

THE GARDEN CLUB OF KENT

RE-think, RE-move, RE-place, REJOICE!

Celebrate Nature!

ANNUAL HORTICULTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Youth Section Y: Classes are the same as adult Classes with a "Y" added to the Class entry number.

Tips

Read and follow the rules.

Arrive early for registration.

Use name and address labels for easy entry.

An entry is the quantity noted in the Class.

Each entry goes on a separate paper plate.

Success in horticulture display depends on the quality of your specimen and exhibiting your specimen in its best **natural** state, while following the rules.

Grooming to remove damaged leaves or other non-favorable traits is permitted.

Each entry is judged on its own merit.

Fruits and Vegetables

Enter exactly what the schedule calls for in number and trim of specimens.

Select specimens that are uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity; clean, free from disease or damage.

Uniformity is key in showmanship: six green beans, nearly identical in length, shape, and color are more attractive than 6 beans of the same variety with obvious differences in appearance.

Flowers

Enter exactly what the schedule calls for in number and trim of specimens.

Select a flower that is true to the variety and near its peak of beauty.

Choose a container pleasing in shape and size in relation to the flower's size and stem length. Marbles/clean pea gravel may be used for weight in the bottom the of vase.

Foliage must be above the rim of the container; no leaves in the water.

Stem support is encouraged. Use evergreen sprigs or foam wedges in the neck of the container to help hold the flower in position – face to the judges. Wire or tape is NOT permitted.

The Garden Club of Kent



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SATURDAY

August 16, 2025

Garden Club of Kent

480 Ravenna Road, Streetsboro/Kent, Ohio

<https://gardenclubofkent.org/>

Photo Entries accepted till 10:00 am

Plant entries accepted 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Judging: 10:30; 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Awards 2:00

All exhibits remain in place until 3:00 pm



DIVISION I: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

SECTION A: LEAFY/COLE VEGETABLES

Leafy vegetables may be displayed in water in a clear container.

- Class A 1: Broccoli – 1 head
- Class A 2: Cauliflower - 1 head, trimmed; w/2" stem
- Class A 3: Cabbage, green – 1 head, trimmed; w/2" stem
- Class A 4: Cabbage, red – 1 head, trimmed; w/2" stem
- Class A 5: Chard – 3 leaves
- Class A 6: Leaf Lettuce – 3 plants
- Class A 7: Mustard greens – 3 plants
- Class A 8: Rhubarb – 3 stalks; trim; keep some leaf
- Class A 9: Kale – 3 leaves
- Class A 99: Any other leafy vegetable

SECTION B: ROOT CROPS

Similar in size and shape. With 2" stems unless noted.

- Class B 1: Beets – 3
- Class B 2: Carrots – 3
- Class B 3: Onions - green, shallots, leeks, **6" stems** – 3
- Class B 4: Onions, dry, unpeeled – 3
- Class B 5: Potatoes, red, no stems – 3
- Class B 6: Potatoes, white, no stems – 3
- Class B 7: Potatoes, sweet, no stems – 3
- Class B 8: Garlic – 3
- Class B 99: Any other root vegetable – 3

SECTION C: FRUITING VEGETABLES

Similar in size and shape. With 2" stems unless noted.

- Class C 1: Beans, snap, green – 6 pods
- Class C 2: Beans, snap, yellow – 6 pods
- Class C 3: Corn, sweet, no stems – 3 ears
- Class C 4: Cucumbers – 3
- Class C 5: Eggplant – 1
- Class C 6: Peas – 6 pods
- Class C 7: Pepper, sweet banana – 3
- Class C 8: Pepper, sweet Bell, any color – 3
- Class C 9: Pepper, jalapeno – 3
- Class C 10: Pepper, any other hot – 3
- Class C 11: Pumpkin, small, sugar-type – 1
- Class C 12: Squash, acorn – 1
- Class C 13: Squash, butternut – 1
- Class C 14: Squash, straight or crookneck – 1
- Class C 15: Squash, scallop – 1
- Class C 16: Squash, zucchini – 2
- Class C 99: Any other fruiting vegetable.



