

WESTMORELAND GARDEN  
COUNCIL

presents

“A GROWING  
*CELEBRATION*”

*An NGC, Inc. Small Standard Flower Show*

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Redstone Highlands  
6 Garden Center Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601

Open to the Public 12-4 PM – Free Admission

Westmoreland Garden Council is a member of:  
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# “A GROWING CELEBRATION”

## *An NGC, Inc. Standard Flower Show*

### GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards of National Garden Clubs, Inc., established by the *HandBook for Flower Shows*,

*2017 edition*, with revisions printed in the National Gardener Magazine, which is the authority for all issues not covered by this Schedule,

which is the law of the show.

2. Any amateur exhibitor may enter all horticulture classes. Design classes are open to garden club members, only, and must be registered

in advance, **by June 10, 2026**.

3. Entries will be received on Friday, June 19, 2026 **from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** and Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

*(See Horticulture Division Rule # 15.)*

4. Entry cards are available from the FS Chair and are to be filled out in advance, if possible, written in waterproof ink or pencil.

*(Refer to HB, Chapter 6, for a correctly filled out entry card.)*

5. All entries must be approved by the Classification/Placement Committees before the exhibitor leaves the exhibition floor.

*(See Horticulture Division rules #14, #15.) (See Design Division rule #10.)*

6. All exhibits must be removed Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

7. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026.

8. Only judges, clerks, Division consultants, and show chairman will be permitted on the floor during judging.

9. The Flower Show Committee will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for damage

or loss to exhibits.

10. National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard System of Awards will be used by the judges, who make the final determination of conformance;

their decisions are final. Any award may be withheld, if it is not merited.

11. Judges will consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ recognition.
12. The show will be open/free to the public Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 12:00-4:00 p.m.
13. Emphasis is on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material, in any division.
14. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class: (Exception: Horticulture Division; see Rule #13.).
15. No endangered species are permitted. Pennsylvania's endangered species are:
  - All native orchids – Orchidaceae family
  - Trailing Arbutus – *Epigaea repens*
  - Pitcher Plant – *Sarracenia pursuer*
  - Lycopodium* genus
  - Trillium* genus

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. AWARDS

NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDS

(to be used in **all** Divisions)

Only one blue, red, and yellow ribbon may be given in each class. More than one Honorable Mention ribbon may be given.

First Place Award	Blue Ribbon	90 points or more
Second Place Award	Red Ribbon	85 points or more
Third Place Award	Yellow Ribbon	80 points or more
Honorable Mention	White Ribbon	75 points or more

**Horticulture Scales of Points:**

For detailed information, see National Garden Clubs, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2017, page 129.

**Design Scales of Points:**

For detailed information, see National Garden Clubs, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows, revised 2017, page 130.

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS**

**Award of Horticulture Excellence** (1) may be awarded to the highest scoring named exhibit of fresh plant material, entered by an individual,

scoring 95 or more points.

The winner is judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division.

Rosette: green, blue, and orange ribbons

Eligible: Entire Horticulture Division.

**Award of Merit** (5) may be awarded to a named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more points for an exhibit of fresh plant material in each of

a designated number of sections.

Rosette: orange ribbons

Eligible: Division I Horticulture, Sections A, B, C, D, E.

**Arboreal Award** (2) may be awarded to a named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more points for a cut specimen of fresh plant material in

a section of class composed of shrub or tree branches, shown for beauty of flower, fruit, foliage, or form.

Rosette: green ribbons.

Eligible: Division I Horticulture, Sections F, G.

**Grower's Choice Award** (1) may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in a section of Container Grown Plants and Combination Plantings,

scoring 95 or more points.

Rosette: dark green ribbons

Eligible: Division I Horticulture, Section H.

**Award of Design Excellence** (1) may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division, entered by a single exhibitor,

scoring 95 or more points.

Rosette: gold ribbons

Eligible: Entire Design Division.

**Designer's Choice Award** (1) may be awarded to a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more points in a designated section of design classes.

Designer has choice of components and plant material, but must follow the rules of the flower show.

Rosette: purple ribbons.

Eligible: Division II - Design, Section A, Classes 1, 2, 3.

**Table Artistry Award** (1) may be awarded to a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more points in a designated section of functional and/or exhibition table.

Rosette: burgundy ribbons.

Eligible: Division II Design, Section B, Classes 4, 5, 6.

**Award of Appreciation** (1) may be awarded in a class of non-judged exhibits; determined by the Flower Show Committee.

Rosette: orchid ribbons

Eligible: Decision II- Design, Section C, Class 7.

