write your name in the text. The application form (with name, address and proof of student status, i.e. scanned copy of student card) should be completed and attached separately to your email.

Other notes

The prize will consist of a cash sum of £250 plus free membership of The Gardens Trust for one year. (If the winner is already a member of The Gardens Trust, their subscription will be renewed for a year.) The winning entry will be considered for publication in **Garden History**. The judging panel will consist of the Editor of **Garden History** and members of the Gardens Trust's Education and Events Committee, and other invited outside academics. For short reports on previous winning entries etc see: <http://thegardenstrust.org/research/prize/>

Applications and form should by email

NO LATER THAN 6pm Sunday 3rd May 2020 to:

essayprize@thegardenstrust.org

Checklist for applicants:

- Essay
- Illustrations (no more than 8)
- Abstract
- Bibliography
- Check length
- Check it is as anonymous as possible
- There should be no appendices



16th Annual Essay Prize Entry Form

Name: (block capitals please)

Address:

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Post code: Country:

phone: /mobile:

email:

Student status:

Institution of Study:

Department:

Student number:

NB: do not forget to provide proof of student identity

Title of submission:

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Are you a member of The Gardens Trust or an affiliated County Gardens Trust? Yes/No

If your answer is 'No', please tell us how you heard about The Gardens Trust Essay Prize?

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When you have filled in this form, please add it to your email, either as a pdf or scan/photograph it.

This will only be revealed to the judges after The Gardens Trust Annual Essay Prize has been decided.

**Please return this form with your essay by 6pm 3rd May 2020 to :
essayprize@thegardenstrust.org**