

“Let Freedom Ring: Celebrating 250 Years”

An NGC, Inc. Standard Flower Show

Presented by
Olathe Garden and Civic Club



At
Olathe Downtown Library
206 E. Santa Fe St., Olathe, KS 66061

On
September 11 and 12, 2026
Show open from 1:30pm to 5:30pm Friday and 10am to 4pm Saturday
Open and Free to Public

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Thanks to all who participated in the success of this flower show!

GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOW

These rules apply to the entire show.

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), *July 2024 Edition*, with any revisions or corrections listed on the NGC Website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule which is The Law of The Show.
2. Any amateur gardener or designer may enter exhibits in each Division of the Flower Show.
3. Entries will be received from **5pm to 7pm** on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, and from **9am to 10am** on Friday, September 11, 2026. **No entries will be received after 10am on Friday.** Entries must be placed by 11am on Friday, September 11.
4. Entry cards are available from Andrea Frazee (785-410-2455).
5. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out entry cards in advance (typed, in water-proof ink, with labels or in pencil).
6. Dismantling will begin at 4pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026, and conclude by 5pm that day. Be at the Olathe Downtown Library promptly at 4pm to pick up your entries (not before 4pm!).
7. Time judging will begin at 11:30am on Friday, September 11, 2026. Visitors may not view the show until judging is complete.
8. The Classification Chair checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility. (Pg.24)
9. The Flower Show Chair and the Classification Chair are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging. (Pg.25)
10. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. (Pg.25)
11. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material; no artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division. (Pg.25)
12. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division. (Pg.25)
13. The Olathe Garden and Civic Club will strive to ensure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits. (Pg. 25)
14. The following are not permitted: any part(s) of plants on the Kansas list of rare species (<https://biosurvey.ku.edu/rare-plants-and-animals>), as well as preserved, stuffed, or taxidermy birds, butterflies, insects, fish, or animals.
15. Items entered will be judged according to the appropriate scale of points in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), *July 2024 Edition*, pages 129 – 131.

AWARDS

THE NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING

The NGC Standard System of Awarding (HB pg. 5) is used in all Divisions.

- Only one (1) first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.
- Only one (1) second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.
- Only one (1) third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.
- One (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

NGC TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Horticulture:

Division Award:

Award of Horticultural Excellence (HB Pg. 40). This award is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner; scoring 95 or above, correctly named, in the entire Horticulture Division. It is a rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.

Section Awards:

Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41). This award is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winners, scoring 95 or above in Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, & I of the Horticulture Division. It is a rosette of orange ribbons.

Grower's Choice Award (HB Pg. 41). This award is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winners, scoring 95 or above in Section H of the Horticulture Division. It is a rosette of dark green ribbons.

Arboreal Award (HB pg. 41). This award is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner; scoring 95 or above in Section G of the Horticultural Division. It is a rosette of green ribbons.

Design:

Division Award:

Award of Design Excellence (HB Pg. 42) This award is offered to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division, provided all general and award requirements are met. It is a rosette of gold ribbons.

Section Awards:

Petite Award (HB Pg. 43). This award is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner; scoring 95 or above, correctly named, in the Design Division, Section B. It is a small rosette of blue and white ribbons.

Club Awards:

Rita Reinfelds' Traveling Horticulture Trophy – This award is offered to the Olathe Garden and Civic club member earning the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division. Ties will be broken by counting red, yellow, and white ribbons as necessary. It is a trophy.

Sweepstakes Award (HB pg. 46). This award is offered to the exhibitor (non club members included) earning the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division. Ties will be broken by counting red, yellow, and white ribbons as necessary. It is a rosette of green and white ribbons.

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

“Growing Together for 250 Years”

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in The Horticulture Division. (Pg. 27)
2. The rules for single species, cut or container-grown specimens are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement, *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*. (Pg. 27)
3. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the Exhibitor must identify his/her entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.” (Consult *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Exhibiting in The Horticulture Division, Chapter 6.) (Pg. 27)
4. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance. Refer to the *HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS*, CHAPTER 6, for a correctly filled out entry card.” (Pg. 57) Entry cards are available from Andrea Frazee (785-410-2455).
5. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*. (Pg. 27)
6. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower but, should be exhibited as foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves. (Pg. 27)
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the ‘Any Other Worthy’ class. (Pg. 27)
8. The Classification Committee is free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics. (Pg. 27)
9. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*. (Pg. 27)
10. Exhibitors are to furnish clean, transparent, glass containers for entries. Unobtrusive wedging allowed. (Pg. 56)
11. Double-potting is allowed. Inner pot must not be visible. (Pg. 58)

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

Section A: Flowering Annuals “Flowers and Freedom”
Cut specimen, one stem.

