

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

“THAT FAIR FEELING....”

Erie County Agricultural Society 93RD Annual Standard Flower Show

August 6 – 17, 2025

The Fairgrounds ~ 5600 McKinley Parkway

Hamburg, New York 14075

Flower Show Committee

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Superintendents of Standard Flower Show and NGC Horticulture Show

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

- Entry Fee:* **\$25.00** allows entries throughout the Creative Arts Department and the Grange.
- Entry Arrival:* Monday, August 4th between 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM **IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE BRING ENTRIES BETWEEN 1PM - 4PM. ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00PM.**
- Entry Judging:* Tuesday, August 5th between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM
- Exhibition Days:* Wednesday, August 6th between 11:00 and 10:00 PM & Thursday, August 7th – Sunday, August 17th between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM
- Entry Removal:* Wednesday, August 20th between 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Outdoor gardens to be removed between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM.
- Prize Checks:* Tuesday, August 12th – Sunday, August 17th between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM

General Flower Show and Horticulture Show Rules

THE DESIGN DIVISION, BOTANICAL ARTS DIVISION, AND THE HORTICULTURE DIVISION OF THE NGC FLOWER SHOW ARE ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. ENTRIES IN THE HORTICULTURE SHOW ARE OPEN TO ALL NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND ALL OTHERS.

Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations which can be found online at ecfair.org.

1. All entries must be pre-registered with the Fair office by **Friday, July 11, 2025**. Entries not pre-registered will not be accepted.
2. Award checks will be issued at the Office in the Creative Arts Exhibit Area and should be checked for accuracy immediately.
3. No exhibit shall be removed without the consent of the Committee.
4. The Flower Show Classification Chairman for Design, Horticulture, and Botanical Arts reserves the right to exclude any exhibit that does not conform to the schedule.
5. Only one exhibit is permitted by an exhibitor in each class.
6. DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL. THE STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING WILL BE USED (see 2017 *Handbook for Flower Shows* page 5). Awards may be withheld if not merited.
7. Plants named on the New York State List, "Protected Native Plants", cannot be exhibited in competitive classes. Commercially developed named hybrids or cultivars (NOT NATURAL VARIETIES) of plants on "Protected Native Plants", list are permitted in competitive classes, but ONLY when their DISTINGUISHING feature is evident.
8. Federated Garden Clubs of New York State forbids the use of ferns and fern parts native to New York State.
9. All exhibitors exhibiting in Horticulture Division and the Horticulture Show must label specimens with genus, species and/or variety or cultivar. Common names may be added.
10. Only Flower Show Staff will be present on the Flower Show floor during judging.
11. The emphasis is on FRESH plant material. NO ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL IS ALLOWED IN ANY DIVISION.
12. American and other national flags may not be incorporated into any competitive designs, nor be used as underlays, swags, or the like. Refer to chapter 7 page 81 2017 *Handbook for Flower Shows* for more information.
13. The Erie County Agricultural Society will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
14. Items will be watered by Flower Show Personnel from **Wednesday, August 6th – Sunday, August 17th**. Watering before and after these dates is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
15. Special Awards offered for each Section of both shows will be posted online @ ecfair.org by **June 2, 2025**.

The National Garden Club Standard System of Awarding will be used in all divisions.

Blue: First - scoring 90 or more; Red: Second - scoring 85 or more; Yellow: Third - scoring 80 or more; White: Honorable Mention - scoring 75 or more. One or more Honorable Mention Awards may be given if merited. See page 2 for Erie County Fair Sweepstake Award information.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS FOR THE NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Garden Club winning most blue and red ribbons*. Club entries and members' entries combined in **DESIGN DIVISION.**

SECTION FD ONLY - \$20.00

Award – Rosette of green and white ribbons.

Garden Club winning most blue Ribbons*. Club entries and members' entries combined in **HORTICULTURE DIVISION.**

SECTION FH ONLY - \$20.00

Award – Rosette of green and white ribbons.

Garden Club winning most blue Ribbons*. Club entries and members' entries combined in **BOTANICAL ARTS DIVISION.**

SECTION FB ONLY - \$20.00

Award – Rosette of green and white ribbons.

Garden Club exhibitor winning most blue ribbons, Design, Horticulture and Botanical Arts classes combined* - \$10.00

Garden Club exhibitor winning most red ribbons in Design, Horticulture and Botanical Arts classes combined* - \$8.00

*In the event that there is a tie the exhibitor or club winning the most of the next color of ribbon will be the deciding factor.

