



# Autumn Leaves Come Tumbling Down

an NGC Standard Flower Show

presented by Judges Council of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Gail Willin, Chairman

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Chartwell Country Club - 1 Chartwell Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

Free and Open to the Public 12:30 - 2:30 PM

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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* (HB) 2017 edition, with revisions published in *The National Gardener* (TNG), is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.
2. All classes are open to members of Judges Council and invited exhibitors.
3. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. Artificial plant material is not allowed.

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](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 Educational Division. See list at <https://www.mdinvasivesp.org/species-of-concern/terrestrial-plants/>
5. Horticulture entry cards are available from the Horticulture Consultant or Entries Chairman, (see Committee list, p. 1), and should be completed in advance if possible, using pencil, waterproof ink or labels. Cards also will be available the morning of the show. Entries will be received from 8:30 – 10:00 AM on November 4, 2021. Exhibits may not be removed before 2:30 PM and must be removed by 2:45 PM. Exhibitors are responsible for collecting their exhibits, entry cards, ribbons, and awards.
6. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division where exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
7. The Classification Chairman/men for each division will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule before judging. All entries must be passed and entry cards initialed by an appropriate Classification Chairman before exhibitor leaves the show floor. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
8. The General Co-Chairmen and the division Classification Chairmen will be available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
9. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30 AM. Decisions of judges are final. Awards withheld if not merited.
10. Judges Council will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits. Please mark properties inconspicuously with name of exhibitor.

### **Awards**

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. (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, only one third-place (yellow) ribbon scoring 80 points, and one or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbon(s) scoring 75 points or more, may be awarded per class or subclass. Non-blue ribbon winners scoring 90+ points must be so designated on the entry card, signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel.

#### ***NGC Top Exhibitor Awards – Winners must score 95 points or more***

**Award of Horticultural Excellence** (HB p. 40), may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, correctly named and entered by one individual in Division I – Horticulture • **Arboreal Award** (HB p. 40) may be awarded in Section A • **Elfin Award** (HB p. 41) may be awarded in Section B • **Grower's Choice Award** (HB p. 41) Two may be awarded, one in Section C and one in Section D • **Award of Design Excellence** (HB p. 42) may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner entered by one individual in Division II – Design • **Designer's Choice Award** (HB p. 42) may be awarded in Section E • **Petite Award** may be awarded in Section F

#### ***NGC Recognition Award***

**Award of Appreciation** (HB p. 45) may be awarded in Section G

### **Horticulture Division Rules**

1. Only well-groomed, disease and pest free specimens of exhibition quality will be accepted.
2. NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in HB Chapter 6, p. 55.
3. Pre-registration for all exhibits in Section C, Container-Grown Plants and Section D, Combination Plantings, is required by October 15 with the Horticulture Entries Chairman (see Committee list p. 1)
4. Rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
5. All entries are to be labeled by currently acceptable scientific designation or binomial name (genus,

specific epithet) and/or variety or patented/trademarked name. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the entry must be so identified. Common name optional.

6. For cut specimens, exhibitor is to provide clean, colorless, transparent glass containers without labels, handles or conspicuous markings, appropriately sized for the specimen.
7. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the waterline, except for *Gladiolus*.
8. Wedging consisting of plastic wrap must be furnished by the exhibitor.
9. 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 grown for their leaves.
10. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in an "Any Other" class.
11. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairmen and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
12. Scales of Points for Horticulture are printed in the HB, Chapter 14 (p. 129 -130).

