

# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW And NGC HORTICULTURE SHOW



## “STARS, STRIPES AND SUMMER NIGHTS”

Erie County Agricultural Society 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Standard Flower Show

August 12 – 23, 2026

The Fairgrounds ~ 5600 McKinley Parkway

Hamburg, New York 14075

Flower Show Committee

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**ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**

\$25.00 allows entries throughout the Creative Arts Department and the Grange.

**Entry Arrival:** MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH BETWEEN 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM AND 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

All entries **MUST** be completed by 7:00 PM

**Entry Judging:** Tuesday, August 11th between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM

**Exhibition Days:** Wednesday, August 12th between 11:00 and 10:00 PM & Thursday, August 13th– Sunday, August 23rd between 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM

**Entry Removal:** Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18th – Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 ERIE COUNTY RESIDENTS.**

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](http://ecfair.org).

1. All entries must be pre-registered with the Fair office by **Monday, July 13, 2026**. 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 NGC *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 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. Garden Clubs of New York State forbid 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 of the NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2025, 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](http://ecfair.org) by **June 5, 2026**.

**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 3rd**.

## **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB STANDARD FLOWER SHOW DESIGN DIVISION I Section FD**

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### **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](http://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](mailto:johnmonica@verizon.net) and Nancy Kalieta at [nancyk212@aol.com](mailto: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 13, 2026. NO CANCELLATIONS will be accepted after July 1, 2026.** 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 *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, revised 2025, 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 *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, revised 2025, chapter 7, pages 63-68.
22. **SCALES OF POINTS:** Judging will follow the 2017 *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, revised 2025, chapter 14, pages 129-131.

## SECTION FDA 'THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND'

*Eligible for Award of Design Excellence*

*Eligible for Table Artistry Award*

### **Class 1: "A CELEBRATION DINNER FOR FOUR"**

A functional semi-formal dinner 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 table 36" wide by 72" long, 28" high (from the floor). Committee will provide an underlay to the floor in exhibitor's choice of black or white. An overlay provided by the exhibitor with minimum 12" drop must be used.

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

### **Class 2: "A JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PICNIC FOR 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: "PICNIC LEFTOVERS"**

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 'PATRIOTIC SONGS'

*Eligible for Award of Design Excellence*

*Eligible for Designer's Choice Award*

### **Class 4: "HOME ON THE RANGE"**

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: "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"**

Transparency Design – a Creative Design with see-through elements (translucent, diaphanous, grid-like materials, etc.) integral to the design and permitting some components to be viewed through others. Staged on a Committee provided cube 18 ½" x 24 ½" and 36" in height. Underlay may be used.

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

### **Class 6: "ANCHORS AWEIGH"**

Reflective Design – a Creative Design containing reflective materials giving back images of light to the viewer. The reflective materials are an integral part of the overall design. Staged on a Committee provided cube 18 ½" x 24 ½" and 36" in height. Underlay may be used.

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

## SECTION FDC "MORE PATRIOTIC SONGS"

*Eligible for Award of Design Excellence*

*Eligible for Petite Award*

### **Class 7: "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND"**

A Petite Line 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 in a committee provided 12" square white frame, on an 8" deep white shelf, that for two reservations are 43" from the floor and for the other two reservations is 56" from the floor, in front of a white background. Exhibitor may use underlay.

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

### **Class 8: "MY COUNTRY, TIS OF THEE"**

A Petite Traditional Mass 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 in a Committee provided 12" square white frame, on an 8" deep white shelf, that for two reservations is 43" from the floor and for the other two reservations is 56" from the floor, in front of a white background. Exhibitor may use underlay.

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

### **Class 9: "THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER"**

A Petite Parallel Design of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material. Design must not exceed 12" in depth, width, or height. Staged in a Committee provided 12" square white frame, on a 12" deep white shelf, that for two reservations is 43" from the floor and for the other two reservations is 56" from the floor, in front of a white background. Exhibitor may use underlay.

