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<u>Posting or</u>		
<u>Effective</u>	<u>HB Pg</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Description of Handbook Change</u>
01/01/18	2	Chart: (exception: Education change - "2 classes" to "2 <u>exhibits</u> ")
07/01/20	3	D.2.b.ii. There <u>must be three (3) or more</u> exhibits, botanically identical (variety, cultivar, series or trademarked name), or similar in form, color, size, or description to justify forming a subclass <u>with the exception of petite horticulture specimen(s) that are never in competition with standard-sized specimens but are subdivided into their own class or subclass.</u> (Additional reference HB page 61)
07/01/20	4	E.2. EXCEPTION: photography judging panels (see Chapter <u>10 Botanical Arts p. 96 C.1.</u> )
07/01/20	4	E.3. In an emergency <u>occurring the day judging is to take place ...</u>
07/01/20	6	3.d. <b>All</b> other entry cards <b>must</b> be marked with a check, hole punch or other mark to note the exhibit was judged.
07/01/20	16	IX J. Reminds <u>Accredited</u> Judges of the need to sign and date all blue ribbons, 90+ and Top Exhibitor Awards ribbons, and to <u>mark all other entry cards with a check, hole punch or other mark to note the exhibit was judged.</u>
07/01/20	16	X.F.5. Strike <del>initialed</del> Insert <u>marked to indicate exhibit was judged.</u>
07/01/20	19	I.A.3. Strike the third sentence: " <del>They are listed in the following sequence.</del> " Insert <u>Order is determined by staging with required divisions taking priority.</u>
07/01/20	20	B.1. The schedule consists of <u>six (6) basic parts ...</u> b. Table of Contents with page numbers. Adjust lettering for the parts that follow c-f. Strike B.2. in its entirety. B.3 becomes B.2 and B.4 becomes B.3
07/01/17	22	Strike: <del>Section</del> Insert <u>Division II Design</u>
07/01/21	25	6e. Horticulture entries, Add: "Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color."
07/01/17	28	B.4. Classes in each section are listed alphabetically by <u>Insert genus or binomial name.</u> "
07/01/17	30	VIII.B.2 Strike <del>may</del> insert <u>must</u> . See p. 85 II A.
07/01/20	30	VIII.B.4. In large shows, related exhibits may be listed in sections with at least Strike <del>four (4)</del> Insert: <u>three (3) exhibits per section</u> (See p. 85 II.B.)
07/01/17	31	X.A.d,e,f,g Strike Chapter <del>11</del> insert 10
07/01/20	34	C.6. Approved wedging Strike <del>types</del> Insert <u>type</u> . Only one type of wedging allowed for uniformity.
07/01/20	35	II.A. Designer is free to incorporate staging properties, Insert <u>unless the schedule prohibits it.</u> The staging panel then is used only as a <u>Frame of Reference.</u>
07/01/20	35	II.D. At the end of the second sentence after the word exhibit Insert <u>and is not used to describe what is now the Staging Panel.</u>
07/01/20	40	I.B.10. Insert <u>Exception: Two (2) Top Exhibitor Awards are required in a Horticulture or Design Specialty Show.</u>
01/01/18	40	I.C.1 add <u>except for Education Division.</u>
07/01/17	40	II.B - Add " <b>blue-ribbon winning</b> " before 'exhibit'. [eff 7/1/20: Insert: highest scoring blue-ribbon exhibit, scoring 95 or more.]
01/01/18	41	II.C.1.c. insert " <b>or container-grown portions of vines</b> " are not eligible
01/01/18	41	II.C.4.a. Strike <del>Standard</del> Insert <u>NGC</u> to read "in a non-Petite NGC Flower Show"
07/01/20	42	III.B.1. And 2. Add after blue ribbon exhibit, <u>scoring 95 or more</u>

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01/01/18	43	III.C.3.b. Strike <del>Standard</del> Insert <u>NGC</u> to read "in a Petite NGC Flower Show"
07/01/20	43	Educational Top Exhibitor Award - Add ( <u>Division Award</u> )
07/01/20	44	VI.A. Strike <del>four (4)</del> Insert: <u>three (3) awards may be offered in each division, one (1) per age group, a total of 12 awards.</u>
07/01/17	46	XI. Award Summary (chart) Arboreal Award: Cut Insert <u>or container-grown</u> branches of trees and/or shrubs
07/01/20	46	(chart) Grower's Choice Awards Container-grown specimen(s) Insert <u>Including Combination Plantings</u>
07/01/20	47	Insert at the bottom of page under charts: <b>Note:</b> Combination Plantings are entered into the Horticulture Division and are eligible for the Grower's Choice Award. Gardens and "fairy gardens" are placed in the Botanical Arts Division in the Horticulture Section and offered the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award. Both are judged by the Combination Plantings Scale of Points, p. 129.
