

District VIII
of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP)
Presents

Sharing Our Gardens

A National Garden Club, Inc.
Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Free and Open to the Public

1:30 – 2:30pm

The Harborcreek Social Hall

7275 Buffalo Rd. Harborcreek, PA 16421

District VIII - GCFP is a member of
The Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs
And National Garden Club, Inc.

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General Rules

1. Any member of a garden club or a guest of a garden club member may enter.
2. Entry cards will be available from District VIII Garden Club Presidents and the morning of the show.
3. Entries will be taken Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 8 am to 10:00 am.
4. Judging will begin at 10:30 am.
5. Exhibits must be removed by 3:30 pm September 12, 2019.
6. The Horticulture Classification Chairman will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging.
Final determination for conformance is the judging panel's responsibility.
7. The General Chairman and the Horticulture Classification Chairman will be available during judging for possible consultations. They, the judges, and the clerks are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
8. The decisions of the judges are final.
9. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
10. Fresh plant material is emphasized. NO artificial plant material is permitted.
11. The District VIII members will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
12. Pennsylvania prohibits the use of any invasive and noxious plants and those on its conservation list.

Horticulture Rules

1. All exhibits must be FRESH. Dried and preserved specimens may be entered in the Botanical Arts – Horticulture Division.
2. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc., that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
4. Only foliage and/or flowers naturally grown and still attached to the specimen are permitted.
Unattached foliage is never included with a cut bloom specimen.
5. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor the appropriate number of days listed:
6 weeks - Combination plantings (except troughs).
90 days - Annuals, Bulbs, Houseplants, Container Grown Plants, Perennials (Herbaceous), Vegetables and Fruits (no minimum for early maturing crops).
6 months – Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals)
6. 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*.
7. 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. Common name may also be added.
8. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible in pencil or waterproof pen to avoid water damage.
9. Cut specimens should NOT have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.
10. 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.

Horticulture Rules (Continued)

11. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” class.
12. 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.
13. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.
14. The exhibitor will furnish their own CLEAR (not colored), clean container.
15. Wedging, a small inconspicuous “plug” in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen, is permitted. Plastic wedging will be provided by the committee.
16. Larger specimens requiring heavier containers may be weighted with colorless glass marbles. The stem must still be visible.
17. Container-grown specimens should be centered in containers except for sympodial orchids and succulents with pups or self-multiples. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
18. Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, poultry grit, pea gravel, etc., can be used in container-grown specimens and combination plantings.

Education Division Rules

1. Education Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet surface area.
3. Exhibitor is to provide appropriate and adequate table covering.
4. Exhibits are encouraged to include plant material. Dried or treated plant material is allowed. NO artificial plant material is permitted.
5. The Scale of Points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.

Botanical Arts – Horticulture Division Rules

1. All Botanical Arts Horticulture exhibits must contain some plant material.
2. All Exhibits must be correctly named by the binomial or currently accepted scientific designation.
3. NO artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
4. All sections are eligible for the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award.
5. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts Horticulture is listed in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

I. Horticulture Division
“Come Through Our Garden Gates”
Eligible for the Award of Horticulture Excellence

Section A. Annuals

“Our Familiar Friends”

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1. <i>Antirrhinum majus</i> – Snapdragon	1 stem
Class 2. <i>Helianthus</i> – Sunflower	1 stem
Class 3. <i>Pelargonium</i> – Geranium	1 stem
Class 4. <i>Petunia x hybrid</i>	1 stem
Class 5. <i>Tagetes</i> – Marigold	1 spray
Class 6. <i>Salvia</i>	1 stem
Class 7. <i>Zinnia</i>	1 stem
Class 8. Any Other Worthy Specimen	1 stem

Section B. Perennials

“Our Returning Reminders”

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1. <i>Asclepias</i>	1 stem
Class 2. <i>Aster</i>	1 stem
Class 3. <i>Chrysanthemum</i>	1 stem
Class 4. <i>Echinacea</i> – Coneflower	1 stem
Class 5. <i>Monarda</i> – Bee Balm	1 stem
Class 6. <i>Rudbeckia</i> – Black-eyed Susan	1 stem
Class 7. Any Other Worthy Specimen	

Section C. Hosta

“Our Green Gifts”

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1. Small (up to 3” across), solid color	1 leaf
Class 2. Small (up to 3” across), variegated color	1 leaf
Class 3. Medium (3” to 6” across), solid color	1 leaf
Class 4. Medium (3” to 6” across), variegated color	1 leaf
Class 5. Large (greater than 6” across), solid color	1 leaf
Class 6. Large (greater than 6” across), variegated color	1 leaf
Class 7. Extra Large (greater than 8” across), solid color	1 leaf
Class 8. Extra Large (greater than 8” across), variegated color	1 leaf