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

## SECTION FDD "OUTSTANDING LAND AREAS"

*Eligible for Award of Design Excellence*

*Eligible for Designer's Choice Award*

### **Class 10: "REDWOOD FOREST"**

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 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. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference.

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

### **Class 11: "DEATH VALLEY"**

Duo Design - Side one of a Duo Design made of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided black column 24" square and 36" in height. 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 12: "EVERGLADES"**

Duo Design - Side two of a Duo Design made of fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a Committee provided black column 24" square and 36" in height. 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

# HORTICULTURE DIVISION II

## Section FH

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### 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**

1. 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 second 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.**

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. **All exhibitors in Horticulture must label specimens with genus and species and/ or variety or cultivar. Common names may be added.**
13. 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.
14. **SCALES OF POINTS:** Horticulture Judging will follow the 2017 *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2025*, suggested scale of points.

## **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 'FROM OUR GARDEN'**

*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 table 24" high. Space allowed is 25 ½" x 25 1/2". 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 table 36" high. Space allowed is 30" x 30". 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 table 36" high. Space allowed is 25 ½" x 25 ½". Exhibitor may use underlay.  
 4 Reservations - \$30.00, \$28.00, \$25.00, \$22.00

#### **SECTION FHB "HISTORICAL FAVORITES"**

*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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" 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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" 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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" deep.

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

## SECTION FHC "PERSONAL FAVORITES"

*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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" 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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" 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 29" high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24" wide x 24" deep. Planter must fit in space allowed. Only naturalistic accessories are permitted.

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

## SECTION FHD "MORE FROM OUR GARDEN"

*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 'EVEN MORE FROM OUR GARDEN'**

*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 white flowering plants 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 red, white and blue 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**

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Entry Judging:* Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM

*Entry Removal:* Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – **BY 11:00AM - NO EXCEPTIONS**

*Eligible for Botanical Arts Garden Award*

**Class 1: OUTDOOR GARDENS - “CELEBRATING AMERICA’S 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY”**

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 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 – “FLOWERS AND PLANTS OF OUR COUNTRY”**

*Eligible for Botanical Arts Design Award*

**Class 2: POT-ET-FLEUR – “A MIX OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS”**

Create a design in an exhibitor provided container that has an emphasis on a combination of two or more flowering and/or foliage plants with roots growing in soil or other medium. Fresh cut flower(s) must be included. Other fresh and/or dried plant material and/or components may be added for embellishment. Staged on a Committee provided table 29” high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24” wide x 24” deep. 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: BASKET - “A SUMMER MIX OF FLOWERS”**

Decorate the outside of an exhibitor provided basket using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Basket not to exceed 12’ wide by 12” long by 8” high. (Height does not include basket handle.)

Staged on a Committee provided table 29” high with black skirting and underlay. Space allowed is 24” wide x 24” deep. Exhibitor may provide an underlay within the frame of reference.

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

### **Class 4: PLAQUE – “A PATRIOTIC MIX OF FLOWERS”**

A design organized in a natural manner composed of plant material and other optional components attached to a background panel serving as the frame of reference. Location to be determined.

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

## **SECTION FBC – ARTISTIC CRAFTS - “THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES”**

*Eligible for Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award*

### **Class 5: AN INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**

What an exciting time – our President has asked that you prepare and present an invitation to the White House for a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The invitation must include fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and may have other components. This will be staged on a white shelf 10” deep, 24” in height, 48” from the floor against a white background. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference.

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

### **Class 6: A BASEBALL CAP RECOGNIZING AMERICA’S SPORT**

Decorate a baseball style cap using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Cap will be displayed on a Committee provided black flocked mannequin head. Staged on a white shelf 10” deep, 24” in height, 48” from the floor against a white background. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference.

The baseball hat will be provided to entrants once they have signed up and let Nancy and Monica know they have done so 😊

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

### **Class 7: A TRAVEL MUG, USED AS YOU TRAVEL AROUND OUR COUNTY AS WE CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY’S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**

Decorate a Committee provided travel mug, using fresh and/or dried plant material and/or treated dried plant material and other components. Staged on a white shelf 10” deep, 24” in height, 48” from the floor against a white background. Exhibitor may use an underlay within the frame of reference. The travel mug will be provided to entrants once they have signed up and let Nancy and Monica know they have done so 😊

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

# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB HORTICULTURE SHOW

## Section SH

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### NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB TOP AWARDS

**AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE** – (One may be awarded.) 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.