SECTION D: TOMATOES

Stems attached. Stems up on plate. Uniform sizes. All colors except D7. Progressive ripening okay.

- Class D 1: Tomato, cherry or grape-type – 1 spray
- Class D 2: Tomato, pear type – 3 or spray
- Class D 3: Tomato, paste or plum – 3 or spray
- Class D 4: Tomato, salad or wedging – 3 or spray
- Class D 5: Tomato, slicing – 2
- Class D 6: Tomato, heirloom, **provide variety name** – 3
- Class D 7: Tomato, **green variety** - 3
- Class D 99: Tomato, any other tomato.

SECTION E: ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES

With 2" stems unless noted. Stem not included in measurement. **Judges measure.**

- Class E 1: Gourd, large; 6" or over – 1
- Class E 2: Gourd, small; under 6" – 3 on plate
- Class E 3: Corn, ornamental – husk optional
- Class E 99: Any specimen not listed

SECTION F: DISPLAY ON A PLATTER

Trim as required in individual classes. Provide variety names.

Multiple species and varieties required. See last page for examples.* MUST ALL BE grown by exhibitor.

- Class F 1: Vegetable display – 6 different vegetables.
- Class F 2: Staple crops display – 8 different species.



SECTION G: FRUITS

With stems unless noted.

- Class G 1: Apple – 3
- Class G 2: Apple, crab – 8-12
- Class G 3: Berries, no stems – 8-10
- Class G 4: Cantaloupe – 1
- Class G 5: Grapes – 1 bunch
- Class G 6: Peach – 3
- Class G 7: Plum – 4
- Class G 8: Watermelon – 1
- Class G 99: Any other fruit – 1

SECTION H: FUN AND SPECIALTY ITEMS

Stem not included in measurement. **Judges measure.**

Not eligible for Best in Division

- Class H 1: Beet, heaviest
- Class H 2: Cabbage, heaviest
- Class H 3: Corn, longest ear – not including stem or husk
- Class H 4: Onion, heaviest
- Class H 5: Pepper, Bell shape, - largest by girth at shoulder
- Class H 6: Pepper, banana shape – longest
- Class H 7: Pumpkin – heaviest
- Class H 8: Squash, zucchini – heaviest
- Class H 9: Squash, not zucchini – **Judges' choice**
- Class H 10: Sunflower – largest head diameter
- Class H 11: Tomato, heaviest
- Class H 99: Any other specialty item

SECTION I: HERBS

Cut or potted. Clear glass vase. No leaves in water.

- Class I 1: Culinary
- Class I 2: Medicinal
- Class I 99: Any other herb

DIVISION II: FLOWERS

SECTION J: ANNUAL FLOWERS: **NON-NATIVE**

CUT FLOWERS; Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase

- Class J 1: Annual Aster (*Callistephus chinensis*) – 3 blooms
- Class J 2: Celosia, crested – 3
- Class J 3: Celosia, plumed or feathered – 3
- Class J 4: Coleus, branches of one kind – 3
- Class J 5: Cosmos – 3
- Class J 6: ***Pelargonium*** (aka “geranium”) – 1 cluster*
- Class J 7: Impatiens – 2-3 stems
- Class J 8: Marigold, large, - diameter 3” and over – 1
- Class J 9: Marigold, medium, diameter under 3” – 2
- Class J 10: Marigold, dwarf – 3 stems
- Class J 11: Petunia, single flower type – 1 stem
- Class J 12: Petunia, double flower type – 1 stem
- Class J 13: *Salvia* (variety required)– 3 spikes
- Class J 14: Snapdragon – 3 spikes
- Class J 15: Sunflower, decorative, head 6” and over – 1
- Class J 16: Sunflower, decorative, head under 6” - 1
- Class J 17: Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia citriodora*) – 3 stems
- Class J 18: Zinnia, large or medium – 1 bloom
- Class J 19: Zinnia, mini/button size – 4 blooms
- Class J 99: Any other annual flower



SECTION K1: PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS:

NON-NATIVE CUT FLOWERS; Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase. ‘**g**’ provide cultivar name.