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 1	<i>Begonia semperflorens</i>
Class 2	<i>Celosia</i> – Cockscomb 3a small 3b large
Class 3	<i>Cosmos</i> 4a orange 4b other

Class 4	<i>Geranium</i>
Class 5	<i>Helianthus annuus</i> - Sunflower
Class 6	<i>Impatiens</i>
Class 7	<i>Lantana</i>
Class 8	<i>Petunia</i> 8a purple 8b other
Class 9	<i>Tagetes</i> – Marigold 9a small (less than 2") 9b large (greater than 2")
Class 10	<i>Zinnia</i> 10a small (less than 2") 10b large (greater than 2")
Class 11	Any other worthy named specimen 11a single bloom small 11b single bloom large 11c multi-bloom small 11d multi-bloom large

Section B: Flowering Perennials "Planting the Seeds of Independence"
Cut specimen, one stem.

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 12	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> - Mums
Class 13	<i>Echinacea</i> - Coneflower
Class 14	<i>Gaillardia</i> - Blanket Flower
Class 15	<i>Phlox</i>
Class 16	<i>Rudbeckia</i> – Black-eyed Susan
Class 17	<i>Sedum</i>
Class 18	Any other worthy named specimen 18a single bloom 18b multi-bloom

Section C: Roses “Petals That Shaped America”

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 19	Hybrid Tea	Stem
Class 20	<i>Floribunda</i>	Stem
Class 21	<i>Grandiflora</i>	Stem
Class 22	Miniature	Spray
Class 23	Any other worthy named specimen	Stem
Class 24	Any other worthy named specimen	Spray

Section D: Herbs “Patriotic Pathways to Health”

Cut specimen, one stem. Less than 6” long.

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 25	Basil
Class 26	Dill
Class 27	Lavender
Class 28	<i>Mentha</i> (Mint)
Class 29	<i>Origanum</i> (Oregano)
Class 30	Rosemary
Class 31	Sage
Class 32	<i>Thymus</i> (Thyme)
Class 33	Any other worthy named specimen

Section E: Flowering Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes “A Country Rooted in Resilience”
Cut specimen, one stem.

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 34	Canna
Class 35	Dahlia – Add colors as well 35a - under 3.5” 35b - 3.5 to 5” 35c - 5 to 7” 35d – 7” and above ----- 1 – white 2 – red/pink/burgundy 3 – yellow/orange 4 – purple 5 - other
Class 36	<i>Gladiolus</i>
Class 37	Any other worthy named specimen

Section F: Ornamental Foliage “Stars, Stripes, and Stems”
Cut specimen, one stem.

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 38	Begonia
Class 39	<i>Caladium</i>
Class 40	<i>Coleus</i> 40a – green 40b – mixed light 40c – mixed dark
Class 41	<i>Colocasia</i> (Elephant Ear)
Class 42	<i>Hosta</i>
Class 43	Ornamental Grass
Class 44	Any other worthy named specimen 44a – small 44b – medium 44c - large

Section G: Arboreal “Trees of Liberty”

Cut specimen, one stem. Limit to 12” in any dimension

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Class 45	Hydrangea 45a – small bloom under 2” 45b – large bloom over 2”
Class 46	Flowering shrubs 46a – small bloom under 2” 46b – large bloom over 2”
Class 47	Flowering tree

Section H: Container Grown Plants “A Creative Salute to 1776”

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award (HB Pg. 41).

All potted plants must be in a clean container of 8” diameter or less. No plant stands allowed but clean inverted pots may be used to elevate trailing plants. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must be visible. Plants cannot be more than 20” tall. No cacti are allowed. No accessories are allowed.

Class 48	African Violet
Class 49	Begonias
Class 50	Fern
Class 51	Succulent 51a - small (under 8" height) 51b - large (over 8" height) 51c - aloe
Class 52	Any other worthy named container plant

Section I: Vegetables “Harvesting 250 Years of Growth”

Eligible for Award of Merit (HB Pg. 41).