Award - Rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons.

**ARBOREAL AWARD** – (One may be awarded.) This is a section award for the highest scoring named branch from a tree or shrub. A blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above is eligible.

Section SHC is eligible.

Award - Rosette of green ribbons in two shades.

**AWARD OF MERIT** – (Eight may be awarded.) This is a section award and may be awarded to the highest scoring named blue ribbon winner of fresh plant material scoring 95 or higher.

Sections SHA, SHB, SHD, SHF, SHG, SHH, SHI, SHJ are eligible. Award- Rosette of orange ribbons.

**COLLECTORS SHOWCASE AWARD-** (One 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.

Section SHE is eligible.

Award - Rosette of brown and green ribbons.

**ELFIN AWARD-** (Two may be awarded.) This is a section award for a highest scoring, named, cut specimen of dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars designated as such by nurseries or plant societies. It must be a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or higher.

Sections SHK and SHL are eligible.

Award - Small rosette of chartreuse and purple ribbons.

**GROWER'S CHOICE AWARD** – (Four 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 SHM, SHN, SHO and SHP are eligible.

Award - Rosette of dark green ribbons.

### ERIE COUNTY FAIR SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS FOR THE NGC HORTICULTURE SHOW

Exhibitor winning most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Specialty Show - \$15.00

Exhibitor winning most red ribbons in the Horticulture Specialty Show - \$10.00

\* In the event that there is a tie, the exhibitor winning the most of the next color 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.**

## HORTICULTURE SHOW RULES, SECTION SH

### Open To All National Garden Club Members AND ALL OTHER RESIDENTS

1. 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 second 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. The Committee will furnish containers for cut specimens. Wedging will be permitted and provided by the Committee. **Please Keep Stems As Long As Possible and there should be 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.
7. Preference in judging will be given NEW and FINE varieties in each class. Correctly named varieties will be given preference by the Judges.
8. 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. **Please note that in some cases notes on foliage have been specified for your guidance.** Foliage should have good clear color, free of holes, spray residue and insects. No foliage under water.
9. **Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, 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 is allowed.
10. The Committee reserves the right to dispose of any entry that is not fresh or has not been picked up at removal day. The Committee is not responsible for over-watered exhibits.
11. In section SHE, Herb Collection, each variety or cultivar within the collection must be individually numbered with corresponding number and correct binomial name (genus, species and/or variety or cultivar), written on a 3"x5" card or chart with exhibit.
12. **All exhibitors must label all specimens with genus and species and/or variety of cultivar. Common names may be added.**
13. All specimens in a Collection are judged on cultural perfection and should be of superior quality, similar size, and maturity. The lowest scoring specimen of the Collection 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.
14. **SCALE OF POINTS** - Horticulture Judging will follow the 2017 *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows*, updated June 2025.

## HORTICULTURE CLASSES

**EXHIBITORS SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO MAINTAIN THEIR EXHIBITS IN GOOD CONDITION.**

### **PLEASE CHECK RULES BEFORE ENTERING**

Enter exactly the number of blooms specified in each class. No more, no less. When class calls for more than 1 bloom or spray, specimens should be of same color and variety. Blooms should be uniform in size. **WE CAN'T STRESS THIS ENOUGH – PLEASE KEEP THE STEMS OF YOUR SPECIMENS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.**