PLEASE NOTE - To be considered for the Garden Club winning entries, the Garden Clubs must submit a list of members who are exhibiting. This list should be submitted to the Flower Show Committee by AUGUST 1ST.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW DESIGN DIVISION I Section FD

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB TOP AWARDS

AWARD OF DESIGN EXCELLENCE (one may be awarded) - This is a National Garden Club Division Award for Design. In sections where Top Exhibitor Awards have been placed, only those winners, entered by a single exhibitor who receives a 95 or more, are eligible for the Award of Design Excellence. One may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit in the entire Design Division.

Top Exhibitor in Sections FDA, FDB, FDC, FDD are eligible.

Award – Rosette of gold ribbons.

DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD (two may be awarded) – This is a section award in the Design Division. It may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in that section. Exhibit must score 95 or above. Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components within National Garden Club policies.

Entries in Sections FDB, FDD are eligible.

Award – Rosette of purple ribbons.

PETITE AWARD (one may be awarded) - This is a section award in the Design Division. It may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in a section of petite designs. Exhibit must score 95 or above. Decorative unit of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material.

Entries in Section FDC are eligible.

Award- Small rosette of blue and white ribbons.

TABLE ARTISTRY AWARD (one may be awarded) - This is a section award in the Design Division awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in that section of table exhibits. Exhibit must score 95 or above. Decorative unit to be of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material.

Entries in Section FDA are eligible.

Award - Rosette of burgundy ribbons.

Design Division Rules, Section FD
Open To National Garden Club Members Only

1. Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations which can be found online at ecfair.org.
2. One entry may be made in each class. Due to the limited reservations for each design class, all design reservations **must** be made by emailing Monica Hansen at johnmonica@verizon.net **and** Nancy Kalieta at nancyk212@aol.com. Advance reservation must be made in classes as indicated on schedule and confirmed in writing. **Exhibitors STILL NEED to register and pay online by July 11, 2025. NO CANCELLATIONS will be accepted after July 1, 2025.** Exhibitor must provide a substitute if unable to fill reservation.
3. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit.
4. Landscapes, Scenes or anything representing an actual item of clothing, person, animal, etc., are not permitted in the Design Division.
5. Living members of the animal kingdom are not permitted.
6. Religious symbols must be displayed in a respectful manner.
7. A design entered in competition must be the work of only ONE exhibitor (*2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*, page 42) and that exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card. Plant material may be from any source. **If it is observed by the Committee that more than one person is working on a design during set up the design/exhibit will be disqualified.**
8. Design may be either traditional or creative unless stated otherwise in the schedule.
9. The use of artificial plant material and the embellishment of fresh plant material is prohibited. Fresh plant material may **not** be treated in any manner.
10. Dried treated plant material, contrived flowers and/or plant forms constructed of natural plant material which may appear as "fantasy flower foliage" and is not intended to represent real flowers are permitted in all design classes unless prohibited by the schedule or specific requirements of a Top Exhibitor Award.
11. Section FDA tables are supplied by the Committee and are judged from the front. All tables may use fine appointments.
12. Accessories permitted in all classes.
13. In order to maintain exhibits in good condition, all perishable plant material must be in water. CONTAINER SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO HOLD A SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY. MECHANICS SHOULD BE HEAVY AND LARGE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT ALL PLANT MATERIAL. ALL DRIED PLANT MATERIALS SHOULD BE CLEAN AND INSECT FREE.
14. While the Committee will provide the best possible care for all exhibits, it disclaims all liability for loss or damage. Containers and accessories should be clearly marked with the designer's name and phone number. The Committee will not furnish containers for any class in the Design Division.
15. Prepared foods may not be used in any class.
16. No cut fruits/vegetables allowed.
17. In order not to offend, American and other national flags may not be incorporated into any competitive designs, nor be used as underlays, swags, or the like.
18. An arrangement already in place may be moved at the discretion of the Staff.
19. A card not to exceed 3" x 5" giving name of pattern and manufacturer of the china and glassware **may** accompany each table exhibit.
20. A card not to exceed 3" x 5" identifying all plant material **must** accompany each design.
21. Conformance to the principles and elements of design are paramount. Refer to the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows* chapter 7, pages 63-68.
22. **SCALES OF POINTS:** Judging will follow the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*; suggested scale of points, chapter 14.

SECTION FDA

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence
Eligible for Table Artistry Award

Class 1: “A ROMANTIC DINNER FOR TWO”

A functional semi-formal dinner for two with decorative unit of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided 30” square table, 36” high. A tablecloth is to be provided by the exhibitor with a minimum of 12” drop.

