

9/2019

“Spring Serenade”

Sample Schedule for a Small-Standard Flower Show

[A minimum of 5 classes in Horticulture with 20+ entries overall, and a minimum of 3 classes in Design with 12 – 19 entries overall are required]

Blue type is suggested/recommended, but not required

(Name of Garden Club)

Presents

“Spring Serenade”

An NGC Small-Standard Flower Show

(Place of Show)

(Complete Address including Zip Code)

(Date)

Open and Free to the Public

(Time of Opening and Closing)

Member of

District , Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Central Atlantic Region

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Show Committee

General Chairman	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Schedule	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Awards	<i>(Name and Telephone/email)</i>
Staging, Set-up & Dismantling	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Horticulture Division	
Entries Chairman/Consultant	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Classification	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Placement	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Design Division	
Entries Chairman/Consultant	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>
Classification and Placement	<i>(Name & Telephone /email)</i>
Judges and Clerks	<i>(Name & Telephone /email)</i>
Hospitality	<i>(Name & Telephone/email)</i>

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GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows* 2017 edition (**HB**), with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule.
2. All classes are open to members of (**Name of Garden Club**) and invited exhibitors.
3. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
4. Plants on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources list of Rare Threatened or Endangered Plants at http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte_Plant_List.pdf may not be exhibited in the Horticulture Division, and may be used in Design or Educational exhibits only if grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner and so noted on a 3 x 5" card placed with the exhibit. Invasive Plants as determined by the Maryland Invasive Species Council may be used only in an exhibit in the Education Division. See http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/list_terrestrial_plants.html
5. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division and Botanical Arts Horticulture Section.
6. Horticulture entry cards may be obtained from the Horticulture Entries Chairman, and should be completed in advance if possible, using pencil, water-proof ink or mailing labels. **Cards also will be available on the day of the show.** Refer to **HB** Chapter 6 for a correctly filled-out entry card. **Design entry cards will be completed by the Design Entries Chairman.**
7. All Entries will be received on (**date**) from **__ to __** AM. Exhibits may not be removed before **__** PM on (**date**), and must be removed by **__** PM.
8. The Classification Chairmen for each division will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule before judging. **Entries must be passed and entry cards initialed by the appropriate Classification Chairman before exhibitor leaves the show floor.** Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
9. The General Chairman and Classification Chairmen for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed in the show area during judging.
10. Judging will begin at **__** AM. Decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
11. (**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.

AWARDS

The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all Divisions. Only one first-place blue ribbon scoring 90 points or more, only one second-place red ribbon scoring 85 points or more, and only one third-place yellow ribbon scoring 80 points or more may be awarded per class or subclass. One or more Honorable Mention white ribbons scoring 75 points or more per class or subclass may be awarded as merited.

NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

Eligible exhibits must be a first-place blue ribbon winner, must score 95 points or more, must be correctly named according to binomial or currently accepted scientific designation, and must have been entered by a single exhibitor

The **Award of Horticultural Excellence** (**HB** p. 40) is offered in Division I.

The **Arboreal Award** (**HB** p. 40) is offered in Section A.

The **Award of Merit** (**HB** p. 41) is offered in Sections B and C, one per Section.

The **Grower's Choice Award** (**HB** p. 41) is offered in Section D.

NGC Recognition Award

The NGC **Best-in-Show Award** (**HB** p. 45) is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner of 90 points or more, entered by one individual, in the Design Division.

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. NGC Exhibit Policies for Horticulture (**HB** Chapter 6, p. 55), are:
 - a. All exhibits must be fresh.
 - b. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
 - c. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by the application of oil, commercial "shine" products, etc. that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
 - d. 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.
 - e. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least the appropriate number of days: *Annuals* - 90 days (except no minimum for early maturing seeds and/or transplants); *Bulbs* - 90 days (except no minimum for forced bulbs/corms/tubers/rhizomes); *Houseplants*; *Herbaceous Perennials* - 90 days; *Combination Plantings*, except *Troughs* - 6 weeks; *Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals)*; *Troughs* - 6 months
2. Rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the **HB** or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
3. The exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, entries must be so identified.
4. An exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each entry is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
5. Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles provided by the exhibitor of suitable size and stability. Cut specimens must not have foliage below the water line (exception, *Gladiolus*).
6. Exhibitor is to provide clear plastic wrap if desired for wedging in the neck of the exhibit bottle to hold specimen in its proper pose. Wedging may be visible but must not detract from exhibit.
7. Double potting of container-grown plants is permitted. Inner pot must not be visible.
8. 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.
9. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in an "Any Other" class.
10. The Horticulture Classification Chairman or General Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
11. Scales of Points for judging horticulture are listed in the **HB**, Chapter 14, p. 129 – 130.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

“What a Wonderful World”

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Section A: Arboreals - “Tie a Yellow Ribbon ...”

Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut branch. 30” maximum length; must include several nodes and apical tip.

- Class 1. Deciduous trees or shrubs grown for foliage
- Class 2. Deciduous flowering trees or shrubs, in bloom
- Class 3. Needled evergreen trees or shrubs
- Class 4. Broadleaf evergreen trees or shrubs

Section B: Herbaceous Flowers - “Forget Me Not”

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut stem or spray. Include foliage if attached on stem.

- Class 5. *Aquilegia* (Columbine)
- Class 6. *Iris*
- Class 7. *Paeonia* (Peony)
- Class 8. Any other worthy cut herbaceous flower

Section C: Herbaceous Foliage - “Green Grow the Rushes”

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut stem.

- Class 9. Ferns
- Class 10. *Heuchera* (Coral bells)
- Class 11. *Hosta*
- Class 12. Any other worthy cut herbaceous foliage

Section D: Container-Grown Plants - “Let’s Stay Together” **Eligible for Growers Choice Award**

8” maximum size of container at its widest point. Saucer required. No hanging containers.

- Class 13. Cacti and succulents
- Class 14. Foliage container grown-plants, other than cacti or succulents
- Class 15. Flowering container-grown plants, other than cacti or succulents

DESIGN RULES

1. NGC Policies and Guidelines for Design (**HB** p. 79-80) are:
 - a. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. This includes fresh and/or dried material.
 - b. Exhibitor may enter multiple classes but only one exhibit per class.
 - c. An exhibit entered for competition must be the work of only one exhibitor and that exhibitor’s name must be on the entry card.
 - d. If the designer is unable to fulfill the assignment, it is the designer’s responsibility to provide a substitute, and notify the Consultant immediately.
 - e. If unable to transport or set up a completed design, a substitute person may enter the exhibit for the designer.
 - f. A single flower is not a design. Container-grown plants are permitted where appropriate, but are never considered floral designs.
 - g. Landscapes, scenes or anything representing an actual item of clothing, person, animal, etc., are not acceptable in the Design Division.
 - h. Religious symbols used in a design must be displayed respectfully.
 - i. In an effort to educate the public, plant material used in design must be listed on a white, unlined 3 x 5” card placed with the entry card. Botanical and/or common names acceptable.

- j. When design techniques are required, they must be listed on a white, unlined 3 x 5" card placed with the exhibit.
- 2. Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman/Consultant is required by _____.
- 3. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are allowed. Fresh plant material may never be treated in any manner; dried plant material may be treated. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor and may be obtained from any legal source.
- 4. **Fresh uncut fruits or vegetables permitted; other foods and open beverages are not permitted.** Other plant and non-plant material permitted and not permitted are listed in the **HB** p. 80-81, and may be used unless otherwise prohibited in the schedule.
- 5. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative Style with any Design listed, unless restricted by the Schedule.
- 6. Exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type, if named in the class. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Designs, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the **HB**, Chapter 7.
- 7. Designer is on her/his honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Flower Show.
- 8. Scale of Points for Design is listed in the **HB**, Chapter 14, p. 130.

DIVISION II – DESIGN
 “A Kiss from a Rose”
Eligible for Best-in-Show Award

Section A: “Color My World”

Class 1. “Wildflowers” 4 Exhibits

Designer’s choice of design style and/or type, staged in an area 24” deep x 30” wide on a 30” tall table provided by the committee. 48” maximum height. Tables are uncovered. Underlay and staging panel permitted.

Class 2. “Fascinating Rhythm” 4 Exhibits

A Multi-Rhythmic Design (**HB p. 75**) staged in an area 24” deep x 30” wide; 48” maximum height. Underlay and staging panel permitted.

Class 3. “Garden Party” 4 Exhibits

An Exhibition Table Design (**HB p. 76**) staged in an area 24” deep x 30” wide; 48” maximum height. Underlay and staging panel permitted.

Class 4. “Dancing on the Ceiling” 4 Exhibits

A Floor Design (**HB p. 78**) staged in an area 24” square; 48” minimum height, 72” maximum.