Premiums for Sections SHA – SHD; SHF – SHP Blue-\$5.00 Red-\$3.00 Yellow-\$2.00

\*SHE Herbs – Cut Specimens Blue-\$12.00 Red-\$10.00 Yellow-\$8.00

## **SECTION SHA – ANNUALS**

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

### **AGERATUM**

1. One Spray

### **ANGELONIA- 3 stems-all one color**

2. Blue, Purple
3. Pink, Rose, Fuchsia
4. White

### **ANTIRRHINUM, SNAPDRAGON**

*Traditional bloom, spike over 24", 3 stems - all one color*

5. White, Cream
6. Yellow, Orange
7. Pink, Rose, Lavender
8. Red, Purple, Maroon, Fuchsia
9. Multicolor, all one variety

*Traditional bloom, spike over 10"-24", 3 stems - all one color*

10. White, Cream
11. Yellow, Orange
12. Pink, Rose, Lavender
13. Red, Purple Maroon, Fuchsia
14. Multicolor, all one variety

### **CALENDULA, POT MARIGOLD** – 3 stems - all one color

15. Yellow, Gold
16. Orange
17. Any other color, all one color

### **CALLISTEPHUS CHINENSIS, ASTER** – 3 stems - all one color

18. Double type- any color, all one color
19. Single type- any color, all one color

*Spray Type - 1 spray*

20. Any Color, all one color

### **CELOSIA – CRESTED, Celosia argentea cristata** – 1 stem, with at least three leaves.

21. Yellow, Gold, Apricot
22. Pink, Rose
23. Red, Burgundy

### **CELOSIA – PLUMED, Celosia plumosa** – 1 stem, with at least three leaves.

24. Yellow, Gold
25. Orange, Peach
26. Pink, Rose
27. Red, Burgundy

**SECTION SHA, continued**

**CELOSIA- SPEAR SHAPE**- 1 spray, with at least three leaves

28. Any Color

**COSMOS** – Single, 3 stems - all one color

29. White

30. Pink, Rose

31. Burgundy, Fuchsia

32. Bicolor, all one color

**COSMOS** – Double, 3 stems - all one color

33. White

34. Pink, Rose

35. Burgundy, Fuchsia

36. Yellow, Gold

37. Orange, Red

**COSMOS** –Unusual petal type (seashell, cup, etc.) - 3 stems

38. Any color, all one color and form

**DIANTHUS** – 3 stems - all one color

39. Double type

40. Single type

**EUSTOMA, LISIANTHUS** – 1 spray

41. Double type

42. Single type

**GERBERA**- 1 stem

43. White

44. Yellow

45. Pink, Rose

46. Orange, Apricot, Peach

47. Red

48. Any other color

**GOMPHRENA, GLOBE AMARANTH** - 5 stems - all one color

49. White

50. Pink, Rose, Lavender

51. Purple, Fuchsia

52. Red, Orange- Scarlet

**HELICHRYSUM, STRAWFLOWER** - 3 stems - all one color

53. White, Pink, Rose

54. Yellow, Apricot, Orange

55. Any other color, all one color

**NICOTIANA** - 1 Spray

56. White, Green

57. Pink, Rose

58. Crimson, Burgundy

59. Purple

**SALVIA** – 3 stems - all one color

60. White, Cream

61. Blue

62. Purple

63. Red

64. Any other color

**NEW ANNUAL- 2025-2026** –3 stems, not entered in any other annual class.

65. Any, all one variety, one color

## SECTION SHB – DAHLIA

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

Please pay careful attention to the class you are entering regarding size, form, and color. Each class, one bloom, one stem, with side buds or lateral stems removed. Each stem must have at least one set of leaves, preferably two, with stem in proportion to bloom size. A variety may be used only once in this section.

### **CACTUS TYPE LARGE/MEDIUM** - (greater than 4” to 8” in diameter- one stem)

1. Light Color – White, Yellow, Pink or Lavender
2. Dark Color – Red, Purple or Orange
3. Multicolored – Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **CACTUS TYPE SMALL**- (less than 4” in diameter - one stem)

4. Light Color - White, Yellow, Pink or Lavender
5. Dark Color - Red, Purple or Orange
6. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **DECORATIVE TYPE LARGE/MEDIUM** - (Informal & Formal) Greater than 6” to 8” in diameter - one stem