4 Reservations - \$32.00, \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00

Class 2: “FEEDING A FAMILY OF FOUR”

A functional informal lunch table for four with decorative unit of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided 48” round table covered with a floor length white underlay. The height of the table is 29”. An additional overlay with a minimum 12” drop may be used.

4 Reservations - \$32.00, \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00

Class 3: “GOING SOLO”

A functional table for one with decorative unit of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided table 24” round and 40 ½” high from the floor. An overlay with a minimum 12” drop must be used.

4 Reservations - \$32.00, \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00

SECTION FDB –

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence
Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award

Class 4: “A TASTE OF THE FAIR”

An exhibition table – not meant to be functional – created artistically to suggest the service of food with no requirements as to the type or number of table appointments. Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design. Design made of fresh and/or dried plant material and or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided white table 30” from the floor. Space allowed is 30” wide x by 28” deep. Staged in front of a staging panel 30” wide x 40” high. Staging panel and foreground panel must be covered by exhibitor.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00, \$24.00

Class 5:” THE SIGHTS OF THE FAIR”

A creative design interpreting the picture provided upon registration, as detailed in Design Division Rules #2. Design made of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components should reflect the elements of the picture. The space allocation and staging will be explained at our April 2, 2025, Garden Club Fair Meeting.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00, \$24.00

Class 6: “THE SOUNDS OF THE FAIR”

Assemblage design – a three-dimensional abstract design consisting of “found/recyclable materials” unrelated objects and plant material. Found objects are non-art objects, not made or manufactured for decorative purposes. The objects may be painted, but should remain recognized and not contrived. Though objects are considered non-art and previously unrelated, the design creatively relates them through their compatible elemental qualities of line, form, color, texture, etc. Three or more objects must be greater in proportion than the other components. An assemblage may be self-supporting, staged on a background panel with components attached, or a combination. Staged on a Committee provided white table 30” from the floor. Space allowed is 30” wide by 28” deep. Staged in front of a staging panel 30” wide by 40” high. Staging panel and foreground panel must be covered by exhibitor.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$26.00, \$24.00

SECTION FDC

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

Eligible for Petite Award

Class 7: “A LITTLE BIT OF THE FAIR”

A creative Petite Design of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material. Design must not exceed 5” in depth, width, or height. Staged on a glass shelf. Space allotted is 10” wide and 10” deep. Underlay required.

4 Reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

Class 8: “A MEMORY FROM THE PAST”

A creative Petite Design of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material. Design must not exceed 5” in depth, width, or height. Staged on a glass shelf. Space allotted is 10” wide and 10” deep. Underlay required.

4 Reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

Class 9: “A THRILL OF THE RIDE”

A creative Petite Design of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material. Design must not exceed 8” in depth, width, or height. Staged on a glass shelf. Space allotted is 10” wide and 10” deep. Underlay required.

4 Reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

SECTION FDD

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award

Class 10: “SIGHTS AND SOUNDS”

A Spatial Thrust Design – A creative design consisting of two (2) parallel placements of similar components. Emphasis is on the two thrusting lines and the space between them. Plant material and/or other components may be added to only the outer edges of the thrusting lines. Thrust may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. Staged on a Committee provided black column 24” square and 36” high. Minimum height of design is 24”. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$23.00

Class 11: “FIREWORKS AT THE FAIR”

A Large Creative Floor Design using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a blue, brown, and beige patterned rug with a beige background. Space allotted is 48” wide x 36” deep and no higher than 72”. While an underlay is not required, it is suggested for use within the frame of reference.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$23.00

Class 12: “A MULTITUDE OF CHOICES”

A Creative Line Mass Design – A Creative Line-Mass Design using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided white cube 18 ½” x 24 ½” and 36” in height. Design will be able to be viewed from all sides. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$23.00

HORTICULTURE DIVISION II

Section FH

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB TOP AWARDS

AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE – (One may be awarded.) This is a Division Award. In sections where Top Exhibitor Awards are offered, only the winning exhibit is eligible for this award. In sections where National Garden Club Top Awards are not offered, the highest scoring named blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or more, is eligible. Entire Horticulture Division is eligible. Award - Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.

COLLECTORS SHOWCASE AWARD- (Two may be awarded.) This is a section award for a Collection or Display which consists of a minimum of 5 (five) different cut or container grown specimens, exhibited in individual containers. It may be awarded to the highest scoring, named blue ribbon winner of fresh plant material. Each specimen within the exhibit must score 95 or more. Scores for the specimens in the exhibit are NOT averaged; the final score is determined by the lowest scoring specimen in the exhibit. Sections FHA, FHB are eligible. Award - Rosette of brown and green ribbons.