- Class **K1** 1: Shasta Daisy: *Leucanthemum* ‘**g**’- 3 blooms
- Class **K1** 2: Rose of Sharon: *Hibiscus syriacus*—stalk w/flower and leaf – 1
- Class **K1** 3: Hollyhock: *Alcea* ‘**g**’—stalk w/4 or more blooms - 1
- Class **K1** 4: Hosta, may include flower – 1 leaf
- Class **K1** 5: *Hydrangea paniculata* – 1 bloom
- Class **K1** 6: Mum, garden type – 1 stem; multiple blooms
- Class **K1** 7: Dried flowers 1-3 stems
- Class **K1** 8: Wild flowers (ex: Queen Anne’s lace) – 1-3 stems
- Class **K1** 9: Tree or shrub; w/flower or fruit-1 **branch**
(ex: *Hydrangea macrophylla* or *paniculata*)
- Class **K1** 99: Any other non-native perennial or biennial

SECTION K2: PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS:

NATIVE. Plants native to northeastern Ohio. Straight species preferred or provide cultivar name.

CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase.

- Class **K2** 1: *Asclepias syriaca* (common milkweed)
- Class **K2** 2: *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed)
- Class **K2** 3: *Delphinium exaltatum* (tall larkspur)
- Class **K2** 4: *Echinacea purpurea* (purple cone flower)
- Class **K2** 5: *Eutrochium purpureum* (Joe Pye)
- Class **K2** 6: *Glandularia canadensis* (rose verben)
- Class **K2** 7: *Lobelia cardinalis* (cardinal flower)
- Class **K2** 8: *Liatris spicata* (blazing star)
- Class **K2** 9: *Monarda didyma* (bee balm)
- Class **K2** 10: *Monarda fistulosa* (wild bergamot)
- Class **K2** 11: *Phlox paniculata* (garden phlox)
- Class **K2** 12: *Physostegia virginiana* ‘[cultivar]’ (obedient plant)
- Class **K2** 13: *Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed Susan)
- Class **K2** 14: *Rudbeckia triloba* (brown-eyed Susan)
- Class **K2** 15: *Solidago* [variety] (goldenrod)
- Class **K2** 16: *Symphyotrichum leave* (smooth aster)
- Class **K2** 17: *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* (NE aster)
- Class **K2** 18: *Verbena hastata* (blue vervain)
- Class **K2** 19: *Verbena stricta* (hoary vervain)
- Class **K2** 20: *Viola sororia* (common blue violet)
- Class **K2** 22: Tree or shrub; w/flower or fruit - 1branch
(ex: *Hydrangea arborescens*)
- Class **K2** 99: Any other native perennial or biennial



SECTION L: DAHLIA (Specimen)

Clear glass vase; no leaves under water; at least one pair of leaves showing above rim of vase.

- Class L 1: Dahlia, decorative – 1 bloom over 9"
- Class L 2: Dahlia, decorative – 1 bloom 5"-9"
- Class L 3: Dahlia, decorative – 1 bloom under 5"
- Class L 4: Dahlia, cactus – 1 bloom over 5"
- Class L 5: Dahlia, cactus – 1 bloom under 5"
- Class L 6: Dahlia, ball – 1 bloom over 3"
- Class L 7: Dahlia, ball – 1 bloom under 3"
- Class L 8: Dahlia, water lily – 1-2 blooms
- Class L 9: Dahlia, pompom – 1 bloom over 3"
- Class L 10: Dahlia, pompom – 3 blooms 2-3"
- Class L 11: Dahlia, pompom – 3 blooms under 2"
- Class L 99: Dahlia, miscellaneous – 1-2 blooms

SECTION M: BULBS, TUBERS, CORMS,

RHIZOMES CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; Leaves (optional) above rim of vase. Multiple entries permitted but each entry must be of a different variety.