7. Light Color - White, Yellow, Pink or Lavender
8. Dark Color - Red, Purple or Orange
9. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **DECORATIVE TYPE SMALL** - (Informal & Formal) Greater than 2” to 6” in diameter - one stem

10. Light Color - White, Yellow, Pink or Lavender
11. Dark Color – Red, Purple or Orange
12. Multicolored – Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **SINGLE FORM** - greater than 2” - one stem

13. Single Color
14. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **COLLARETTE** – greater than 2” - one stem

15. Single Color
16. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **POMPOM** – greater than 2” - one stem

17. Single Color
18. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

### **ANY OTHER FORM** - one stem

19. Single Color
20. Multicolored - Variegated, Bi-Color or Light or Dark Blends

## SECTION SHC – FLOWERING SHRUBS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for of Arboreal Award*

**ONE BRANCH, maximum length 30” from tip to cut**

**HYDRANGEA, H. macrophylla** - Mophead Types Minimum length 8”, 1 stem

1. White, Cream
2. Pink
3. Any other color

**HYDRANGEA, H. arborescens** - ‘Annabelle’, ‘Grandiflora’ Minimum length 8”, 1 stem

4. White

## SECTION SHC, continued

**HYDRANGEA, H. macrophylla** - Lace-cap Types Minimum length 8", 1 stem

5. White, Cream
6. Pink
7. Any other color

**HYDRANGEA, H. paniculata** - Cone-Shaped Types Minimum length 8", 1 stem

8. White, Cream
9. Any other color

**HYDRANGEA, H. quercifolia** - Oakleaf Types Minimum length 8", 1 stem

10. White

**ROSA, ROSE** - Hybrid Tea, or Grandiflora-stem with two 5-leaflet leaves.

11. White, Cream
12. Pink, Rose, Lavender
13. Red, Scarlet
14. Yellow, Peach, Apricot
15. Bicolor, Multicolor

**ROSA, ROSE** - Shrub Type (Old Garden, Knock Out, Carefree, etc.) minimum length 6", 1 stem

16. White, Cream, Yellow
17. Pink, Rose, Lavender
18. Red, Orange Apricot

**ROSA, ROSE** - Any other (Climbing, Polyantha, Drift, Groundcover, etc., except Miniature type), 1 stem

19. Single Color
20. Bicolor, Multicolor

## SECTION SHD – GLADIOLUS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

**GLADIOLUS, Gladioli** – 1 spike, with at least two leaves. Apical bud must be present on all spikes.

1. White
2. Cream
3. Light Pink
4. Rose
5. Lavender
6. Yellow
7. Peach, Salmon
8. Orange
9. Red or Scarlet
10. Magenta, Fuchsia
11. Purple
12. Smoky, Black
13. Green
14. Bi-color
15. Multi-Color
16. New Introduction – 2025-2026 – not entered in any other class

## SECTION SHE – HERBS, CUT SPECIMENS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Collector's Showcase Award*

A Collection of 5 or more, cut, named, different varieties of herbs. Three (3) specimens of one variety per bottle. **In Clear bottles provided by the Fair Committee or by the exhibitor.** Staged on a table 30" high. **Collection must be placed on fabric provided by the exhibitor in the allotted space.** Space allowed is 20" wide x 14" deep. The correct binomial name must be placed in front of each bottle. 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. All specimens are judged on cultural perfection and should be of superior quality, similar size, and maturity. The lowest scoring specimen determines the highest possible score for your Horticulture. **THEY ARE NOT AVERAGED.** See page 13 numbers 13, 14 and 15 for more clarification.

