

SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to all members of the public, subject to individual class restrictions. The entry fee is 50¢ per exhibit. Show admission is free to exhibitors.
2. Entries to be submitted at the Cobble Hill Hall Friday, June 5, 2026 between 1:00 pm and 6:50 pm. The Hall is closed to all for judging at 7:00 pm sharp.
3. Exhibitors are reminded to read the guide carefully and measure and count their entries when required. Individual blooms (e.g. roses) should be at least ¾ open. Buds are acceptable within a spray of blooms.
4. Exhibitors are requested to put the cultivar's name on the entry tag wherever possible.
5. Design Division entries may include materials not grown by the exhibitor. Artificial plant material is not allowed. All other exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must have grown potted plants for a minimum of three months.
6. To classify hostas, measure the *leaves only*, from base to tip.
7. The committee reserves the right to stage and reclassify any entry before judging. Classes may be subdivided when necessary. Judges have the right to withhold prizes to any unworthy exhibits and their decisions will be final.
8. Prize money will be awarded at the show. Special awards will be announced at a later date.
9. No entry may be removed before 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The committee will not be held responsible for exhibits left after 3:00 pm.
10. The committee, while taking all reasonable precautions, cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

PRIZES

1st Place: \$3.00 2nd Place: \$2.00 3rd Place: \$1.00.

People's Choice Award

Mill Bay Garden Club Perpetual Plaque

Presented at a later date to the MBGC member with highest aggregate total (1st – 3 pt, 2nd – 2 pt, 3rd – 1 pt).

(The plaque must be returned before Oct 31st 2026 so that it can be displayed in the Mill Bay Community Hall).

Welcome to Mill Bay Garden Club's

77th COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW!

This show brings together the communities of South Cowichan to celebrate our common love of gardening. The show was established shortly after the end of WWII.

Everyone is welcome to enter their flowers and garden products in the show. This guide sets out the classes in which you can compete and a few simple rules for entries.

Entries are submitted the Friday before the show and judged in private that evening. The public can view the entries and winners the next day at the show, on Saturday.

Our Community Flower & Garden Show offers something for everyone. Please join us to celebrate gardening and raise funds for the charities we support in our community!

Admire the Exhibits

Award-Winning Flowers & Vegetables

Help Support Local Charities at Our Silent Auction

Wonderful Local Goods and Services
Bids open Fri. 2:00 pm, close Sat. 1:30 pm

Shop at Our Garden Market

Plant Sales, Commercial Plant Vendors and Garden Accessories
Tool and Knife Sharpening Service

Strawberry Tea

South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary

Learn More About Gardening

Talk to Our Master Gardeners

Mill Bay Garden Club

www.millbaygardenclub.com/show

Community Flower & Garden Show

Join us

Cobble Hill Hall
3550 Watson Avenue,
Cobble Hill, B.C.

Entries accepted
June 5, 2026

1:00 pm to 6:50 pm
Open to all members of the
community.

Show opens
June 6, 2026
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Adults \$2.00, Children free.

Mill Bay Garden Club

DIVISION I

All varieties should be named, if known.

*Containers will be supplied for all classes; with exception of: 16, 18, 25, 26, 34, 35 & 36.

SECTION A - Cut Flowers

1. Azalea, one truss.
2. Annual, Biennial, Perennial, three stems, e.g., Calendula, Penstemon, Lavender.
3. Clematis, three stems, flowers less than 10 cm (4") diameter.
4. Clematis, three stems, flowers more than 10 cm (4") diameter.
5. Columbine, three stems.
6. Delphinium, one spike, lateral shoots removed.
7. Foxglove, one stem, lateral shoots removed.
8. Iris, bearded, one stalk.
9. Iris, beardless, one stalk e.g., Siberian, Japanese.
10. Peony, one bloom.
11. Tree Peony, including Itoh, one bloom.
12. Lily, three stems.
13. Rose, hybrid tea, one specimen bloom.
14. Rose, old garden rose. Varieties in existence prior to 1867. One specimen bloom or one spray.
15. Rose, modern shrub. Varieties introduced into the Western World in 1867 or after. One specimen bloom or one spray. David Austin roses included.
16. Rose, selected for fragrance, one specimen bloom floating in the exhibitor's own snifter glass*.
17. Rose Collection, minimum of three different varieties in one container.
18. Rose Bowl, one fully open rose displayed floating in the exhibitor's own rose bowl*.
19. Rhododendron, one spray (a branch with individual flowers along its length. Usually smaller rhodo's).
20. Rhododendron, one truss with attached whorl. (a cluster of flowers from a single bud).
21. Sweet Pea, minimum of three stems, any colour.
22. Vine, flowering other than clematis, one stem.
23. Dogwood, one flowering branch, not to exceed 75 cm (30") in length.
24. Flowering branch, one branch, any tree or shrub not listed above, not to exceed 75 cm (30") in length.
25. Viola, 5 blooms displayed in a tray/dish* of moss. Blossoms must be smaller than 5 cm (2").