- Class M 1: **Calla lily**, one variety – 2 blooms (native)
- Class M 2: Canna lily – 1 flower w/stem
- Class M 3: Gladiolus – 1 spike w/5-7 flowers
- Class M 4: Lily, day – 1 spike, 1 or more flowers
- Class M 5: Lily, not day – 1 spike, 1 or more flowers
- Class M 99: Any other bulb, tuber, corm, rhizome



SECTION N: ROSES

CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; One set of leaves showing above rim of vase. Stem supports encouraged.

- Class N 1: Rose, hybrid tea, – 1 bloom
- Class N 2: Rose, floribunda – 1 spray
- Class N 3: Rose, miniature – 1 spray
- Class N 99: Any other rose

SECTION O: POTTED PLANT

Exhibitor must have owned plant for 6 months.

Pot diameter not to exceed 18" or 24" for natives.

- Class O 1: Any blooming plant, in bloom
- Class O 2: Any foliage plant
- Class O 3: Any cactus
- Class O 4: Any succulent
- Class O 5: Any bonsai
Bonsai must be at least 3 years old and the exhibitor must have trained the bonsai for at least two years.
- Class O 6: Any non-native shrub (example: Rose of Sharon *Hibiscus syriacus*)
- Class O 7: Any non-native tree (example: Satsuma orange *Citrus unshiu*)
- Class O 8: Any native shrub (example: New Jersey Tea *Ceanothus americanus*)
- Class O 9: Any native tree (Eastern redbud *Cercis canadensis*)
- Class O 99: Any other potted plant (example: patio planter)

DIVISION III: ARRANGEMENTS

Both natives and non-natives are acceptable in all Design classes.

Mark your entries CLEARLY if native

SECTION P: VEGETABLE BASKET DISPLAY

Must be grown by exhibitor. No artificial props.

Class P 1: Basket of vegetables

At least 10 different vegetables artfully arranged in a basket.

SECTION Q: SHAPED DESIGNS

- Class Q 1: Horizontal arrangement
- Class Q 2: Vertical arrangement
- Class Q 3: L-shaped arrangement

SECTION R: ALL AROUND DESIGN

To be viewed from all sides.

- Class R 1: Centerpiece
- Class R 2: Basket

SECTION S: SPECIALTY DESIGNS

S6 species can be mixed or single.

- Class S 1: Foliage arrangement
- Class S 2: Driftwood arrangement
- Class S 3: Flowers with Fruits and Vegetables
- Class S 4: Show Theme: **Re-think, Re-move, Re-place, Rejoice! Celebrate Nature.**
- Class S 5: Fairy Garden
- Class S 6: Native (only) flower arrangement
- Class S 99: Free Form: anything goes

SECTION T: BOUQUETS

Clear glass vase; may use foliage; leaves above rim of vase. Both native and non-native flowers are acceptable in Bouquet classes. **Mark your entries CLEARLY if native.**

Class T 1: Dahlias (dahlias only)

Class T 2: Roses (roses only)

Class T 3: Marigolds (marigolds only)

Class T 4: Gladioli (gladioli only)

Class T 5: Any other bouquet (**all one species**)

Class T 6: Any other bouquet (**different species**)



SECTION U: MINIATURE ARRANGEMENTS

Container and arrangement not to exceed 7" tall or wide

Class U 1: Miniature arrangement

Class U 2: Native miniature arrangement



SECTION Y: YOUTH

Youth may enter any Class by adding "Y" to the entry.

Youth entries must meet all requirements.

Youth entries will be separate from adult entries.