### **CULINARY**

1. Foliage Types
2. Flowering Types
3. Mixed, Foliage and Flowering Types, 3 stems of the same variety per bottle

**AROMATIC/ ORNAMENTAL** (Sachet, Potpourris, Tussy Mussy, etc.)

4. Foliage Types
5. Mixed, Foliage and Flowering Types, 3 stems of the same variety per bottle per bottle

## SECTION SHF – PERENNIALS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

**ACHILLEA, YARROW** - 3 stems - all one color

1. Yellow
2. Pink, Rose
3. Any other color, all one color

**AGASTACHE, HYSSOP**- 3 stems - all one color

4. Any color

**CHRYSANTHEMUM, MUM** - 1 stem

*Daisy Flower*

5. Light Color
6. Dark Color

*Button Flower*

7. Light Color
8. Dark Color

**LEUCANTHEMUM X SUPERBUM, SHASTA DAISY**- 3 stems

9. Single- any color
10. Double- any color

**COREOPSIS** - 3 stems- one color

11. Single- one color
12. Single- multicolor
13. Double- any color

**SECTION SHF, continued**

**ECHINACEA, CONE FLOWER** – 3 stems

14. White, Cream
15. Green
16. Yellow, Orange
17. Pink, Rose
18. Red, Raspberry
19. Purple, Magenta

**ECHINOPS, GLOBE THISTLE**- 3 stems

20. Any

**GYPSOPHILLA, BABY'S BREATH** - 1 spray

21. Any

**LIATRIS** - 3 spikes- all one color

22. Purple, Magenta
23. White

**LILIUM, LILY** - 1 stem, with at least 3 open blooms on stalk

24. Trumpet type- single color
25. Trumpet type- multicolor
26. Oriental, star, recurved petals type- single color
27. Oriental, star, recurved petals type- multicolor

**LIMONIUM DUMOSA GERMAN STATICE**-1spray

28. Any

**LIMONIUM LATIFOLIUM SEA LAVENDER**- 1 spray

29. Any PHLOX- 1 stem
30. White
31. Pink, Rose
32. Purple, Lavender
33. Any other color

**RUDBECKIA**- 3 stems- all one color

34. Single- yellow, gold
35. Single- red, mahogany, bronze
36. Single- multicolor
37. Double- one color
38. Double- multicolor

**SEDUM**- 12" or taller stem

39. Green foliage
40. Purple foliage

**ANY OTHER PERENNIAL**- In bloom, not entered in any other class

41. 1 spray or 3 stems- all one color

**NEW PERENNIAL 2025-2026** - In bloom, not entered in any other class

42. 1 spray or 3 stems- all one color

**SECTION SHG – PETUNIA**

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for the Award of Merit* All Petunias should have at least three blooms and two sets of leaves per spray

**WAVE, TRAILING TYPE** – *Petunia hybrida* – 1 spray

1. Light Color
2. Dark Color
3. Multicolor

**SECTION SHG, continued**

**GRANDIFLORA, SINGLE** – *Petunia grandiflora* – 1 spray

4. Light Color
5. Dark Color
6. Multicolor

**GRANDIFLORA, DOUBLE** – *Petunia grandiflora* – 1 spray

7. Light Color
8. Dark Color
9. Multicolor

**MULTIFLORA, BEDDING TYPE** – *Petunia multiflora* – 1 spray

10. Light Color
11. Dark Color
12. Multicolor

**PETUNIA- NEW INTRODUCTION 2025-2026-** 1 spray

13. Any not entered in the other Petunia class

**CALIBRACHOA, MILLION BELLS** - 1 spray

14. Light Color (single)
15. Dark Color (single)
16. Multi-Color (single)
17. Any Color (double)

**SECTION SHH – SUNFLOWER, *Helianthus annuus*; grown for cut flower**

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for the Award of Merit*

**SINGLE TYPE** - 3”-14” in diameter, 1 stem

1. Yellow, Gold
2. Orange
3. Red, Burgundy, Bronze
4. Multicolor

**SEMI-DOUBLE TYPE** - 3”-14” in diameter, 1 stem

5. Yellow, Gold
6. Orange
7. Red, Burgundy, Bronze
8. Multicolor
9. White

**DOUBLE TYPE** - Greater than 4” in diameter, 1 stem

10. Any Color

**SECTION SHI – MARIGOLDS, *Tagetes***

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence Eligible for the Award of Merit*

All Marigolds should be exhibited as a single flowering specimen with no side shoots and three leaves.