26. Pansy, 5 blooms displayed in a tray/dish* of moss. Blossoms must be larger than 5 cm (2").
27. Fern, three stems, one variety.
28. Heuchera, three leaves, one variety.
29. Hosta, three leaves, one variety. Single colour. Less than 15 cm (6"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
30. Hosta, three leaves, one variety. Variegated. Less than 15 cm (6"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
31. Hosta, three leaves, one variety. Single colour. 15 cm (6") to 30 cm (12"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base..
32. Hosta, three leaves, one variety. Variegated. 15 cm (6") to 30 cm (12"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
33. Hosta, three leaves, one variety. Over 30 cm (12"), measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
34. A collection of cut flowers displayed in exhibitor's own container*. Minimum of five varieties.
35. A collection of cut foliage displayed in exhibitor's own container*. Minimum of five varieties.
36. A collection of native flowers and/or foliage displayed in exhibitors own container*. Minimum of five varieties. Excluding protected species.

SECTION B - Containers

All entries must have been owned by exhibitor for a minimum of eight weeks.

37. Container planting in a non-traditional container.
38. Crevice or Alpine container garden. Maximum size 35 cm (14") x 35 cm (14").
39. Cactus/Succulent, Collection. Minimum of five cultivars in a single pot exhibited on a tray or all in one large container.

SECTION C - Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

40. Any pod type of vegetable, three pods, e.g., broad beans, peas.
41. Any Brassica, one head, e.g., broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower.
42. Any one lettuce.
43. Radish, six bunched, tops and roots left on.
44. Rhubarb, six stalks, tied, tops cut to 2.5 cm to 5 cm (1" to 2").
45. Collection of four named vegetables, minimum of two of each variety.
46. Any early fruit, one variety, 5 specimens.
47. Collection of five herbs, named, in a single container.

48. Any vegetable starter plant in a pot. 15 cm (6") pot max.

DIVISION II – DESIGN

The People's Choice Award will be chosen from classes 49 - 53 .

49. OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!

A flower and foliage arrangement that is a compact square or circular design creating a bold graphic look. The focus is on clear colour separations in patterns. e.g. circles, squares, spirals, etc. **Maximum width/length or diameter of 46 cm (18") square and a maximum height of 15 cm (6").** Google Biedermeier flowers if you need more info.

50. VIVACIOUS VASES

An arrangement of cut flowers and foliage in a unique vase. **Maximum width, length or diameter is 40 cm (16") and a maximum height of 56 cm (22")**

51. CRAFT AN IKEBANA DESIGN

The traditional Japanese art of flower arranging. Focus is on minimalism, asymmetry, and the use of empty space to create balance. **Maximum width and length is 36 cm (15") and a maximum height of 36 cm (15").** Google Ikebana if you need ideas.

52. FABULOUS FOLIAGE

A foliage arrangement using fresh greens only. Emphasis on textures, shapes, variation of colours. Remember, not all foliage is just green. **Maximum width, length, diameter or height is 46 cm (18")**

53. COWICHAN STILL LIFE.

Category 1. 0 TO 10 YEARS.
Category 2. 11 TO 18 YEARS.
Category 3. 18 YEARS and over.

Using a rustic looking container have fun collecting dried natural materials such as shells, pine cones, wood from the estuary or beaches etc. **Maximum length 46 cm (18"), width 25 cm (10") and a maximum height of 30 cm (12")**