EACH Youth will receive a ribbon.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

SECTION F: Multiple species and varieties required.

Class F 1: Vegetable display – 6 different vegetables.

Ex: 1 each: corn, beans (fresh or dry), winter squash, carrot, onion, potato, turnip.

Class F 2: Staple crops display – 8 different species.

Ex: Potato, sweet potato, carrot, turnip, rutabaga, tomato, pumpkin, apple, rice, wheat, oats.

In this schedule, we have tried to provide some basic information to help you identify which of your entries is native to northeastern Ohio.

Section K2, for example, is all native plants with their

Latin names. Latin names are unfamiliar to most of us but they are how one distinguishes between species (types) of plants – for example, hydrangeas.

Hydrangea arborescens is the native version of a hydrangea, whereas *Hydrangea macrophylla* or *Hydrangea paniculata* are not native, even to the Americas. They are from China and Japan. Non-native plants take garden space that would be more useful if planted with a native and often become invasive, causing great damage to local ecosystems. Thus, if you want your gardens to support native bees and insects, you can tell which hydrangea to plant, based on its Latin name.

For those of us who don't know one hydrangea – or other plant - from another by sight, you can download the app called "PictureThis" to your phone. When you open the app, touch the faint "cancel" in the upper right corner and it is free. Take a picture of the plant in question and PictureThis will give you a wealth of information.

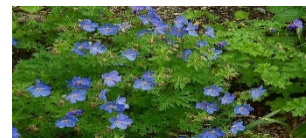
Class J6: * *Pelargonium* is native to warm parts of the world. They tolerate drought

and heat but only light frost. Some are popular as garden bedding plants and houseplants in the US.

They flower mostly in red, orange, or white, but many cultivars show great variety in size, flower color, leaf form, and aromatic foliage.

Geranium is the botanical name and a common name for a **separate genus** of plants also known as **cranesbills**. *Geranium maculatum* is a **native**

woodland perennial that usually occurs in woods, thickets, and along shaded roadsides. In spring, it forms a mound of pink to lilac, saucer-shaped, upward facing, 5-petaled flowers and deeply cut, palmate 5-lobed, dark green leaves. Distinctive beaked seed capsules give rise to the common name: crane's bill.



DIVISION IV: PHOTOGRAPHY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADULT AMATEURS Only
 17 years old and over

Photo entries will be accepted at the man door facing north in the front of the Ode to Joy
 (NOT at the big door with plant entries.)

Entry deadline: 10 am.

Photo Size: 5"x7" or 8"x10"

No frames; no mats. Mats will be provided.

Must have exhibitor name on back (address label).

Fully complete the entry card, including the category.

Multiple entries allowed but only one per class.

Out-of-focus photos will be declined.

DIVISION IV: PHOTOGRAPHY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
YOUTH Only
 16 years old and younger

Photo entries will be accepted at the man door facing north in the front of the Ode to Joy
 (NOT at the big door with plant entries.)

Entry deadline: 10 am.

Photo Size: 5"x7" or 8"x10"

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Must have exhibitor name on back (address label).

Fully complete the entry card, including the category.

Multiple entries allowed but only one per class.

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SECTION V: PHOTOGRAPHY (ADULT)

Class V1: Plants: trees, shrubs, veggies, flowers, fungi

Class V2: Plants with People

Class V3: Plants with Animals

Class V4: Plants with Insects

SECTION Y: PHOTOGRAPHY (YOUTH)

Class Y1: Plants: trees, shrubs, veggies, flowers, fungi

Class Y2: Plants with People

Class Y3: Plants with Animals

Class Y4: Plants with Insects



TIPS FOR TAKING GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS

Read and follow the rules carefully.
 Show the judges something they haven't seen before.

Remove distractions.

Aim for simplicity.

Pay attention to framing the subject.

Step outside your comfort zone.

Seek inspiration outside the usual places.



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