

# Kristy's Home Tweet Home 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birdhouse Competition

*hosted by the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners &  
University of Kentucky Pulaski County Extension Service*

## Drop Off Window

- Thursday, May 2, 2024: 12 noon – 4 PM EST
- Friday, May 3, 2024: 9 AM – 12 Noon EST

Started in 2023, Kristy's Home Tweet Home Birdhouse Competition honors one of the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners and her keen appreciation for the arts of natural design as applied to plight and flight of Kentucky's aviary communities.

If you love the natural world, and unique garden art, then plan to participate this year whether by submitting an entry for the birdhouse competition or visiting to vote for your favorite, fun and unique birdhouses at the Pulaski County Extension Service on Saturday, May 4! Plan now to join us, this is a competition surely you will never forget!

***Registration opens April 1! If submitting a birdhouse for the completion, registration will be required.***

## PRE-COMPETITION WORKSHOPS

**February 3: Whimsical Birdhouse Workshop:** Join Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners on Saturday, February 3 at 11 AM to customize your own Whimsical Birdhouse with paint, ephemera & more. Two styles to choose from, including pedestal. Cost \$15 includes all materials. Fees are non-refundable unless class is cancelled.

**March 2: Birds & Blooms:** Join members of the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners on Saturday, March 2 at 11 AM to learn about growing a garden for birds! Make a backyard garden of your dreams a reality with simple gardening tips and ideas AND build your own nesting box to attract chickadees, bluebirds, wrens and more to your backyard birds and blooms garden! Cost \$ 15 includes all materials. Fees are non-refundable unless class is cancelled.

**April 6: Right Bird, Right House:** For many species of birds, there is a shortage of great places to nest. There may be birds that would love to call your backyard habitat home, but they have a specific nesting requirement which needs to be met. Birdhouses can be placed in backyards, schoolyards, parks, orchards, farms, pastures, cemeteries, woodlots ...you name it. Find out how you could support more nesting birds, and give a bird a home on Saturday, April 6 at 11 AM. Learn what resources to use to construct the ultimate nest box landlord; find out what features make a birdhouse ideal, which species you can attract to your area, and how to troubleshoot any problems that arise.

## COMPETITION REGISTRATION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

- Applicable entries will be from the Lake Cumberland Region of Kentucky as defined by the boundaries of Pulaski County and will include the bordering counties of Casey, Clinton, Laurel, Russell and Wayne.
- Each registrant may enter only ONE entry per category.
- Birdhouses must be smaller than 12" x 12" x 12". Birdhouses should be designed for native Kentucky birds, such as Eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, Carolina wrens, Carolina chickadees, downy woodpecker, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, yellow bellied flycatcher, etc...
- All entries must be portable
- Entries must be able to stand alone when placed upon a display table. If an entry is unable to stand alone, please bring a stand to help display your entry.
- Entries should be prepared by the entrant.
- Entries must submit a short caption along with their entry to explain the design or describe what materials were used to construct their birdhouse.
- Neither the University of Kentucky nor the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners are responsible for any damage to or disappearance of the birdhouse.
- Entrance into Kristy's Home Tweet Home Birdhouse Competition constitutes permission to use your name and image for publicity purposes.
- University of Kentucky Pulaski County Extension Service personnel and members of the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners Association may submit entries; however, will NOT be eligible to win prizes.

## SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION EVENTS

**Registration Opens:** April 1, 2024

### **Submission of Entries / Drop off Dates & Times:**

- Thursday, May 2: 12 - 4 PM
- Friday, May 3: 9 AM – 12 PM

### **Public Judging of Entries**

- Saturday, May 4: 9 AM – 12 PM

### **Announcement of Results**

- Saturday, May 4: 2 PM

### **Pick Up Competition Entries**

- Entries will be available for pick up Saturday, May 4 from 2:30 – 4 PM or Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 10 from 8 AM - 4 PM. **Entries not picked up by 4 PM on May 10<sup>th</sup>, will be considered donated.**

## CATEGORIES & DETAILS

Open to all ages! This competition is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about bird habitats while expressing your own creativity.

### Categories

- **Adult** (ages 17 and above)
  - **Thoughtful:** Entries in the Thoughtful Category will be judged on:
    - Craftsmanship
    - Functionality for humans and birds
    - Ease of ability to be raised/ lowered, type of material, ability to be cleaned out, hole(s), roof, and chamber diameter and depth
    - Aesthetics
  - *Note: Birdhouses entered into the Thoughtful Category would best be described as usable structures for birds. They will be judged using the criteria listed above in the order they are listed.*
  - **Whimsical:** Entries in the Whimsical Category will be judged on:
    - Aesthetics
    - Imaginative theme or concept and exceptional use of form, texture, and/or color, composition, and execution
    - Craftsmanship
  - *Note: Birdhouses entered into the Whimsical category would best be described as decorations. They will be judged using the criteria listed above in the order they are listed.*
- **Youth** (ages 17 and under)
  - **Imaginative:** Youth Entries will be judged on:
    - Aesthetics
    - Imaginative theme or concept; use of form, texture, and/or color
    - Craftsmanship
    - Functionality for bird
  - *Note: Youth entries are judged holistically. They will not be judged in the order the criteria are listed.*
- **Group(s)**

This category is designed for organizations, clubs, or other groups of all ages and all abilities, including individuals who live with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and varying abilities. Entries in the Group Category will be judged on the basis of creativity!

Winners of each category will be announced on the Lake Cumberland Master Gardeners Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lakecumberlandmastergardeners> on Monday, May 6, 2024.

### PRIZES

For the 2024 Kristy's Home Tweet Home Birdhouse Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes for each age level (adult and youth) and each category (Thoughtful, Whimsical, and Imaginative) will be awarded. For the Group Level, only a 1<sup>st</sup> level prize will be awarded.