

Garden Quotes

An NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Presented by
Norristown Garden Club



Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Wednesday, August 14
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
and
Thursday, August 15
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Open and Free to the Public

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General Rules and Information

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 edition, with revisions posted on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the Law of the Show. See <https://gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-resources> for a digital copy of the NGC, Inc.'s Flower Show Handbook
2. All members and non-members are invited to exhibit in this Standard Flower Show.
3. Entries will be **received** on Tuesday, August 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM **and** Wednesday, August 14th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the library.
4. All exhibits must remain in place until the end of the show. All exhibits that you wish to keep must be removed at the end of the show between 1 PM and 2 PM on Thursday, August 15th. If you are unable to pick up your winning ribbon(s) at that time, they will be available at the library.
5. Each entry must have an entry card and be passed by the Classification and Placement Committees before the exhibitor leaves the show area. **Entry cards should be filled out in advance when possible.** Entry cards will be available at the Norristown Library or by contacting the show chairmen. Cards may be typed, written in waterproof ink or pencil, or use address labels. **See page 9 of this schedule for a sample entry card.**
6. The Classification Chairman checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
7. Judging will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14.
8. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the show floor during judging.
9. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
10. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
11. Norristown Garden Club will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
12. Plants on the state conservation list and invasive and noxious plants may not be entered in the Show. For further information, see also www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants.

Awards

The National Garden Club's Standard System of Awarding (HB pg. 5) is used in all Divisions:

Only one first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more
Only one second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more
Only one third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more
One (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards

Horticulture:

Award of Horticultural Excellence

One is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named, blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above in the entire Horticulture Division.

Award of Merit

One is offered to the highest, correctly named, blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, meeting all section requirements in Horticulture Sections A, B, C, D, and F.

Arboreal Award

One is offered to the highest, correctly named, blue-ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, meeting all section requirements in Horticulture Section E.

Youth Horticulture Award

One may be awarded to the highest scoring 90+ blue-ribbon exhibit in each age group of Youth Horticulture. No minimum number of exhibits is required.

Division I – Horticulture

“Beauty surrounds us, but usually we need to be walking in a garden to know it”

Rumi, 13th century Persian poet

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Horticulture Rules

1. The National Garden Club, Inc.’s exhibit policies are printed in the *The Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 edition, with revisions posted on the National Garden Club, Inc.’s website, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, pp.55-57.
2. See <https://gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-resources> for a digital copy of the NGC, Inc.’s Flower Show Handbook.
3. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *2023 Handbook for Flower Shows*, pp. 58-59.
4. In order to receive a National Garden Club, Inc.’s Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. (Consult the *2023 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Classification, p.53.)
5. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for Gladiolus.
6. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower but should be exhibited as a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the Schedule may not be entered in the ‘Any Other’ classes.
8. **Containers and bubble wrap wedging for cut specimens will be provided by the Club.**
9. All exhibits must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
10. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc., that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
11. Only foliage and/or flowers naturally grown and still attached to the specimen are permitted. Unattached foliage is never included with a cut bloom specimen.
12. Except for annuals and annual vegetables, all specimens must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 90 days. This includes bulbs, vegetables and fruits.
13. More than one entry per class may be made by an exhibitor provided each is of a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.
14. Judging will be based on the National Garden Club, Inc.’s Standard System of Awarding (see p. 4 of this schedule) using the Scale of Points for Horticulture located in Chapter 14, p. 129 of the *2023 Handbook for Flower Shows*.

Scale of Points for All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections

(Arboreal, Flowering, Foliage, Fruit/Vegetable/Nuts)

Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
Grooming	10
<u>Staging</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	100

Division I – Horticulture

Sections and Classes

All sections are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

Section A: Annuals

“Garden as though you will live forever” William Kent

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 1. *Helianthus annuus* (Sunflower), 1 stem
- Class 2. *Salvia*, 3 spikes, 1 cultivar
- Class 3. *Tagetes* (Marigold), 1 large or 3 small stems, 1 cultivar
- Class 4. *Zinnia*, 1 large or 3 small stems, 1 cultivar
- Class 5. Any other annual, 1 stem

Section B: Perennials

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” Audrey Hepburn

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 6. *Echinacea* (Coneflower), 1 stem with foliage
- Class 7. *Lavandula* (Lavender), 1 stem
- Class 8. *Rudbeckia* (*Black-eyed Susan*), 1 stem with foliage
- Class 9. *Verbena*, 1 stem
- Class 10. Any other perennial in bloom, 1 stem