**Sweepstakes Award** (2) may be awarded to the exhibitor who receives the most points for ribbons in the Horticulture and Design Divisions.

Blue (4 points), Red (3 points), Yellow (2 points) and White (1 point). Number of exhibitor's entries will be used to break a tie. Awarded by the Club.

Rosette: green and white ribbons.

## **GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS**

**GCFP Staging Award** (1) may be given to a show scoring 90 or more points, to recognize those clubs which make an effort to stage flower shows well.

Rosette: orange ribbons

## **DIVISIONS**

Division I – HORTICULTURE – “*WE  
CELEBRATE GROWING and SHOWING!*”

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the ***HandBook for Flower Shows**, revised 2017*, or its supplement,

*Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.*

2. All horticulture classes are open to any amateur grower.

3. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.

The common name may be added. (Consult HB, Chapter 6, “Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.”)

4. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line. (Exception: *Gladiolus*)

5. 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 foliage plants,

if grown for their leaves.

6. Specimens with a class designation in the Schedule may not be entered in the ‘Any Other Worthy Class’.

7. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.

8. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in HB, Chapter 14.

9. All specimens, whether cut or container grown MUST be FRESH and MUST have been grown by the Exhibitor.

10. Container grown plants MUST have been in the possession of the exhibitor for NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS.

11. Dish gardens, terrariums and multiple plantings MUST have been in the possession of the exhibitor for NOT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS.

12. The Flower Show Chairman will provide entry cards, which exhibitors should fill out in advance, if possible.

13. More than one (1) entry per class may be made by an exhibitor, provided each is of a different cultivar, type and/or color.

14. All entries must be checked by the Horticulture Classification Committee and each entry tag must include exhibitor's name, address and phone number.

15. ALL horticulture entries must be made on FRIDAY, June 19, 2026 **between 1:00-4:00 p.m.** and placed by the Placement Committee.

NO new horticulture entries will be accepted on Saturday, June 20, but specimens may be replaced on Saturday, June 20, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

16. Containers will be provided for cut specimens, except Sections F and G.

(Sections F and G entries will be displayed flat on a table. Exhibitor may provide own container.) Wedging is permitted and will be provided by Committee.

17. Double potting is permitted in Section H.

#### HORTICULTURE SECTIONS and CLASSES

##### Section A. ANNUALS – ***“Once for Fun”***

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 1. *Begonia* – 1 bloom

Class 2. *Calibrachoa* (Million Bells) – 1 spray

Class 3. *Impatiens* – 1 spray

Class 4. *Lantana* – 1 spray

Class 5. *Petunia* – 1 spray

Class 6. *Salvia* (Ornamental Sage) – 1 spike

Class 7. *Tagetes* (Marigold) – 1 bloom/spray

Class 8. Any other worthy annual – 1 stem/bloom

##### Section B. PERENNIALS – ***“Year after Year”***

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 9. *Achillea* (Yarrow) – 1 spray

Class 10. *Astilbe* (False spirea) – 1 spike

Class 11. *Chrysanthemum* (Shasta Daisy) – 1 scape

Class 12. *Coreopsis* – 1 bloom

Class 13. *Dianthus* – 1 bloom

Class 14. *Heuchera* (Coral bells) – 3 blooms

Class 15. *Hosta*

a. Large – 1 leaf

b. Medium – 2 leaves

c. Small – 3 leaves

Class 16. *Veronica spicata* (Spike Speedwell) – 1 bloom

Class 17. Any other worthy perennial

Section C. BULBS, CORMS, TUBERS, RHIZOMES – ***“From Our Good Earth”***

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 18. *Alocasia* or *Colocasia* (Elephant’s Ear) – 1 leaf

Class 19. *Caladium* – 1 leaf

Class 20. *Canna* – 1 spike

Class 21. Any other worthy bulb, corm, tuber, rhizome – 1 stem

Section D. HERBS – ***“Savor the Flavor and Scents”***

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 22. Aromatic - 3 stems

Class 23. Culinary – 3 stems

Class 24. Medicinal – 3 stems

Section E. ROSA (Rose) – ***“True BEAUTY”***

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 25. Hybrid tea – disbudded – 1 bloom

Class 26. Floribunda – 1 spray w. 2 open blooms

Class 27. Climber – 1 bloom lateral

Class 28. Shrub – 1 spray w. 2 open blooms

Class 29. Miniature – 1 bloom

Section F. TREE BRANCHES – *“On A Grand Scale”*

Eligible for Arboreal Award

(Branch with several nodes, not to exceed 30”)