GROWER'S CHOICE AWARD – (Three may be awarded.) This is a section award for a container grown plant or combination plantings and maybe awarded to the highest scoring, named blue ribbon exhibit. It must score 95 or higher. Sections FHC, FHD, FHE are eligible. Award - Rosette of dark green ribbons.

Horticulture Division Rules, Section FH **Open To National Garden Club Members Only**

All entries must pass through the Classification Committee before being placed. The following procedure should be used:

- a. **When entering online print 2 copies of your confirmation e-mail; one copy for your records, the 2nd copy should be presented to the Flower Show Classification Committee with the Horticulture Specimen to be checked.**
- b. Write genus, species and/or variety or cultivar and common name on entry card and place card on the exhibit.
- c. Cut specimen should be placed in water in provided containers and wedged. Wedging material provided by Committee. No foliage below the water line.
- d. All entries with their completed entry card will be checked by a Horticulture Classification worker for correct identification and conformance with the schedule. Retain claim check stub if specimen passes classification.
2. **CLASSIFICATION WILL NOT ACCEPT SPECIMENS WITH VISIBLE INSECTS OR PLANT SHINE.**
3. No classes will be added on entry day but may be subdivided.
4. **ENTRIES NOT CONFORMING TO CLASS REQUIREMENTS MAY BE MARKED "NOT FOR COMPETITION" AND PLACED FOR EXHIBIT ONLY.**
5. All exhibits must be grown by exhibitor. One entry may be made in each class.
6. Cut specimens will be on display until the exhibit deteriorates at which time it will be removed.
PLEASE KEEP THE STEMS OF CUT SPECIMENS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
7. Exhibitors will furnish containers for cut specimens in Section FHA and FHB. Wedging will be permitted and provided by the Committee.
8. Preference in judging will be given NEW and FINE varieties in each class. Correctly named varieties will be given preference by the Judges.
9. Cultural Perfection and Condition - the physical state of flower or plant at the time of judging. Specimens grown with foliage attached should be exhibited with some foliage attached. Foliage should have good clear color, free of holes, spray residue and insects. No foliage under water.
10. Exhibition Blooms - If exhibition blooms are wanted, remove all side buds **EARLY** in season, leaving only a single terminal bud on each stem. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST HAVE GOOD STEM LENGTH IN PROPORTION TO BLOOM.** A bud will not qualify as a bloom if it is not sufficiently open so that its form and character may be observed. No side buds. Flowering plants must be in bloom.
11. **Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, terrariums, and container gardens must be in exhibitor's possession for at least three months and grown together for at least six weeks before show date.** Double potting allowed.

12. The Committee reserves the right to dispose of any entry that is not fresh or has not been picked up at removal day. Committee is not responsible for under or over-watered exhibits.
13. In section FHA Displays and FHB Collections, each variety or cultivar within the collection must be individually numbered with Corresponding number and correct binomial (genus, species and/or variety or cultivar), written on a 3"x5" card or chart with exhibit.
14. All exhibitors in Horticulture must label specimens with genus and species and/ or variety or cultivar. Common names may be added.
15. All specimens in a Collection and Display are judged on cultural perfection and should be of superior quality, similar size and maturity. The lowest scoring specimen of the Collection or Display determines the highest possible score for your Horticulture. **THEY ARE NOT AVERAGED.** Collections must be set up by the exhibitor in the space allotted for ease of judging. In Displays, artistic effect is of equal importance to cultural perfection. Featured plant specimens must dominate.
16. **SCALES OF POINTS:** Horticulture Judging will follow the 2017 *Handbook for Flower Shows*; suggested scale of points, pages 129-130.

HORTICULTURE CLASSES

EXHIBITORS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO MAINTAIN THEIR EXHIBITS IN GOOD CONDITION.

Classes 1-9 staged indoors in flower show Exhibit Area, classes 10-13, 15 staged outdoor under protective covering, **class 14 staged by the side door unprotected.** All classes must be the work of one individual and specimens must be grown by that exhibitor.

