

MINI SHOW SCHEDULE 2023

Trenton Horticulture and Garden Club

We are inviting members to participate in mini shows for five months this year.

The Designs.. will be judged by the members in attendance.

Limit 1 design per month.

Anyone attending the meeting can vote.

The Horticultural exhibits... will not be judged.

Bring in a maximum of 2 specimens, different kinds/varieties, from your home or garden each month (April, May, June, September, October) to be admired. Each exhibit is worth 2 points.

Please have your entries on the table with your exhibit card completed by 6:50pm, (this allows the committee time to set up before the 7pm meeting begins)

Entry tags will be provided for all exhibits.

The winner will receive the **Silver Jug Trophy** at the November meeting!!

APRIL: Spring Showers Bring May Flowers.

Design theme - Pot et fleur, not to exceed 12 inches in width, height and depth

Horticulture possibilities - flowering branches, spring bulbs, houseplants

MAY: Coronation Tea

Design theme - a design in any sized tea cup

Horticultural possibilities - What's up in your garden, bring it in!!

JUNE: Strawberries and Cream

Design theme -Hand-tied design in a waterproof vessel

Horticultural possibilities - Endless possibilities from your own garden

SEPTEMBER: Summer's Last Hoorah

Design theme - a design featuring one variety of flower ie: dahlia, chrysanthemum

Horticultural possibilities - grasses, sedums

OCTOBER: Ride on a Hay Wagon

Design theme - a dried arrangement in a repurposed container

Horticultural possibilities - What 's left? And houseplants.

You be the judge!

Is the design using the principles and elements of design	40 pts
Is the design interpreting the title	25 pts
Is the design creative.....	20 pts
Is the plant material still looking fresh	15 pts

1st - 4pts 2nd - 3pts 3rd - 2pts
participation for all exhibits that do not place - 1 pt.

Pot et fleur-a combination of growing plants (foliage and/or flowering) in or out of pots, packed lightly in soil and/or other moisture-retaining material, plus cut flowers, in tubes of water, floral foam or other material assembled in one container. Moss, decorative wood or rock may be included. NO CUT FOLIAGE is permitted; cut flowering and or fruited branches may be used. Miniature Design is a design with maximum dimensions of 12.7cm (5") in any direction (height,width,depth and diagonal). For good proportion, the container should not exceed 3.5cm (1.5") in height. Niches are provided to enhance exhibits (they are white and approx. 6"H x 5"D) Small Design is a design from 13.9cm to 25.4cm (5.5"-10") and which must not exceed 25.4cm (10") in any one direction (height, width, depth, diagonal). Allotted space - A well proportioned design will fill a maximum of $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the allotted space.

Harvesting specimens from your garden:

1. Walk out to the garden with a bucket of warm water, early in the day or an hour before sunset.
2. Cut the candidates with a sharp knife in a diagonal direction and place in the bucket. Take care that the stems are as long as possible.
3. Conditioning: Place specimens in a 2nd container, with fresh warm water, plant food, and a second diagonal cut.
4. Keep them in a cool spot, out of direct sunlight for a minimum of 4 hours before you start your design work **OR** bring it to a show as a horticultural exhibit.