## **Division I – Horticulture** **"Go for the Green"**

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

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**Section A. Evergreen Trees and Shrubs** – One cut specimen branch including apical tip and several nodes, not to exceed 28" in length. Eligible for Arboreal Award

- Class 1. *Ilex* (Holly)
- Class 2. Needled evergreens
- Class 3. Broadleaf evergreens

**Section B. Designated Dwarf or Miniature Evergreen Trees and Shrubs** – One cut specimen branch, including apical tip and several nodes, not less than 5" or more than 14" in length. Eligible for Elfin Award

- Class 4. Variegated evergreens
- Class 5. Needled evergreens
- Class 6. Broadleaf evergreens

**Section C. Container-Grown Plants** – Single species grown in a container (HB p. 58). *Pre-registration required*; see Horticulture Rule #3. Inside measurement of container not to exceed 9" at its widest. Saucer required. No hanging plants. Eligible for a Grower's Choice Award

- Class 7. Grown for flowers, and in bloom
- Class 8. Grown for foliage
- Class 9. Cacti and succulents

**Section D. Combination Plantings** – Grouping of three or more botanically different plants with similar growing requirements (HB p. 59). All plants to be individually numbered in the container, with corresponding number and botanical name listed on a 3" x 5" card placed with exhibit. *Pre-registration required*; see Horticulture Rule #3. Eligible for a Grower's Choice Award

- Class 10. Dish Gardens – inside measurement of container not to exceed 12" at its widest
- Class 11. Planters – inside measurement of container not to exceed 12" at its widest
- Class 12. Troughs – inside measurement of container not to exceed 17" at its widest

## **Design Division Rules**

1. NGC Policies and Guidelines for Design are printed in HB Chapter 7, p. 79-80.
2. Pre-registration for all entries is required by October 4 with the Design Entries Chairman (see Committee list, p. 1), who will complete exhibitor entry cards in advance.
3. Fresh uncut fruits or vegetables are permitted; other foods and open beverages are not permitted. Other plant and non-plant material permitted and not permitted are listed in the HB pp. 80-81. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are allowed. Artificial is defined as imitation or manufactured to appear as real material. Fresh plant material may never be treated in any manner; dried plant material

may be treated. Decorative and weathered wood are considered dried and are not allowed in classes requiring that all plant material be fresh.

4. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor and may be obtained from any legal source.
5. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative Style with any Design listed, unless restricted by the Schedule.
6. Designer is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type, if named in the class. Rules for Design Types 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 located in the HB, Chapter 14, p. 130.

## **Division II - Design**

### **“FALLing in Love with Autumn”**

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

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4 entries per class

#### **Section E. “Leaves Abound from All Around”**

Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award

- Class 13. “Carve Out the Good Times” – A functional Table Design for One (HB p. 76), staged on 1/4 of a 60” diameter table covered with white cloth, provided by the committee. Underlay permitted.
- Class 14. “Who You Gonna Call? Leaf Busters!” – An Abstract Design (HB p. 72), staged against a wall on a tabletop covered with white cloth, in a space 32”w x 30”d. Exhibitor must provide staging panel with support, and underlay.
- Class 15. “It ‘Leaves’ You Breathless” – Designer’s choice of design style and/or type, staged against a wall on a table-top covered in white cloth, in a space 32”w x 30”d. Exhibitor must provide staging panel with support, and underlay. This class is open only to student judges.

#### **Section F. “Rake, Dump and Jump!”**

Eligible for Petite Award

All designs are Petite, not to exceed 12” in height, width or depth (HB p. 73).

All designs viewed from the front, against a neutral-color wall, on properties covered with white cloth.

- Class 16. “Leaves are Falling, Autumn’s Calling” - A Cascade Design (HB p. 73), staged on a tabletop in a space 15”w x 12”d, atop a 12”h riser.
- Class 17. “Don’t Stop Be-leafing” – A Parallel Design (HB p. 75), staged on a pedestal 42”h with a 20” diameter top.
- Class 18. “Turn Over a New Leaf” – A Multi-rhythmic Design (HB p. 75), staged on a tabletop in a space 15”w x 12”d, atop a 12”h riser.

## **Division III – Education**

### **“Share Your Bountiful Harvest”**

Eligible for Award of Appreciation

- Section G.** Exhibit 1. “Fall Designs” – A non-competitive Educational Exhibit featuring a live demonstration with audience participation, by horticulturalist, floral designer and past NGC Flower Show School Instructor Claire Jones, beginning promptly at 12:45 PM.

