

Horticulture Entry Tips

- No foliage (leaves/flowers) should be in the water - just the bare stem.
- If you use staging (clear plastic, etc) to hold your flower in the vase, it should not be distracting.
- Make sure your flowers are in prime condition - not wilted, faded, water spotted, damage to petals, trim spent blooms. Trim damaged leaves as well.
- Try to get enter blooms of similar size, color and condition.
- Be sure to measure your flowers - the Judges will! If it says under 3 inches it should be under 3 inches!
- Do not cut anthers of Lillies.
- Spike flowers should follow the 1/3 rule. 1/3 open 1/3 beginning to open (should show color). 1/3 budding (closed showing green)
- Vases should be clear glass, uncolored, and match the size of the entry. Some vases are available to borrow for the show.
- Be sure to check the number of flowers you should enter, 3 blossoms on individual stems shall be required for flowers under 2".

- *1 blossom on a stem is required for flowers 2" and larger.*
- *If flowers grow on a spike (a central stem with the flowers growing directly on it), multiple flowers on 1 spike are allowed.*
- Dahlias, marigolds, and sunflowers shall be divided into small, medium, and large blooms.
- Roses shall be divided into hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, miniature, and rugosa. For roses, multiple flowers on 1 stem are allowed.
- Container-grown plants shall be in the exhibitor's care for at least six weeks.
- Please bring address labels 2 for each card. It will save you a lot of time filling out the registration card. See picture of entry card for information required.
- In order win best of the show, you will need to have the scientific name of the flower on your card. Genus and species if possible.

Other harvest tips:

For poppies - clip on the morning of the show and burn the end of the poppy with a match or lighter.