



Southern Charm

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Presented by the Shenandoah District
Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Open & Free to the Public

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GENERAL RULES

1. This Small Standard Flower Show conforms to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The standards are in the *Handbook for Flower Show* (HB) 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* (TNG) and online at the NGC website. The Schedule is the law of the Show, and the HB is the final authority.
2. Open to any VFGC members.
3. Entry cards are available before and on October 10, 2024, or by calling the Entries Chairman or from the General Chairman as follows:

Design Entry Chairman	Val Story	540-272-0925
Horticulture Entry Chairman	Heidi Sage	540-948-3778
General Chairman	Pat Carswell	540-222-3948
4. Entry Cards are to be filled out in advance (Typed, or in waterproof ink, or in pencil. Address labels may be used).
5. Exhibitors are required to bring a list of all plant material with the required entry card information on October 10, 2024.
6. Entries will be received on October 10, 2024, from 8:00 to 9:30 AM.
7. Entries must be removed between 2:00-3:00 PM on October 10, 2024.
8. Judging will begin at 9:45 AM on October 10, 2024.
9. The Classification Chairmen for each division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
10. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
11. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
12. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
13. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division.
14. The Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
15. Plants listed on the Virginia Conservation List of Native Plants Needing Protection in Virginia may only be used in the Special Exhibits Division if obtained in a legal manner and labeled with botanical and common names; if used in the Horticulture Division, the plant must have been grown by the exhibitor and labeled accordingly; if used in the Design Division, the plant must have been grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner. The List of Plants on the Conservation List is available on the VFGC Website.

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Awards

The NGC Standard System of Awarding (HB p.5) is used in all divisions.

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

Horticulture Awards, Division I:

- a. Award of Horticulture Excellence is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the Horticulture Division, Sections A - C. Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.
- b. Award of Merit will be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, correctly named exhibit in the Herbs Section, Section A. Rosette of orange ribbons.
- c. Arboreal Award will be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, correctly named exhibit in the Needled Evergreen Branches Section, Section B. Rosette of green ribbons.
- d. The Grower's Choice Award will be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, correctly named exhibit in the Succulents Section, Section C. Rosette of dark green ribbons.

Design Awards, Division II:

- a. Award of Design Excellence is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit, scoring 95 or above, entered by an individual in the entire Design Division. Rosette of Gold Ribbons.

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DIVISION I HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
2. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows or its supplement Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.
3. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.
4. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance, if possible, with waterproof ink, labels, or pencil.
5. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for Gladiolus.
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 plant if they are grown for their leaves.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy Class.'
8. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
9. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows.
10. Horticulture containers must be furnished by the exhibitor and should be clear glass.
11. Wedging must be furnished by the exhibitor and should be clear plastic wrap or bubble wrap.
12. Exhibitors are limited to 5 entries in the Horticulture Division.

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HORTICULTURE SECTIONS & CLASSES **DIVISION I – “A Garden is Southern Charm at its Best”**

Section A – Herbs – “Whatever Suits Your Fancy”

“Perfumes are the feelings of flowers.”

Single, cut stem, less than 18”. Eligible for the Award of Merit.

- Class 1. *Lavandula*, Lavender
- Class 2. *Mentha*, Mint
- Class 3. *Salvia*, Sage
- Class 4. *Thymus*, Thyme
- Class 5. Any other correctly named Herb

Section B – Needled Evergreen Branches – “Well, I Declare”

“He who plants a tree, plants hope.”

One cut stem only, maximum length 30”. May be staged in a clear glass bottle or laid flat on the table. Eligible for the Arboreal Award.

- Class 6. *Cedar*, Cedar
- Class 7. *Cryptomeria*
- Class 8. *Picea*, Spruce
- Class 9. *Pinus*, Pine
- Class 10. Any other correctly named needled evergreen branch

Section C – House Plants – “Pretty As A Peach”

“Where beauty grows.”

