# Children's garden building contests in Hungary



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#### Hungary is proud to have two towns in "Communities in Bloom" in 2019:



Mosonmagyaróvár with the population of 33.000



Székesfehérvár with the population of 110.000

They are the only two towns in Hungary to have children's garden building contests.













### How was the original idea born in Mosonmagyaróvár?



• "Tiny hands, magical gardens" - "Apró kezek, csodakertek"



- Founded, organised and supported by Mr. Ákos Lobitz in the year 2011 and since then
- supported by the Minister of Agrar Affairs and the local government and businesses of Mosonmagyaróvár
- became a traditional programme of Mosonmagyaróvár by now
- by 2019 enrolled into the Register of Local Values of Mosonmagyaróvár
- the title of the contest is also enrolled into the List of Hungarian Trademarks



#### The concept of "Tiny hands, magical gardens"



- Organised for children with the age of 5-7 years
- With the aim of:



- creating gardening miracles in small flowerbeds in the main street of town
- teaching children how to take care of their creations for one month in the frame of environmental education
- organising a whole day of entertainment for children in the topic of environment protection
- providing tourist attraction for the town for a month
- involving the residents of the town by providing them the chance to vote online for the public award provided by the mayor of Mosonmagyaróvár

#### Judging criteria of garden building contests



✓ the garden's elements harmony with its name
✓ presentation of the garden
✓ documentation of preparations
✓ natural character of the used materials
✓ dominance of tiny hands







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MOSONMAGYARÓVÁR VÁROS ÖNKORMÁNYZATA

Mosonmagyaróvár · Magyar utca

9.00 óra MEGNVITÓ

Szakmai útmutatás és a zsúri bemutatása LOBITZ ÁKOS, ötletgazda ügyvezető igazgató (Dzsungelország Kft.) A VIRÁGZÓ KÖZÖSSÉGEK verseny zsűrijének fogadása

> 9.10 óra KERTÉPÍTÉS

10.00 óra MADARAK ÉS FÅK Kalap Jakab Mesezenekar bábkoncertje Tortakóstoló

> 11.00 óra MÉNYHIRDETÉS · DÍJÁTADÁS Köszöntőt mond DR. ÁRVAY ISTVÁN polaármester

VIRÁGZÓ VÁROS VIRÁGZÓ KÖZÖSSÉG MOSONMAGYARÓVÁR

## **Details of the contest**



- 27-33 groups of children year by year
- The flowerbeds, soil, plants and flowers are provided free of charge by the gardening company of Mr. Ákos Lobitz, the founder
- Jury panel's members are garden experts, professional journalist, tourism expert
- This year's theme: "Blooming communities"
- Flowerbeds' size: 100x120 cm
- 1 hour to build, some weeks to plan and design before
- Money prizes for ALL groups
- Security is provided by video surveillance system and sur shield



























#### Winner of this year's online voting



Óvári virágzó palánták GYSZSZC Bolyai János Általános Iskola 1. o. 1. csapat 1 427 72 hozzászólás Tetszik O Hozzászó... A Megosztás





"Blooming plants" Bolyai János Primary School 1/A. class – 1. group





#### And then the story continued... with Székesfehérvár



Kindergarten groups and primary school groups of Székesfehérvár received invitation to take part in "Tiny hands, magical gardens" in Mosonmagyaróvár in 2016 and 2017. They participated with mentally disabled children, and won prestigious awards.





Székesfehérvár is thankful for Mosonmagyaróvár for the great idea of children's garden building contests!

#### "Fabulous small gardens" of Székesfehérvár



2. Székesfehérvár Gyermek Kertépítő Verseny Várjuk Székesfehérvár város polgárait, a kertépítés, szépítés kedvelőit, óvodásaink alkotását bemutató versenvre és a kiállítás megtekintésére. 2019. május 24. (péntek) 16-19 óra Székesfehérvár – Zichy liget 16.00 óra dr. Cser-Palkovics András polgármester köszöntője, Megnvitó, szakmai útmutatás 17.00 órától 19 óráig Zsűri értékelése, Emléklapok átadása: Deák Lajosné önkormányzati képviselő és Bozai István városgondnok Pitypang mesezenekar élő zenés, interaktív családi koncertie

Mesés kiskertek

- Organised on the basic idea of "Tiny hands, magical gardens" in Mosonmagyarórvár by the City Management Ltd. of Székesfehérvár since 2018
- Supported by the local government of Székesfehérvár and local businesses
- 23 groups of children from kindergartens in both years
- The flowerbeds, soil, plants and flowers are provided free of charge by the City Management Ltd. Of Székesfehérvár
- Jury panel's members are garden experts, professional journalist, tourism expert

#### Fabulous small gardens in Zichy Park





- Flowerbeds' size: 200x120 cm
- Date of the event: Friday before Children's Day in May
- 1 hour to build, some weeks to plan and design before
- The gardens beautify the Zichy Park for 2 weeks
- Online voting for public prize
- Theme: fairy tales
- Awarding: certificate and fancy cake for all groups
- Connecting action: "Let's save our swallows!"

#### Never returning moments of life...











#### Happiness of cooperation in creating wonderlands



#### **Results of the cooperation**









#### Winners of the "Fabulous small gardens" contest in 2019'



Rákóczi street Kindergarten "The insatiable honey-bee"







#### "Let's save our swallows!"







- Environment protection action of the local government of Székesfehérvár
- Kindergartens joined the programme
- Decorating the Zichy Park with painted wooden swallows to draw attention to their protection



#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**



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