

General Rules

- All entries must have been first published or broadcast between 1st September 2010 and 30th September 2011
- All entries must be received by 28th September 2011. Late entries cannot be considered and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery. All entries will be acknowledged by e-mail.
- All entries must be made using a separate official Entry Form published on this website. Each nomination must be accompanied by an entry fee (£44 for books, £12 for other categories except New Garden Media Talent which is free of charge) to cover the Guild's administrative costs.
- All entries must have been published in the UK
- Payment (see payment sheet) may be made by credit/debit card or by BACS for which you need to email The Guild office at admin@gardenmediaguild.co.uk to collect a unique reference number and GMG bank details.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to 'The Garden Media Guild'. Failure to include an entry fee will invalidate the entry. If the entry criteria are not met, no refunds will be made.

- It is not necessary to be a member of The Garden Media Guild in order to enter or to nominate work for an Award. However, non-member entrants must be UK-based and their entries must be from UK media.
- You may nominate your own work or that of someone else. You may make any number of different entries as long as each is accompanied by its own Entry Form and the appropriate entry fee.

However, no piece of work may be entered in more than one category, except for:

- the New Talent Award, which can also be entered into one other appropriate category.
- a book can be entered for both one of the various Book Awards (under Author's name) and for the Book Photographer Award (under Photographer's name) even if this happens to be the same person.

● The judges reserve the right to move an entry into a different category if they deem it to be more appropriate. Please liaise with colleagues and associates to avoid duplication of entries. Multiple nominations will not be a factor in the judging. Each entry into a category will be judged on its individual merits. If a person chooses to enter more than one set of articles/photographs/programmes/websites, then the fact that there is more than one under his or her name will not carry any weight with the judging panel.

- All nominations will be treated in strict confidence.
- Entries will be considered by a panel of Guild members and invited specialists in each category. If a judge has made a contribution to an entry, an alternative judge will be seconded to the panel.
- The judges' and the Guild Committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- There will be one winner in each category, unless the judges exercise their right not to make an Award in a category.
- Winners will receive a trophy from the Guild, together with a personalised Award certificate and the right to use and display the Guild's Award seal.
- By entering, you grant the Guild the right to display your work, duly credited, at the Awards Lunch and elsewhere.
- Entries will not be returned unless specifically requested. Those people wishing to have their entries returned will have to collect them from the Brewery on 30th November, but it is important to mark the entry clearly with this information. Please note that entries that are not collected will be disposed of by the Guild.
- Winners will not be announced prior to the Awards event on 30th November.