07/01/17	47	Educational Award (Box) Strike <del>Section</del> in the Type column and insert: <u>Division</u>
07/01/20	49	Under HORTICULTURE Insert <u>The primary horticulture nomenclature resource for Flower Show Schools and Symposium of National Garden Clubs, Inc. is www.plantsoftheworldonline.org This is the current, most relevant, easiest to use and complete on-line search engine for plant nomenclature.</u>
07/01/20	56	B.4. Grooming and Specimen Staging, Strike <del>colorless</del> Insert unobtrusive glass marbles, pebbles, etc. as stated in Chapter 4 p. 34 A.4. for consistency.
07/01/21	59	III. Combination Plantings. A., third sentence, change to read ..." Natural accessories permitted ..."
07/01/20	61	VI.B. Strike <del>may</del> Insert <u>must</u> be subdivided
01/01/18	67	2.c. Strike <del>e</del> Insert <b>3</b> . Strike <del>i and ii</del> Insert a and b.
01/01/18	68	D. Strike <del>amount and quantity</del> Insert <u>amount/s and quantity/ies</u>
07/01/20	70	B.3. Strike <del>informal</del> Insert <u>in formal</u> balance
07/01/20	72	A.4. At the end if the sentence Insert <u>[Exception: Grouped Mass]</u>
07/01/20	74	G.4. Add: ... but Designer's Choice Award may NOT be offered.
01/01/18	76	P.1 Functional Table - Strike <u>for two (2) or more</u> Insert <u>for any number of persons ...</u>
07/01/20	76	d.v. Table/Tray for One Strike <del>proportion</del> Insert <u>scale</u>
07/01/20	78	Clarification: H.1. <b>Height of the completed design must not exceed 1/4 the length or 1/4 the width of the completed design, whichever is more. (Length or width refers to horizontal measurement.)</b>
07/01/20	78	Insert <u>H.3. No minimum or maximum limit is put on length or width except for schedule requirements.</u>
07/01/17	81	C.1.a. Strike: <del>other than plant material</del>
01/01/18	81	XI.1. Correct spelling: <b>plaiting</b>
07/01/17	82	XI. 13. Correct spelling: <b>Pavé</b> , mosaic effect
07/01/17	83	XI. 22. Correct spelling: <b>Skewering</b> ; Veiling metallic <b>threads</b> ; Wiring - Inserting
07/01/20	86	IV. Insert <u>Division</u> Award
07/01/20	91	I. Botanical Arts Horticulture <b>Ownership Clarification. All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. 1. Arboreal - 6 months 2. Dried and Preserved specimens - Schedule may state length of ownership 3. Landscapes - Permanent - 6 months, but annuals may be replaced as needed - Temporary - no length of time requirement - Container-grown Miniature Gardens (fairy gardens or dioramas) - 6 weeks 4. Manipulated plants - 6 months, Schedule will state if manipulation must be done by exhibitor</b>

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07/01/21	93	II. Botanical Design B.b. Plaque, change to read "A design organized in a <b>natural</b> manner ..."
07/01/20	94	II B.5. Botanical Arts Design Exploration Strike <u>e</u> entirely.
07/01/20	100	II.A. <b>Conformance</b> (5 pts) - adherence to the class requirements Insert <u>for plant type and how it is exhibited.</u>
07/01/17	105	F.2. Creative/Distinctive ( <b>10</b> Pts)
07/01/17	106	I.C. Strike <del>Low-rise</del> Insert <u>Low-Profile</u>
07/01/20	107	top of page, 2nd gray box: Strike <del>background</del> Insert <u>staging panel</u>
07/01/20	108	4. Insert <u>amount/s and quantity/ies</u>
07/01/21	112	<b>Conformance 14 Points</b> [Design type, if applicable 7 pts., All other requirements 7 pts.]; <b>Design 48 Points</b> [Each principle worth 8 points: Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Rhythm, Scale]; <b>Craftsmanship 12 Points; Techniques 12 Points; Distinction 14 Points.</b> <i>Also see revised Scale of Points for Artistic Crafts, p. 131, and/or the revised Point Scoring Form posted on the <a href="http://www.gardenclub.org">www.gardenclub.org</a> website, Flower Show School resources page</i>
07/01/20	113, 114	III. Becoming a Student Judge A. Strike and Insert <u>Successful completion of three (3) Flower Show School courses. NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required.</u> B. minimum score of Strike <del>75</del> for all exams for Course I and the other <del>two (2) courses of the three remaining.</del> Insert <u>70 for all exams in any three (3) courses.</u>
01/01/18	114	III.B. 1. Add "... but only the failed examination/s <b>of that subject</b> need be retaken and passed.
