

## **Policy on Exhibiting Rare or Invasive Plants in Flower Shows**

In the interests of conservation and good stewardship of land and environment, the following policy applies to exhibiting Rare Plants and Invasive Plants in NGC Flower Shows in the state of Maryland. This policy must be stated in General Rules of any Flower Show schedule:

**Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants** as determined by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are permitted only if grown by the exhibitor (or obtained in a legal manner for Design, Education or Botanical Arts exhibits) and so noted on a 3 x 5" card placed with the exhibit.

See [http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte\\_Plant\\_List.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/rte_Plant_List.pdf)

**Invasive Terrestrial Plants** designated as "Regulated in Mid-Atlantic/US - Maryland" by the Maryland Invasive Species Council are permitted only as an exhibit in the Education Division. See <http://mdinvasives.org/species-of-concern/terrestrial-plants/>