Pot size no larger than 10” in diameter, single plants only. Plants may be double potted if unobtrusive. No top dressing, such as moss, rocks, etc. allowed. Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award.

- Class 11. Flowering House Plant
- Class 12. Foliage (non-flowering)
- Class 13. Succulents



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DIVISION II – 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, pp.79-80.
 - a. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. This includes fresh and/or dried plant material.
 - b. Exhibitor may enter one or more designs in this Flower Show, but only one per class.
 - c. The exhibit entered into competition must be the work of one exhibitor, and the exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card; common exceptions are Club Competition and Companion Design Classes.
 - d. If the designer is unable to fulfill an assignment it is the designer's responsibility to provide a substitute.
 - e. If the designer is unavailable to transport and/or set up the completed design, a substitute may enter the exhibit for the designer. The designer may receive exhibiting credit if needed. (Permitted only for completed designs.)
 - f. A single flower is not a design. Container grown plants are fresh plant material and are permitted in the Design Division where appropriate but are never considered a floral design are not considered acceptable in the Design Division.
 - g. Landscapes, scenes, or anything representing an actual item of clothing, person, animal etc. are not considered acceptable in the Design Division.
 - h. Religious symbols used in a design must be displayed in a respectful manner.
 - i. When design techniques are required, they must be listed on a card.
2. Advanced registration with the Design Chairman, Val Story, is required by October 1, 2024.
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, pp.80-81.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a 3" x 5" card, provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry tag.
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type named in the class.
6. Rules for *Design Types*, *Advanced Design Types*, *Table Designs* and *Table Appointments* are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7.
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.
8. The Scale of Points for all Designs is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, p.130.
9. A novice designer is defined as one who has never won a blue ribbon in an NGC Flower Show.

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DIVISION II – DESIGN SECTIONS & CLASSES **“Sweet Tea, It’s A Southern Thing”**

Section A – “Southernisms”

Eligible for the Designer’s Choice Award with a score of 95 or above. Fresh and/or dried materials allowed in Classes 2 and 3.

Class 1. “If I Had My Druthers”

Angular design using all dried materials. Design to be staged on a table draped with a hunter green cloth. Allowed dimensions are 40” H x 30” W x 20” D. Staging panel and underlay required and provided by designer.

Class 2. “That’s All Cattywampus”

Multi-rhythmic design to be staged on a table with a hunter green cloth. Allowed dimensions are 40” H x 30” W x 20” D. Staging panel and underlay required and provided by designer.

Class 3. “Bless Your Heart”

CLASS OPEN TO NOVICES ONLY. Creative Line Design to be staged on a table with a hunter green cloth. Allowed dimensions are 40” H x 30” W x 20” D. Staging panel and underlay required and provided by designer.



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DIVISION III — EDUCATION

Education Division Rules

1. Education Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an Education Exhibit.
2. Names of exhibitors may appear in the schedule only if the exhibits are not being judged.
3. The Educational Top Exhibitor Award is being offered. The exhibit must be eighteen square feet of surface area.
4. Some plant material is encouraged but not mandatory.
5. The Education Exhibits will be placed on tables covered with a hunter green tablecloth. Staging panel or niche must be used and provided by the exhibitor.
6. Advanced registration is required by September 15, 2024. Description of the exhibit is to be submitted by exhibitor.
7. Scales of Points for Education Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, p.130.

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DIVISION III — EDUCATION

“What in Tarnation?”

Section A. The Education Exhibits are eligible for Educational Top Exhibit Award. Rosette of brown and white ribbons.

Exhibit 1. “*Pruning Hydrangeas—Mystery Solved*”

The exhibit will show how the varieties of hydrangea are pruned and at what time of year.

Exhibit 2. “*Garden Club and Social Media*”

The exhibit will provide resources available in social media for clubs and districts to broaden their own knowledge and share information with members and the community on what they are doing, gardening tips and sources of information on membership and activities.

