

the poultry project



Chicken Coop Design Competition

Eat local. Farm your backyard. Raise your own chickens.

Chickens will compost, fertilize, control pests, and lay eggs.

Return the favor; build them a nice coop!

The **Poultry Project 2010 Chicken Coop Design Competition** is calling farmers, designers, engineers, thinkers, architects, artists, and locavores to design a chicken coop for use in urban or suburban backyards. The ideal coop will integrate aesthetics with utility and make creative use of local materials. Two cash prizes: juried prize & people's prize. The competition is open to ALL. For more details, see below and visit our website: www.poultryproject.com.

Design Considerations

Location — urban/suburban backyard

Sizes — suitable for 6 birds or less; allow 4 sq. ft. per bird (*Cleveland and many other U.S. cities permitting urban chicken keeping restrict the # of birds to a flock of 6 or less*)

Protection — protect the birds from the elements, predators, theft, and injury

Feed & Water — allow space for easy access to feed & water supplies

Ventilation — keep the coop dry and draft-free with windows, door(s) & roof; controlling humidity is essential (especially in winter)

Nests — one nest for every 4 hens

Perch — provide 6-10 in. of perch space per bird

Light — a source of light is vital for layers; an electric light may be needed during winter or in cool climates

Materials

Reuse. Repurpose. Be creative.

Awards

- Cash prize of \$500 for juried prize; the panel is made up of prominent local farmers, designers and change-makers
- Cash prize of \$250 for people's prize; vote made by event attendees
- Winners to be featured in a variety of media
- Winning designs to be fabricated as built prototypes and considered for commercial manufacture
- Winning designs to be modified for use by The Poultry Project participants

Schedule

Competition launch: July 21, 2010

Registration and submission deadline:
October 10, 2010

Announcement of winners will be made at
Chicken Coop Design Competition Event
in November 2010 (date/location TBA)

Apply

Complete the entry form on back. Submit entry form, \$10 entry fee, a brief description of your design, and visualization of your design by 10.10.10 via email or mail to The Poultry Project. Design visualization can include illustrations, plans, diagrams, photographs, small scale or full size models, video, etc. Building the coop design is optional, but encouraged.

Resources

www.thegardencoop.com/links.html -
links to online resources for chicken
keeping, coop building

**“It is just as desirable to build a chicken house as it is to
build a cathedral.”** Frank Lloyd Wright

The Poultry Project is a US-based nonprofit working with an indigenous Ugandan AIDS service org, TASO, to help HIV/AIDS-affected children earn income as chicken farmers.

The Poultry Project 2010 Chicken Coop Design Competition Official Entry Form

Name: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

School/Employer: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Website/blog: _____

1. Tell us about yourself:

2. Why are you interested in designing/building a chicken coop?

3. Describe your design (250 words or less) (attach the description on separate sheet of paper or email as PDF or DOC.) Remember to include your name and contact information.

4. Visualization of design: please include up to 5 images with captions of your design – these can be original documents (drawings, photographs, renderings, diagrams, plans) or scanned digital images (JPEG, GIF, or PNG files) of your work or both (we prefer BOTH). If you build a prototype or full-size model, please photograph your model and submit images with entry packet; do not mail/drop-off the model to the address provided. We will display all hard copy visualization documents & 3-D models of built coops at the awards event. Video files may also be submitted as MOV, MPG, or MP4 files. Questions about design visualization materials can be directed to kflamos@poultryproject.com

Entry Packet Checklist:

- Completed and signed Entry Form (mail)
- \$10 entry fee (payable to The Poultry Project) (mail)
- 250 word description of your design (mail or email)
- Visualization of design (email scanned images/mail hard copies)

Mail entry packet (completed entry form, \$10, visualization documentation, 250 word design description) to:

MAIL: Chicken Coop Design Competition/The Poultry Project
1272 Ramona Avenue
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Email (visualization documentation and 250 word design description) to:

EMAIL: kflamos@poultryproject.com

Official Rules/Terms & Conditions of The Poultry Project 2010 Chicken Coop Design Competition: Only one entry per entrant. The competition is open to all. All entrants must submit a \$10 nonrefundable entry fee. All entries must be received by the submission deadline: October 10, 2010. All entrants must submit original work. Judges will choose one winner for the juried prize; winner notified by phone or email. People's prize to be determined at awards event by popular vote. Submitted designs are the property of the applicant. The Poultry Project has the right to use all designs on its website, in printed publications, advertisements and publicity; the designs can also be used/modified by the organization's participants in Uganda for their individual chicken farming businesses.

I have read the official rules of the competition and agree to the terms and conditions. **Signature:** _____