07/01/20	114	Note: Strike <del>After completion of Course I and any other course,</del> Insert <u>After successful completion of any two (2) courses</u>
07/01/20	114, 115	IV. Becoming an Accredited Judge A.2. minimum score of Strike <del>75</del> Insert <u>70</u> B. Judging Requirements 1. Strike all and Insert <u>The Student Judge must judge five (5) NGC Flower Shows with a minimum of 6 classes.</u> a. <u>A Small Standard and Standard Flower Show required to include at least one (1) class in Horticulture, one (1) class in Design and four (4) classes in any of the five (5) divisions, with the exception of Photography.</u> b. <u>A Specialty Flower Show, depending on type, requires one (1) class in either Horticulture or Design and five (5) classes in any of the four (4) divisions, with the exception of Photography.</u>
07/01/20	115	4. Strike minimum score of <del>75</del> Insert <u>70</u> E. Handbook Exam 1. Strike pass with a score of <del>75</del> Insert <u>70</u>
07/01/20	117	V. Becoming an Accredited Life Judge A. 2. Strike all and Insert <u>Judge five (5) NGC Flower Shows with a minimum of (6) classes.</u> a. <u>A Small Standard and Standard Flower Shows required to include at least one (1) class in Horticulture, one class in Design and four (4) classes in any of the five (5) divisions.</u> b. <u>A Specialty Flower Show, depending on type, requires one (1) class in either Horticulture or Design and five (5) classes in any of the four (4) divisions.</u> c. <u>Exception: Photography is not eligible for a judging credit.</u>
07/01/20	117	V.A.3. Add: <u>d. Serving on an Evaluation Panel for an NGC Flower Show.</u> Effective 7/1/20

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07/01/19	117	V.B.2. Strike and Insert: <u>Earn three (3) additional exhibiting credit in any of the four (4) Divisions: Horticulture, Design, Education and Botanical Arts, with the exception of Photography.</u>
07/01/21	117	Additional Exhibiting Credit box: 1. Add 'Educational and one (1) Alternate Exhibiting credit (box, p. 118)
07/01/20	118	V.D. Strike minimum of 75 and Insert 70
07/01/21	118	Alternate Exhibiting Credit box: delete 1. and renumber 2 and 3 accordingly.
07/01/20	119	Both boxes 3. Strike minimum score 75 Insert 70 and signed by Instructor.
07/01/20	119	VI. Becoming an Accredited Master Judge Judging Requirements per refresher insert <u>Judge one (1) NGC Flower Show with a minimum of six (6) classes.</u> 1. <u>A Small Standard and Standard Flower Show required to include at least one (1) class in Horticulture and one (1) class in Design and four (4) classes in any of the five (5) divisions.</u> 2. <u>A Specialty Flower show, depending on the type, requires one (1) class in Horticulture or Design, and five (5) classes in any of the four (4) divisions.</u> 3. <u>Exception: Photography is not eligible for judging credit.</u>
07/01/17	119	VI. - Delete the letter 'A'; keep the paragraph. Change "two" to " <b>four</b> " months in the last line of paragraph. Delete the letter 'B'. <b>and the sentence that follows.</b>
7/1/19 and 7/1/20 in red	119	VI. TABLE at bottom of page Statement 1. Add, <u>Serving on an evaluation panel of an NGC Flower Show.</u> Statement 2. <b>Reword:</b> Earn at least two (2) exhibiting credits, including at least one (1) ribbon in Design <b>or Botanical Arts Design, Including Artistic Crafts and Exploration</b> and one (21) ribbon in Horticulture <b>or Botanical Arts Horticulture</b> in a Small Standard, Standard or Specialty Flower Show for <b>each year or part of a year between refreshers. One alternate exhibiting credit may be earned by providing a judged/critiqued Horticulture or Design exhibit for practice or written point-scoring exam in an NGC Flower Show School or Symposium.</b>
7/1/19 and 7/1/20 in red	120	TABLE at top of page (Maintaining Accredited Master Judge Certification) Statement 1. Reword: Must earn one (1) ribbon in either Horticulture or <b>Botanical Arts Horticulture</b> and one (1) ribbon in either Design or <b>Botanical Arts Design, including Artistic Crafts and Exploration</b> , in Small Standard, Standard or Specialty Flower Show for each Symposium attended for credit. <b>One alternate exhibiting credit may be earned by providing a judged/critiqued Horticulture or Design exhibit for a practice or written point-scoring exam in an NGC Flower Show School or Symposium.</b> <b>Statement 3. Add Alternate judging credit, serving on an evaluation panel of an NGC Flower Show.</b>
01/01/18	121	Bottom of page: Delete " <b>Note</b> " <b>and the sentence that follows.</b>
01/01/18	124	Flower Show Procedures A. ... Handbook <b>for</b> Flower Shows
01/01/18	124	B.2. ... of Standard <b>Flower</b> Shows (delete 's' on Flowers)
01/01/18	124	Bottom of second column: ... Local Flower Show Schools <b>Committee</b> to provide ...
