



THE ST GEORGE'S GARDEN CLUB
Member of the Garden Club of America



PRESENTS

How May Your Garden Grow!

A Club Horticulture Show
May 16, 2023



At the Home of Gail Riepe
Conclusion Farm
1330 Western Run Road
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030



*All through the winter I dream of my garden. On the first warm day of spring,
I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirit's
soar." -Helen Hayes*





Timetable for exhibitors



May 16, 2023

PASSING	8:30-9:30 AM
JUDGES BREIFING	9:45 AM
JUDGING BEGINS	10:00 AM
SHOW OPENS	12:00 PM
REMOVAL OF ENTRIES	2:00 PM

Horticulture Show Committee



Horticulture Show Chairs.....Hannah Byron and Liz Pope

Club President.....Krissie Verbic

Awards.....Sana Brooks

Judging, Passing and Clerks..... Rebecca Waters

Staging and Signage.....Horticulture Committee

The *purpose of a flower show* is threefold: to set standards of artistic and horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation, photography and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and the public.

The **purpose of The Garden Club of America** is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share the advantage of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications; and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

From the Garden Club of America *Flower Show and Judging Guide*, October 2021 edition



Horticulture Guidelines

1. Please read and follow the GCA General Rules, General Information, and Timeline for Exhibitors.
2. Entries must have been owned and grown by the Exhibitor for a minimum of two months unless stated otherwise in the schedule.
3. An exhibitor may enter up to three entries per class provided each is a different species or cultivar.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own clear containers and wedging material. The Committee will have a limited number of extra bottles and wedging materials on the day of the show. Acceptable wedging materials include cotton balls, celery, natural cork, and cling wrap (preferably compostable).
5. An entry card must accompany each entry. Entry cards will be made available to members and will also be available at the show. Please try to have your cards filled out before arriving to the show. Information required on the entry card must be completed in black waterproof ink.
6. When a key card is required, please use a 4x6 white, unlined card and complete in black waterproof ink or typed.
7. The committee may at its discretion place an exhibit in a different class or subdivide classes.
8. Inquiries concerning the Horticulture classes should be directed to Horticulture Committee Chairmen, Hannah Byron 410-736-1185 or Hannahbyron@comcast.net or Liz Pope 410-435-5543 or c pope115@mac.com.





GCA Rules

1. Please carefully read and follow GCA flower show rules, general information, and division guidelines. All rules as stated in *The Garden Club of America Flower Show and Judging Guide*, July 2020 Edition, shall apply.
2. All plant material must be correctly identified with the botanical and common names, if possible. Accepted references for nomenclature are:
 - a. AHS A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants,
 - b. International Plant Names Index at www.ipni.org or www.internationalplantnames.com
 - c. Plant Systematics at www.plantsystematics.org
 - d. missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder
3. The Garden Club of America expects all exhibitors to be aware of the need to promote conservation of endangered and threatened plants. Plants collected in the wild and listed by the Maryland Natural Heritage Program may not be exhibited in any flower show sponsored by a GCA club. Cultivated plant material listed by Maryland's Natural Heritage Program may be exhibited if accompanied by a typed card stating that it has not been collected from the wild or that it was collected out-of-state and giving information concerning its cultural requirements and methods of propagation. Natural Heritage Program lists of endangered plant material will be available before and during the show from the division chairmen and are available online at <http://plants.usda.gov/threat.html>
4. Plant material showing evidence of insects or disease must be removed immediately from the exhibition area. This rule will be enforced at any time during the show, whenever the problem is identified.

Fresh plant material must be in water or conditioned in such a way as to remain in pristine form while on exhibition. An entry not maintained in show condition may have its award removed. Locally invasive plants, diseased plant material, artificial plant material, live animals (including fish), taxidermy, natural birds' nests, feathers of any kind and protected sea life, including coral, are not permitted. <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver>



Horticulture Classes



"I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers"---Claude Monet

CUT SPECIMANS Classes 1-7

One stem or branch or bloom, not to exceed 24" in length, measured from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem for all classes.



Class 1 *Blooming Branches*

One blooming stem, spike, or spray.

A. Flowering Shrubs

- i) Syringa (Lilac)
- ii) Paeonia (Peony)
- iii) Weigela (Weigela)
- iv) Rhododendron (Azalea)
- v) Viburnum (Viburnum)
- vi) Spirea (Spirea)
- vii) Other

B. Flowering Trees

- i) Chionathus (Fringe Tree)
- ii) Cornus (Dogwood)
- iii) Amelanchier (Serviceberry)
- iv) Other

Class 2 *Blooming Perennials*

One blooming stem-any foliage must be attached to the stem.

- A. Aquilegia (Columbine)
- B. Baptisia (False Indigo)
- C. Dicentra spectabilis (Bleeding Heart)
- D. Euphorbia (Euphorbia)
- E. Salvia (Sage)
- F. Other





Class 3 *Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes and Tubers*

One stem, spray or spike, any foliage must be attached to stem.

- A. Allium (Allium)
- B. Iris (Iris)
- C. Liliium (Lily)
- D. Other

Class 4 *Foliage*

- A. Hosta (Hosta)
 - a. Over 5"
 - b. Under 5"
- B. Ferns (Fern)
- C. Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)
- D. Other

Class 5 *Vines*

- A. Wisteria frutescens (Wisteria)
- B. Lonicera simpervirens (Honeysuckle)
- C. Clematis (Clematis)
- D. Other

Class 6 *Taste of Spring*

Herbs to be planted in any shaped container not to exceed 12x12. Plants must have been in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 weeks.

Class 7 *Perennial Collection*

A Collection of at least three perennials staged in individual clear glass containers. Entry card must list specimens and each specimen labeled.

Class 8 *Par Class*

An exhibit of exceptional horticultural merit, which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Horticulture Division. Entries in Par class must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of one year. Containers cannot exceed 12" diameter/diagonal.



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Club Show Awards

Best in Show

Selected from among the first-place winners.

Novice Award

May be awarded for an outstanding entry to a member who has never won 1st Place in a GCA or Club Show. Novice entries placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd are eligible for this award.

Judges' Commendation(s)

May be given to an entry, class, section, special exhibit or other aspect of the show that is of exceptional merit. Other awards may be created at the Committee's discretion.