SECTION FHA

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence **Collection: An exhibit of specimens judged for their cultural perfection.**
Eligible for Collector's Showcase Award **See the 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6 for additional information.**

Class 1:

A Collection of 5 or more, cut, named, different specimens of Hosta Leaves at least "5" wide (across) **in exhibitor provided containers.** Staged on a black clothed table 30" high. Space allowed is 20" x 14". Exhibitor may use underlay.
 4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 2:

A Collection of 5 or more cut, named, different specimens of Heuchera **in exhibitor provided containers.** Staged on a black clothed table 30" high. Space allowed is 20" x 14". Exhibitor may use underlay.
 4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 3:

A Collection of 5 or more cut, named, different specimens of Coleus **in exhibitor provided containers.** Staged on a black clothed table 30" high. Space allowed is 20" x 14". Exhibitor may use underlay.
 4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHB

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence **Collection: An exhibit of specimens judged for their cultural perfection.**
Eligible for Collector's Showcase Award **See the 2017 Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6 for additional information.**

Class 4:

A Collection of 5 or more, cut, named, different flowering Annuals **in exhibitor provided containers.** Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep.
 4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHB, Continued

Class 5:

A Collection of 5 or more, cut, named, and different flowering Perennials **in exhibitor provided containers**. Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 6:

A Collection of 5 or more, cut, named, different specimens of Weeds (no, not "those weeds" but your regular pain in the neck weeds) **in exhibitor provided containers**. Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHC

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Please note: Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, terrariums, and container gardens must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months and grown together for at least six weeks before show date.

Class 7:

A Terrarium with 3 or more different plants. Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Only naturalistic accessories are permitted.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 8:

A Broken Pot Planter with 3 or more different plants. Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Only naturalistic accessories are permitted.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 9:

A dish garden using a unique container with 3 or more different plants reflecting the uniqueness of the container. Staged on a table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Only naturalistic accessories are permitted.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHD

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Please note: Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, terrariums, and container gardens must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months and grown together for at least six weeks before show date.

Class 10:

A Window Garden created with a minimum of 3 or more pollinator friendly plants. To be exhibited in a Committee provided white window box 36" long by 8" wide by 5" deep and placed on a 19" high concrete wall. Exhibitor must provide liner for window box.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 11:

A Window Garden created with a minimum of 3 or more flowering and/or foliage plants that like a shady location. To be exhibited in a Committee provided white window box 36" long by 8" wide by 5" deep and placed on a 19" high concrete wall. Exhibitor must provide liner for window box.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHD, Continued

Class 12:

A Window Garden created with a minimum of 3 or more flowering and/or foliage plants that like a sunny location. To be exhibited in a Committee provided white window box 36" long by 8" wide by 5" deep and placed on a 19" high concrete wall. Exhibitor must provide liner for window box.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

SECTION FHE

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Please note: Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, terrariums, and container gardens must be in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months and grown together for at least six weeks before show date.

Class 13:

A mixed Planter of 3 or more different named varieties of monochromatic shades of green flowering and/or foliage plants. Exhibitor provided container no longer than 24" in length. Staged on natural wood benches 36" long by 23" wide by 18" high.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 14: A mixed Planter of 5 or more different varieties of flowering plants and/or foliage plants. Exhibitor's choice of color. To be exhibited in a Committee provided natural wooden wheelbarrow 30" long by 19" wide by 6" deep. Exhibitor will need to provide a liner for the wheelbarrow.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

Class 15:

A mixed Planter of 3 or more different named varieties of purple, pink and white flowering and/or foliage plants. Exhibitor provided container no longer than 24" in length. Staged on natural wood benches 36" long by 24" wide by 30" high.

4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

BOTANICAL ARTS DIVISION III

Section FB

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

BOTANICAL ARTS GARDEN AWARD - (one may be awarded) May be awarded to exhibit scoring 95 or higher and blue ribbon winner. Section FBA is eligible.

Award – Rosette of light green ribbons.

BOTANICAL ARTS DESIGN AWARD – (one may be awarded) May be awarded to exhibit scoring 95 or higher and blue ribbon winner. Section FBB is eligible.

Award – Rosette of yellow and orange ribbons.

BOTANICAL ARTS ARTISTIC CRAFTS AWARD – (one may be awarded) May be awarded to exhibit scoring 95 or higher and blue ribbon winner. Section FBC is eligible.

Award – Rosette of navy blue ribbons.

AWARD OF APPRECIATION – A non-competitive award. This will be awarded by the Flower Show Staff to exhibits in the Botanical Arts Division. Section FBA is eligible.

Award – Rosette of orchid ribbons.

