

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

A Small Standard Flower Show Presented by the Naval Academy Garden Club
Member: District II, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Central Atlantic Region, National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sunday, April 2, 2017, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Holy Family Catholic Church, 826 West Central Ave. (SR 214), Davidsonville, MD 21035

Open to the public. Admission requires purchase of a ticket (\$45 in advance or \$60 at the door) to "**Mad Hatters Tea and Treasures**" sponsored by The Naval Academy Spouses and Civilians Club: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mad-hatter-tea-and-treasures-tickets-31070361287>

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

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DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

Garden of the Talking Flowers - Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

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Section A. Tree and Shrub Branches - Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut branch at least 8" in length and not to exceed 20" in length from tip to cut end. Branch to include apical tip and several nodes.

Class 1 **Hedgehogs.** Deciduous or semi-evergreen tree or shrub branch

Class 2 **Dormouse.** Broadleaf evergreen tree or shrub branch

Class 3 **Mock Turtle.** Needled evergreen tree or shrub branch

Section B. Flowering Tree and Shrub Branches - Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut branch at least 8" in length and not to exceed 20" in length from tip to cut end. Branch to include apical tip and several nodes.

Class 4 **March Hare.** Azalea

Class 5 **Knave.** Cherry

Class 6 **Cheshire Cat.** Any Other Flowering Tree or Shrub

Section C. Flowering Bulbs - Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut bloom. Must be grown outside.

Class 7 **Flamingos.** Daffodil

Class 8 **Jabberwock.** Tulip

Class 9 **Gryphon.** Any other flowering bulb

Section D. Container-Grown Foliage Plants - Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container may be no larger than 8" across at widest inside diameter. Saucer required if pot has drainage holes. No hanging plants.

Trailing plants may be raised on unobtrusive stand or upside down pot supplied by exhibitor.

Class 10 **Horseflies.** Container-grown solid color foliage plants

Class 11 **Butterflies.** Container-grown variegated foliage plants

Class 12 **Caterpillar.** Container-grown cacti and succulents

DIVISION II DESIGN

Alice in Wonderland - Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

Consultant – Millie Sample, meleme1@aol.com, 410-263-5599

Section E. Eligible for Designer's Choice Award. 4 entries per class. Plant material and components are designer's choice. All designs staged on a table draped in white linen in a space measuring 36" W x 30"D; underlay and background permitted. NOTE FOR CLASSES 13 & 14: if used, background must be free-standing. No clamps may be attached to table. Committee will supply white drape behind the table to extend 34" vertically from table surface.

Class 13 **Drink Me.** An Underwater Design. (Handbook p. 212)

Class 14 **Tweedledum and Tweedledee.** A Stretch Design. (Handbook pp. 209-210)

Class 15 **Through the Looking Glass.** A Reflective Design. (Handbook, p. 207)

Section F. Class 16 **Queen of Hearts.** A Miniature Design. (Handbook pp. 203-204) 4 entries. Plant material and components are designer's choice. Maximum size of design is 5" x 5". Staged on an elevated shelf, on a 6" x 6" white canvas panel with back, provided by the committee. Underlay and background permitted on canvas panels.

DIVISION III SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"Where do I go?" - Eligible for Award of Appreciation

Section G. Exhibit 1 **National Garden Clubs.** A non-competitive Educational Exhibit featuring the goals and objectives of NGC, Inc. and the Naval Academy Garden Club.

General Rules

1. The Horticulture and Design Divisions are open to any amateur gardener or designer.
2. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner, including plant shine, oil, dye, paint or any other chemical or product. Any exhibit with treated fresh plant material will be marked "Not in Competition".
3. 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. Plants on the Maryland Invasive Species Council list of Maryland Invasive Plants at http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/list_terrestrial_plants.html may not be exhibited.
4. Entries will be received from 8:30 to 10:00 AM, April 2, 2017. Exhibits must be removed at 4:00 PM, and not before. Horticulture entries only will also be received from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, April 1, 2017.
5. All exhibits must be approved by the appropriate Classification Committee whether in Horticulture or Design. Entries that do not conform to the schedule and to the Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007 requirements will be marked "Not in Competition".
6. Judging begins at 10:30 AM. Only the Show Chairman, Horticulture and Design Classification Chairmen, clerks and judges will be permitted in the show area during judging.
7. All judging will be according to the Standard System of Awarding, Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007, pg. 5 - 7. Decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. Judges are asked to consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ recognition.