**MARIGOLD, (AFRICAN) *Tagetes erecta*** – Double, 3” and over in diameter – 3 stems. Large, solitary flower heads.

1. Orange
2. Gold
3. Yellow
4. Any other color, all one color

## SECTION SHI, continued

**MARIGOLD, (AFRICAN) Tagetes erecta** – Double, under 3” in diameter – 3 stems

5. Orange
6. Gold
7. Yellow
8. Any other color, all one color

**MARIGOLD, (FRENCH) Tagetes patula** – Double, 2” and over in diameter – 1 spray.

9. Orange
10. Bronze
11. Yellow
12. Any other color

**MARIGOLD, (FRENCH) Tagetes patula** – Double, under 2” in diameter – 1 spray

13. Orange
14. Bronze
15. Yellow
16. Any other color

**MARIGOLD, (FRENCH) Tagetes patula** – Single – 1 spray

17. Orange
18. Yellow, Bronze
19. Any other color

## SECTION SHJ – ZINNIA

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

All Zinnias are shown with two sets of leaves for large and medium Zinnias, one set for small. No side shoots should be visible.

**ZINNIA – DAHLIA FORM, LARGE** – Double- greater than 3” in diameter, 1 stem.

1. White, Yellow, Gold
2. Pink, Rose, Lavender
3. Red, Cherry
4. Orange, Apricot, Salmon, Peach
5. Green
6. Purple, Wine Fuchsia
7. Multicolor, all one variety

**ZINNIA – DAHLIA FORM, MEDIUM** – Double- 2”- 3” in diameter, 1 stem.

8. White, Yellow, Gold
9. Pink, Rose, Lavender
10. Red, Cherry
11. Orange, Apricot, Salmon, Peach
12. Green
13. Purple, Wine Fuchsia
14. Multicolor, all one variety

**ZINNIA – DAHLIA FORM, SMALL** – Double-less than 2” in diameter, 1 stem.

15. Light Color
16. Dark Color
17. Multicolor, all one variety

**NEW INTRODUCTION ZINNIA - 2025-2026**–1 stem not entered in any other class

18. All one type and color

## SECTION SHK – DWARF AND MINIATURE CUT SPECIMENS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence*

*Eligible for the Elfin Award*

**ANTIRRHINUM SNAPDRAGON**- Under 8", 3 stems - all one color

1. Any type, any color, all the same color

**DAHLIA**- 2" and less in diameter, 1 stem

2. Single- any color
3. Double- any color

**GLADIOLUS** - Mini type – 1 stem

4. Any color

**PETUNIA MILLIFLORA** - Bloom under 2"- 1 stem

5. Any Color

**ROSA, ROSE** - Miniature- 1 stem

6. Light color
7. Dark color

**HELIANTHUS, SUNFLOWER** - Less than 4" in diameter- 1 stem

8. One Color
9. Multicolor

**TAGETES TENUIFOLIA, MARIGOLD** - 3 stems

10. Yellow, Yellow Bicolor
11. Orange, Red

**ZINNIA, Dwarf Type** (e.g. Profusion, Zahara) - 3 stems- all one color

12. Single- Light color
13. Single- Dark color
14. Double- Light color
15. Double- Dark color

**ANY OTHER MINIATURE FLOWER**- 3 stems

16. Any color

## SECTION SHL – DWARF AND MINIATURE CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

*Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence.*

*Eligible for the Elfin Award*

One plant per pot. Pot maximum diameter 4".

**HOSTA- MINIATURE**

1. Green Foliage
2. Blue Foliage
3. Yellowish Foliage
4. Variegated, patterned

**SUCCULENT- MINIATURE**

5. Lithop, Living Stones
6. Sedum
7. Sempervivium, Hens and Chicks
8. Any Other

**ANY OTHER MINIATURE FOLIAGE PLANT**

9. Named Variety

**ANY OTHER MINIATURE FLOWERING PLANT**

10. Named Variety

## SECTION SHM – SAINTPAULIA, AFRICAN VIOLETS & OTHER GESNERIADS

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Decorative cache pot permitted, one plant per pot