Botanical Arts Division Rules, Section FB
Open to National Garden Club members only

1. All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Crafts exhibits must contain some plant material, either fresh or dried.
2. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
3. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design, and Artistic Crafts are listed in Chapter 14 of *2017 Handbook For Flower Shows*.
4. The rules for Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Crafts are printed in the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10.
5. For Botanical Arts Designs and Artistic Crafts, a card not to exceed 3" x 5" must be provided by the exhibitor listing plant material used in the design.
6. Outdoor Gardens (Section FBA) - all gardens are judged or critiqued for their overall effect of the garden design, which is of major importance. A pleasing design, expressed through a sense of unity among components, plants compatible to the environment and location, theme and appropriate selection and placement of components is also important. Each specimen within the garden must be clearly identified on a chart or diagram listing their correct binomial or genus, species and/or variety or cultivar and location in the garden. Within the garden, place a number label in each variety corresponding to the listed plants on your planting map. The gardens will be judged using the Combination Plantings and Gardens Scale of Points (*2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*, page 129).

SECTION FBA – BOTANICAL ARTS HORTICULTURE

Entry Arrival: Friday August 1st and Saturday August 2nd from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Monday, August 4th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Entry Judging: Tuesday, August 5th between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM

Entry Removal: Wednesday, August 20th – **BY 11:00AM - NO EXCEPTIONS**

Eligible for Botanical Arts Garden Award

Class 1: OUTDOOR GARDENS – “THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, TASTES AND FEELS OF THE FAIR”

Create a temporary outdoor landscape garden design of 10 or more named varieties of plants depicting the theme. May use water feature. To be staged behind the lower Grandstand on the side of the Creative Arts Building in a raised bed 8'9" wide x 18'7" long. The raised bed extends outward from a 19" high (from the ground) concrete wall. There is a 49" tall metal fence, 36" from the front of the concrete wall. Top surface of the concrete wall may be used.

Lightweight items such as flags and banners may be hung from the metal fence. Mulch will be provided by the fair.

Gardens will be watered by Flower Show Personnel **from Wednesday, August 6th – Sunday, August 17th**. Watering before and after these dates is the responsibility of the club. Clubs should also maintain their gardens. Electric outlet is available.

4 Entries - \$1,000., \$900., \$800., \$700.

SECTION FBB – BOTANICAL ARTS DESIGN – “THE SIGHTS AROUND THE FAIR”

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Class 2: MINIATURE FAIRY GARDEN

Container grown miniature fairy garden. A miniature landscape/scene with all type of accessories allowed. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material, but some live plant material/s must be included. Each specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the garden. This may be done with a single chart or individual place cards. Staged on a Committee provided table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Exhibitor may provide an underlay within the frame of reference.

4 reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

SECTION FBB, Continued

Class 3: MINIATURE SUCCULENT GARDEN

Container grown miniature succulent garden. A miniature landscape/scene with all type of accessories allowed. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material, but some live plant material/s must be included. Each specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the garden. This may be done with a single chart or individual place cards. Staged on a Committee provided table 30" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Exhibitor may provide an underlay within the frame of reference.

4 reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

Class 4: WREATH

A creative wreath using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material. Embellishments can be used. Maximum size of wreath is 20" x 20". It will be hung using a Committee provided hook on a white trellis.

4 Reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

SECTION FBC – ARTISTIC CRAFTS “DRESS UP FOR THE BIRDS”

Eligible for Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

Class 5: FLIP FLOPS

Decorate a pair of Committee provided flip flops using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. They will be staged on a glass shelf. Space allotted is 10" wide and 10" deep.

Underlay required.

4 reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

Class 6: EARRINGS

Create a pair of functional chandelier style earrings using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Non-plant material may be used for construction but must not be shown. Will be displayed on a Committee provided black velvet T-bar display stand measuring 6" high. Staged on a glass shelf.

Space allotted is 10" wide and 10" deep. Underlay required.

4 reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

Class 7: A BIRDHOUSE

Create a decorated Committee provided birdhouse using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Birdhouse can be painted/stained, if desired. Staged on glass shelf. Space allotted is 10" wide and 10" deep. Design must not exceed 2" above the top of the birdhouse. Underlay required.

4 reservations - \$25.00, \$23.00, \$20.00, \$18.00

SPECIAL AWARDS

**NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
AND
NGC HORTICULTURE SPECIALTY SHOW**

Donors of awards disqualify themselves from competition in classes eligible for their awards. Judges may withhold award if exhibit is not worthy. **Winners of awards must keep exhibit in good condition throughout Fair or award prize will be forfeited.**

THESE AWARDS WILL BE POSTED AT ECFAIR.ORG BY JUNE 1ST.