Class 30. Foliage

- a. Broadleaf
- b. Needled

Class 31. Flowering

Class 32. Fruited, berried, cone-bearing, nut-bearing

Section G. SHRUB BRANCHES – *“Pleasing Proximity”*

Eligible for Arboreal Award

(Branch with several nodes, not to exceed 20”)

Class 33. Foliage

- a. Broadleaf
- b. Needled

Class 34. Flowering

Class 35. Fruited, berried, cone-bearing, nut-bearing

Section H. CONTAINER PLANTS – *“Defined Space”*

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Class 36. Grown primarily for bloom

- a. Pot size up to 6”
- b. Pot size 6” and over, not to exceed 10”

Class 37. Grown primarily for foliage

- a. Pot size up to 6”
- b. Pot size 6” and over, not to exceed 10”

Class 38. Combination plantings – container not to exceed 10”

- a. All one variety

b. Multiple varieties

DESIGN!

Division II- DESIGN - "WE CELEBRATE BEAUTIFUL

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

#### DESIGN RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *HandBook for Flower Shows, revised 2017, Chapter 7, "Exhibiting in the Design Division,*

*NGC Policies and Guidelines"*, pages 79-80.

2. Advance registration is required (in all design classes) with the Design Entries Chairman/Consultant, **by June 15, 2026**. If unable to exhibit,

Exhibitor must get a substitute.

3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows,*

Chapter 7, pages 80-81.

No artificial flower, fruit or foliage may be used in the show. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner.

Treated, contrived, and/or painted dried material is permitted in specified classes: Section A-Classes 1, 2, 3.; Section B-Classes 4, 5, 6.

Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. Cut fruit/vegetables and prepared foods are not permitted.

4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card, provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry card.

The Flower Show Chairman will provide entry cards, to be filled out in advance.

5. The Exhibitor is required to conform to the stated descriptions and limitations of the Design Type, named in the classes.

Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs (and Table Appointments) are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*,

2017 edition, Chapter 7. Design Scale of Points - page 130.

6. I Design exhibitor must be a garden club member. The Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been

previously entered or judged in an

NGC Standard Flower Show.

7. Each entry must be the work of the Exhibitor. Exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but may exhibit only one design in a class.

Plant material used in the design need not be grown by the Exhibitor.

8. Designs may exceed background or frame, but NOT allotted space.

9. Background/underlay suggested in Classes 1, 2, and 3 are to be provided by the exhibitor.

10. Exhibitor must not leave the exhibit floor until the Design Consultant checks the exhibit for conformity.

11. Bases, accessories and/or backgrounds are permitted in all classes.

## DESIGN SECTIONS and CLASSES

### **Section A. DESIGNER'S CHOICE DESIGNS – “*Singular Sensations*”,**

Eligible for DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD

Designer's choice of all components.

Class 1. “*Color Counts*” (4  
entries)

A Creative Design featuring one color.

Staged on an 8-foot table; allotted space 24” wide, 30” deep, unlimited height

Class 2. “*Open Spaces*” (4  
entries)

A Creative Design, including spaces within the design.

Staged on an 8-foot table; allotted space 24" wide, 30" deep. Underlay permitted.

Class 3. "***Freedom Reigns!***" \*\* (4  
entries)

Freedom-of-style design. Designers make their choice.

\*\* (NOVICE CLASS: designers who have never won a blue ribbon in design.)

Staged on a 8-foot table; allotted space 24" wide, 30" deep. Underlay permitted.

## **Section B. TABLE DESIGNS – "*Pleasant Repasts*"**

Eligible for Table Artistry Award.

Designer's Choice of Components. Four entries in each class.

Class 4. "***Single Pleasure***" (4  
entries)

A Breakfast tray, provided by exhibitor.

Staged on an 8' table; Allotted space: 24" x 30"

Freedom-of-style decorative unit, size appropriate to tray.

Class 5. "Setting for One" 4 entries

Functional setting for one.

Staged on a 48" round table; Allotted space; pie-shaped 1/4 of the round table.

Freedom-of-style decorative unit, size appropriate to allotted space.

Class 6. "***Double Delight***" (4  
entries)

Functional table for two.

Staged on a card table, provided by exhibitor.

Freedom-of-style decorative unit, size appropriate to table.

**Section C. PETITE DESIGNS – “*Little Pleasures*”**

Eligible for Award of Appreciation.

Class 7. “*Small Sensation*”  
entries)

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A Petite Design not to exceed 12” in all dimensions.

All fresh plant material required.

Staged on a table; Staging supplied by the Committee: black pedestal (8” high) with 15” diameter round disc on top.