Awards

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard System of Awarding provides for only one first place (blue) ribbon scoring 90 points or above, only one second place (red) ribbon scoring 85 or above, only one third place (yellow) ribbon scoring 80 or above, and one or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited scoring 75 or above, per class or subclass. One NGC Award of Appreciation, rosette of orchid ribbons [Handbook p. 53] may be awarded to Exhibit 1, Division III. The following NGC Top Exhibitor Awards may be awarded to the highest scoring blue-ribbon exhibit earning 95 points or more in the appropriate Section or Division: One Award of Horticultural Excellence, rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons [Handbook p. 43] - Eligible: Division I; Two Arboreal Awards, rosette of green ribbons in two shades [Handbook p. 43] - Eligible: One in Section A and One in Section B; One Award of Merit, rosette of orange ribbons [Handbook p. 43] - Eligible: Section C; One Grower's Choice Award, rosette of dark green ribbons [Handbook p. 45] - Eligible: Section D; One Award of Design Excellence, rosette of gold ribbons [Handbook p. 45] - Eligible: Division II; One Designer's Choice Award, rosette of purple ribbons [Handbook p. 47] - Eligible: Section E.

Horticulture Rules

1. All Horticulture specimens must be fresh, well-groomed plant material grown by exhibitor.
2. Container-grown plants must have been in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days. Multiple specimens or self-multiples of one cultivar are permitted in container plants. Double potting is permitted provided inner pot is not visible. Saucers are required if pot contains drainage holes.
3. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or sub-class if each is a different genus, species, variety/cultivar, type, size or color.
4. All specimens must be correctly named, giving genus and species with variety/cultivar added when available, or the current accepted scientific identification. Common name may be added but is not required.
5. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out entry cards in advance. Cards may be obtained from the Horticulture Consultant or Show Chairman.
6. For cut specimens, exhibitors must provide transparent, colorless glass bottles of appropriate size and stability, with no labels or markings. Wedging is permitted with clear plastic wrap or bubble wrap, provided by exhibitor.
7. Cut specimens should not have foliage below water line (exception: Gladiolus).
7. The Horticulture Classification Committee has authority to subdivide classes as necessary.
8. Scales of Points for judging Horticulture - Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2007, pp. 297 - 302.
9. Horticulture References: *Tree and Shrub Expert*, Hessayon; *The Houseplant Expert*, Hessayon; *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*, National Garden Clubs.

Design Rules

1. Advance registration with Design Consultant is required by March 15, 2017. If designer is unable to fulfill the assignment, it is his or her responsibility to notify the Consultant immediately and to provide a substitute.
2. Plant material need not be grown by exhibitor and may come from any legal source. Plant material must be listed on a 3 x 5" index card placed with the exhibit; common names allowed. No artificial, silk or plastic etc., flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
3. Some plant material (fresh or dried, or both) must be used in every exhibit. A single flower or container plant is not a "design".
4. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but may enter only one exhibit per class. A design must be the work of only one exhibitor and the exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card.
5. The following **are not** permitted: landscapes or scenes, American flags, eagle feathers, living or preserved insects or animals, open beverages, and religious objects.
6. The following **are** permitted unless prohibited by law:
Accessories, featured objects, treating of dried plant material.
Contrived flowers and other forms made of real plant material, fresh or dried. Contrived flowers/forms may not be replicas of true flowers, fruits or vegetables.
Cut fruits or vegetables (must be sealed unobtrusively to discourage insects, odor and discoloration).
Objects which add interest when tastefully used, e.g. feathers, nests, coral, sponges, sea fans, shells, bones, antlers.
Dried plant material may be treated with paint or other substances to achieve desired effects.
7. Scale of Points for judging Design - Handbook for Flowers Shows, Revised 2007, p. 303.