

24TH FEDERAL COMPETITION “GARDENS AND URBAN PLANNING”

The winners of the allotment championship have been announced

The winners of the 24th federal competition „gardens and urban planning“ have been announced: Six gold, ten silver and four bronze medals were awarded in Berlin on 8th December 2018. In addition, a total of 25,500 € prize money was awarded. The awards recognize the allotment garden associations’ special achievements in the social, ecological and urban development areas. The motto this year was: “small gardens – colourful variety”.

„They give a home to insects, live integration and stand together as a community: Our 20 finalists are outstanding examples of how important the small gardens are for our cities and our communities”, explains Jürgen Sheldon, chairman of the jury of the national competition. “We are proud of our allotment gardeners, because they show that even with limited resources much can be achieved”. Every four years the federal government and the federation of German allotment gardeners (BDG) give the allotment gardeners the opportunity to participate in the championship. An expert jury examines all the finalists very carefully on site and assesses whether the facilities hold what they promise.

This year the jury was particularly enthusiastic about the allotment gardeners’ innovative spirit. “Rent-a-Beet” (rent-a-plot) concepts make it easy to start gardening, the harvest is shared so that fruit and vegetables do not rot, and numerous projects to protect species create refuges for rare animals – sometimes in the middle of the city. Natural gardening is great anyway – herbicides and chemical-synthetic antifungal agents and chemical-synthetic agents against pests have been banned for a long time. Bees are kept in 19 out of the 20 facilities, and luxury style insect hotels are standard. All sites show: The allotment gardeners have started their way into the future since a long time and tackle challenges – whether species protection, intercultural living together or generational cohesion.

The results at a glance:

GOLD

was awarded to the allotment gardeners in Berlin, Chemnitz, Hildesheim, Karlsruhe, Landau and Rottweil.

SILVER

was awarded to the allotment gardeners from Bremen, Castrop-Rauxel, Dresden, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Kellinghusen, Löderburg, Munich, Schwerin and Torgau.

BRONZE

was awarded to the allotment gardeners from Altenburg, Kassel, Osterburg and Neunkirchen.

Have a look at the brochure:

During the 24th federal competition the jury was particularly enthusiastic about the allotment gardeners' innovation enthusiasm. Their impressions, findings and recommendations as well as 20 wonderful portraits can be found in the brochure: Results of the 24th federal competition "gardens in urban planning". The brochure can be downloaded under:

www.kleingarten-bund.de/de/veranstaltungen/bundeswettbewerb/broschuere/

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Photos of the event and the winners can be found at:

<https://www.kleingarten-bund.de/de/veranstaltungen/bundeswettbewerb/Fotos-Preisverleihung/>