07/01/20	125	Flower Show Procedures Curriculum Course II E. Strike and Insert <u>Explanation of Botanical Arts Photography section and requirements for Botanical Arts Photography Award. (Committee to work with instructor on obtaining examples of Botanical Arts Photography.)</u>

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07/01/21	126-	Horticulture Curriculum for Courses III and IV are revised, effective July 1, 2021. Please view the changes on <a href="http://www.gardenclub.org">www.gardenclub.org</a> , Flower Show School Resources page, under "Curriculum"
07/01/20	127	Flower Show Procedure Curriculum Course IV D. Strike and Insert <u>Evaluating an NGC Flower Show, Evaluation Point Scoring Form and Criteria.</u>
07/01/20	129	Scales of Points Horticulture, Clarification <b>Criteria, Conformance: Adherence to Schedule Requirements for plant type and how it is exhibited (cut or container-grown).</b> Other items are judged under other Criteria such as blooming (Form/Maturity), number of leaves (Form/Maturity) stem length (Size/Grooming) container (Staging), etc.
07/01/21	131	Scales of Points, VI. Artistic Crafts. <b>Conformance 14 Points</b> [Design type, if applicable 7 pts., All other requirements 7 pts.]; <b>Design 48 Points</b> [Each principle worth 8 points: Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Rhythm, Scale]; <b>Craftsmanship 12 Points; Techniques 12 Points; Distinction 14 Points.</b> 100 Points total.
07/01/20	135	XI. Scale of Points for Evaluating Standard Flower Show Schedules Criteria I. Required Format Value (points) Strike <del>15</del> Insert <u>14</u>
07/01/20	137	5.D. Add after specific epithet, <u>cultivar</u>
07/01/20	137	6. Horticulture Sections and Classes Value (points) Strike <del>10</del> Insert <u>8</u>
01/01/18	137	7.B. Replace "Exhibitor" with " <b>Designer</b> "
07/01/20	138	9. Educational Exhibits Value (points) Strike <del>5</del> insert <u>6</u>
07/01/20	138	11. Botanical Arts Value (points) Strike <del>6</del> Insert <u>12</u>
07/01/20	138	B. Types of exhibits required Insert 1. Botanical Horticulture 2. Botanical Design Renummer 3. Artistic Crafts 4. Photography 5. Staging provided by Committee for each section
07/01/20	138	12. Other Value (points) Strike <del>5</del> Insert <u>1</u>
07/01/20	140	Artificial. Strike second sentence entirely
07/01/20	141	Color Harmony. Strike <del>ordinary</del> insert <u>orderly</u>
07/01/21	148	Add definition for " Natural - Existing or caused by nature, not made or caused by humankind."
07/01/21	152	Staging Panel. Add at the beginning of the definition: "Two-dimensional or three-dimensional"
07/01/21		Flower Show School Symposium - Allied topics at the Symposium level may be taught virtually or in person, as decided by the State Symposium Chairman and the contracted instructor or presenter. Flower Show School Committee (FSSC) - A new position has been added to the FSSC: State Credentials Chairman, Suzy Andregio. The committee list will be posted on the website.