Section C: Annuals or Perennials Grown for Foliage

“Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years” Unknown

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 11. *Coleus*, 1 stem
- Class 12. *Fern*, 1 frond
- Class 13. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells), 1 stem, foliage only
- Class 14. *Hosta*, 1 leaf
- Class 15. Any other annual or perennial grown for foliage, 1 stem

Section D: Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes & Tubers

“The earth laughs in flowers” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 16. *Caladium*, 1 leaf
- Class 17. *Canna*, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves
- Class 18. *Dahlia*, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves
- Class 19. Any other bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber, 1 stem

Section E: Flowering Branches

"Life begins the day you start a garden" Chinese Proverb

Eligible for Arboreal Award

1 branch at least 8" but no longer than 30", with apical tip, several leaders and nodes

Class 20. *Caryopteris*, in bloom

Class 21. *Hydrangea*, in bloom

Class 22. *Lagerstroemia indica* (*Crepe Myrtle*), in bloom

Class 23. Any other flowering or berried tree or shrub, in bloom

Section F: Fruits and Vegetables

"A vegetable garden doesn't just feed your body. It also feeds your soul" Doug Green

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 24. *Capsicum annuum* (Pepper), 1 large or 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

Class 25. *Cucurbita* (Squash), 1 large or 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

Class 26. *Lycopersicum esculentum* (Tomato), 1 large or 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

Class 27. Any other fruit or vegetable not listed, 1 large or 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

Division II – Education

"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden"

Frances Hodgson

Educational Exhibit

Section A: Get VEGucated!

Exhibit 1. What did the fruit say to the vegetable? "Are you for real?"

Did you know that some of the "vegetables" we eat are "fruit"? Allow this Educational Exhibit to shed more light on this subject.

Division III – Youth

“If you’ve never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden”
Robert Brault

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Youth Rules

1. The National Garden Club Inc.’s Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 edition, with revisions posted on the National Garden Club, Inc.’s website, Chapter 9, exhibiting in the Youth and Sponsored Groups Division, pp. 87-89. All NGC Inc. policies and rules apply. See <https://gardenclub.org/flower-show-school-resources> for a digital copy of the NGC, Inc.’s Flower Show Handbook.
2. Open to youth between the ages of 10 and 18, divided into two groups: Intermediate (10 to 14) and Seniors (15 to 18).
3. Exhibits will be displayed on a table 29” high covered by a dark green tablecloth.
4. All Horticulture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor, though plants could be part of a family garden or yard.
5. Container-grown plants must have been in the possession of the youth exhibitor for a minimum of sixty (60) days.
6. Combination plantings must have been grown together for at least three (3) weeks.
7. Each section is judged with the adult scale of points based on the National Garden Club Inc.’s Standard System of Awarding (see p. 4 of this schedule) using the Scales of Points on p.129-131 of the 2023 *Handbook for Flower Shows* (see p. 5 of this schedule).

Youth Sections and Classes Eligible for Youth Horticulture Award

Section A: Youth Horticulture

“Whenever you are creating beauty around you, you are restoring your own soul”
Alice Walker

Total of two rosettes offered (one per age group)

Class 1. Plant material grown from seed by the exhibitor.

- a. Vegetable, 1 specimen
- b. Herb, 1 specimen

Class 2. An established container-grown plant propagated and grown by the exhibitor for at least 60 days. Container must be no larger than 10” in diameter.

Sample Entry Card

Note: "ENTRY No." Box should be left blank.

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FLOWER SHOW	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.

VARIETY OR CLASS NAME

EXHIBITOR _____
ADDRESS _____
CLUB _____

1st 2nd 3rd Honorable Mention

EXHIBIT SCORED 90+

EXHIBITOR _____
ADDRESS _____
CLUB _____

DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.

VARIETY OR CLASS NAME _____

Section Letter
A, B, C. etc.

I. (Horticulture) or
II. (Design) or
III. (Education)
etc.

Class Number
1, 2, 3, etc.

Horticulture entries:
Binomial name of specimen
e.g., *Zinnia elegans* 'Purity'

Design entries:
Title of class

Address labels work
well here.

Repeat information
from above.