Class 53	Beans - green	5 Specimens
Class 54	Beets	1 Specimen
Class 55	Carrots	1 Specimen
Class 56	Cucumber	1 Specimen
Class 57	Eggplant	1 Specimen

Class 58	Okra	5 Specimens
Class 59	Onions	1 Specimen
Class 60	Peppers 60a – small sweet 60b – large sweet 60c – small hot 60d – large hot	Small - 3 Specimens Large – 2 specimens
Class 61	Tomatoes 61a – small 61b – cherry 61c – Roma 61d - large	Small and cherry – 5 specimens Roma – 3 specimens Large - 1 Specimen
Class 62	Any other worthy named vegetable	1 Specimen

DIVISION II DESIGN

“Designing the American Dream”

DESIGN RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines. (Pg. 28)
2. Advance registration with the Show Chair is required by August 15, 2026 (Cheryl Graan 913-475-0768).
3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7. (Pgs. 80-81)
4. Plant material used in a design must be listed on a 3 x 5 card placed beside the exhibit. Botanical and/or common name is acceptable in design. (Pgs. 29 and 80)
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated descriptions and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class. (Pg. 29)
6. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7. (Pg. 29)
7. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show. (Pg. 137)
8. Scale of Points for all Designs is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*. Chapter 14.
9. Painting, flocking, glittering or dyeing of fresh plant material in any manner is NOT permitted.
10. Artificial flowers, foliage, fruits and vegetables are NOT permitted.
11. The American flag and other national flags are NOT permitted.
12. Living members of the animal kingdom and/or taxidermal representations are NOT permitted.

Section A Design “A Blossoming Nation” Each class is limited to 6 entries.

Class 1 “250 Years of Creativity” Designer’s Choice (Fresh and/or dry plant material) A creative Line Mass design (triangular, horizontal, vertical, or S-curve) where the line is dominate and additional plant material and/or other optional components are included to add strength and depth to the design. A three-dimensional trifold 28” high and 22” wide will be provided. Accessories are permitted.

Class 2 “From Sea to Shining Sea” An underwater design to be viewed from the front only. Clear class container not to exceed 10” in any dimension. Design must be completely submerged in water.

Class 3 “Red, White, and Bloom” A tray exhibit for functional service of food (choices of plates, beverage containers, napkins, serving pieces, candles in proper scale can be included but no flatware) for one, with a design. Exhibitor must provide the tray. Trays cannot exceed 20” in any dimension.

Section B Petites “Honoring our Nation’s Journey” Accessories are permitted.
Eligible for Petite Award

Class 4 “Happy Trails” A creative cascade design that is not over 8” in any dimension. A design with an emphasis on a downward rhythmic movement. The design can contain fresh and/or dry material.

Class 5 “Paint the Town Red” A creative design of the designer’s choice that is not over 8” in any dimension. The design can contain fresh and/or dry material of various shades of red. Green leaves are permitted in the design.

Class 6 “Celebrating Freedom in Patriotic Colors” A creative design of the designer’s choice that is not over 5” in any dimension. The design can contain fresh and/or dry material using red, white, and blue keeping the nation’s birthday in mind. Green leaves are permitted in the design.

DIVISION III BOTANICAL ARTS

“Art Inspired by Liberty”

BOTANICAL ARTS RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10, Botanical Arts, NGC Policies and Guidelines. (Pg. 91)
2. All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Crafts exhibits must contain some plant material.
3. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
4. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography are listed in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.
5. The rules for Botanical Arts Horticulture are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10. (Pgs. 91-93)
6. The General Guidelines for all Designs apply as printed in Chapter 7 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, including a card (specify size and type of card) provided by the exhibitor listing all plant material used in the design. (Pgs. 93-94)
7. The rules for Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10” (Pgs. 94-95)
8. The American flag and other national flags are NOT permitted.
9. Living members of the animal kingdom and/or taxidermal representations are NOT permitted.

Section A Horticulture “Symbols of Freedom” Each class is limited to 6 entries.

Class 1 “Dreaming of Freedom” Container-grown Miniature Gardens (Fresh and/or dry plant material) A miniature landscape/scene such as a fairy garden or succulent garden. All types of accessories are permitted. Flags are not permitted. Some live plant materials

must be included. Containers must be less than 15" in diameter. Height must be less than 24 inches.

Section B Artistic Crafts "Crafting the American Story" Each class is limited to 6 entries.

Class 1 "Winds of Freedom" Hair accessory that is ready-to-wear. Non-plant material may be used for construction, but must not show.

Class 2 "Patriotic Perches" Decorated bird house for your favorite bird. Must be less than 8 inches in any dimension. Fresh and dried material is allowed.

Class 3 "Handmade Heritage" Decorated Box Lunch for one person. Must be less than 8 inches in any dimension. Fresh and dried material is allowed.