### **LARGE, STANDARD SPECIMEN PLANT- GREEN or VARIEGATED FOLIAGE**

Plant larger than 6" in diameter- single crown, in bloom

1. Light Blue, Lavender
2. Medium, Dark Blue, Purple
3. Pink, Red
4. Cream, White
5. Multicolor, edged

### **TRAILING SPECIMEN**

6. Pot up to 3" in diameter, any color, in bloom
7. Pot over 3" in diameter, any color, in bloom

## SECTION SHN – INDOOR PLANTS, CONTAINER GROWN

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Pot size not over 9" in diameter, height of plant not over 24" including pot. **One plant per pot** – multiple stems allowed. Decorative cache pot permitted.

### **FLOWERING PLANT** - Must Be In Bloom

1. Abutilon, Flowering Maple
2. Anthurium, Flamingo Flower
3. Begonia
4. Orchid
  - a. Cattleya
  - b. Dendrobium
  - c. Oncidium
  - d. Phalaenopsis
  - e. Other
  - f. Orchid Collection: more than one plant and includes non blooming-variegated foliage
5. Spathiphyllum, Peace Lily
6. Any Other

### **SUCCULENT**

7. Aloe
8. Cactus
9. Crassula – (Such as Jade Plant, etc.)
10. Euphorbia
11. Haworthia
12. Hoya
13. Kalanchoe
14. Sansevieria
15. Sedum
16. Any Other Variety

### **ANY OTHER FOLIAGE PLANT**

17. Aglaonema, Chinese Evergreen
18. Bromeliad, Air Plant
19. Dracena, Corn Plant
20. Fern
21. Maranta – Prayer Plant
22. Peperomia
23. Any Other Foliage Plant

**SECTION SHO – OUTDOOR PLANTS, CONTAINER GROWN**

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Pot size 9" minimum to 12" maximum. **One plant per pot.** Displayed in outdoor garden under protective covering.

**FLOWERING PLANT, UPRIGHT PLANT**- in bloom

**BEGONIA - Fibrous**

1. Green Foliage
2. Other Color Foliage

**BEGONIA- Tuberous**

3. Light Color
4. Dark Color

**IMPATIENS- New Guinea**

5. White
6. Pink, Lavender, Fuchsia
7. Orange, Salmon
8. Red

**IMPATIENS - Other**

9. Any Color

**PELARGONIUM (Geranium) - Green foliage**

10. White, Pink
11. Violet, Purple
12. Orange, Salmon
13. Red

**PELARGONIUM (Geranium) - Variegated foliage**

14. Any Color

**ANY OTHER UPRIGHT FLOWERING PLANT** - In bloom

15. Any color

**FOLIAGE PLANT, UPRIGHT PLANT**- grown for foliage

**COLEUS**

16. Kong- any color
17. Red, Maroon
18. Green, Yellow
19. Orange, Rust
20. Red Variegated
21. Orange Variegated
22. Green Variegated
23. Any New Variety Coleus

**ANY OTHER UPRIGHT FOLIAGE PLANT**

24. Variegated Foliage
25. Non-Variegated

**SECTION SHP – OUTDOOR COMBINATION PLANTING (no accessories permitted)**

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REMINDER - Combination plantings, planters, window boxes, 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.

**FLOWERING PLANTS- 3 or more plants in bloom, 9"-12" diameter container**

**STANDARD PLANTER**, all plants 1 variety or cultivar, upright plant

1. Begonia
2. Pelargonium (geranium)
3. Any other flowering plant

**HANGING BASKET**, all plants 1 variety or cultivar, cascading or trailing type plant

4. Begonia, light color
5. Begonia, dark color
6. Calibrachoa, million bells, light color
7. Calibrachoa, million bells, dark color
8. Any other flowering plant, in bloom, (Lantana, Nasturtium, Scaevola, Verbena, etc.)

**MIXED FOLIAGE AND FLOWERING PLANTS (in bloom- 3 or more different varieties/ cultivars)**

9. Hanging baskets, *list varieties on 3"x 5" card*
10. Standard planter, *list varieties on 3"x 5" card*