Section D. Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, and Rhizomes

“Our Subterranean Souvenirs”

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1. <i>Allium</i>	1 stem
Class 2. <i>Caladium</i>	1 leaf
Class 3. <i>Canna Lily</i>	1 stem
Class 4. <i>Gladiolas</i>	1 stem
Class 5. <i>Lillium</i> - Lily	1 stem
Class 6. Any Other Worthy Specimen	1 stem

Section E. Herbs

"Our Kitchen Kind"

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1. <i>Allium</i>	3 stems
Class 2. <i>Anethum</i> – Dill	3 stems
Class 3. <i>Ocimum</i> – Sweet Basil	3 stems
Class 4. <i>Origanum</i> – Oregano	3 stems
Class 5. <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> – Parsley	3 stems
Class 6. <i>Thymus</i> – Thyme	3 stems
Class 7. Any Other Worthy Specimen	3 stems

Section F. Flowering Container-Grown Plants

"Our Favorite Windowsill Friends"

Eligible for the Grower's Choice Award

Pot size limited to 10 inches or less in diameter.

One plant/species per pot.

- Class 1. *Orchidaceae* (Orchid)
- Class 2. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet) – double
- Class 3. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet) – single
- Class 4. Any Other Worthy Specimen

Section G. Foliage Container-Grown Plants

"Our Indoor Green Gems"

Eligible for the Grower's Choice Award

Pot size limited to 10 inches in diameter. One plant/species per pot.

- Class 1. *Aglaonema* (Chinese Evergreen)
- Class 2. *Aspidistra* (Cast Iron Plant)
- Class 3. *Codiaeum* (Croton)
- Class 4. *Hedera* (Ivy)
- Class 5. *Dracaena* (Previously known as *Sansevieria*) (Snake Plant)
 - a. *Dracaena trifasciata*
- Class 6. Any Other Worthy Specimen

Section H. Arboreal

"Our Timeless Treasures"

Fresh cut branches from evergreen or deciduous shrubs or trees grown for the beauty of foliage, flowers, fruit or cones. Eligible for the Arboreal Award. Maximum length not to exceed 30" from tip of specimen to cut end. Each branch must include several nodes, an apical tip and central leader.

- Class 1. Deciduous (Foliage) 1 branch
- Class 2. Deciduous (Fruited or Flowered) 1 branch
- Class 3. Needled without cones 1 branch
- Class 4. Needled with cones 1 branch
- Class 4. Any Other Worthy Specimen 1 branch

Section I. Combination Planting

“Our Gathered Greens or Flowers”

Eligible for the Grower’s Choice Award

Pot size is limited to 10 inches or less in diameter.

Grouping of three or more botanically different plants.

Class 1. Dish Garden (Miniature landscape in shallow container)

Class 2. Planter (Indoor or outdoor container)

Class 3. Terrarium (Transparent sides, closed or open)

Section J. Vegetables

“Our Delicious Delectables”

Eligible for Award of Merit

All entries will be displayed with stems on white paper plates provided by the committee.

Large vegetables – One specimen; Medium vegetables – Three specimens; Small vegetables – ten specimens

Class 1. <i>Capsicum annuum</i> (Peppers)	Three specimens
Class 2. <i>Cucurbita moschata</i> (Butternut squash)	One specimen
Class 3. <i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (Tomato)	Three specimens
Class 4. <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> (Green beans or snap beans)	Ten specimens
Class 5. <i>Rapjanus sativus</i> (Radish)	Five specimens without foliage
Class 6. <i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> (Rhubarb)	Three loose stalks
Class 7. <i>Daucus carota subsp. sativus</i> (Carrots)	Three specimens with foliage
Class 8. <i>Cucumis salivus</i> (Cucumbers)	One specimen
Class 9. Any Other Worthy Specimen	Number of specimens as described above

II. Botanical Arts - Horticulture Division

“Come See our Garden Creativity”

Section A. Dried and Preserved Specimens

“Our Memories of Plants Gone By”

Eligible for the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award

To be displayed on a 9-inch white paper plate provided by the committee.

Class 1. Ornamental Grass inflorescence, dried or fresh	1 stem
Class 2. Evergreen cones	3 specimens
Class 3. Dried seed heads	3 specimens
Class 4. Gourds dried/preserved	
a. 12 inches or longer	1 specimen
b. Less than 12 inches	3 like specimens
c. Less than 12 inches	3 unlike specimens

Section B. Container Grown Miniature Gardens

“Our Tiny Garden Dancers”

Eligible for the Botanical Arts Horticulture Award

Class 1. Miniature Landscape

Fairy Garden in container **less than 6 inches** in diameter. All types of accessories permitted. Some fresh or live plant material must be included. Each plant specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner which easily identifies their location in the garden.

Class 2. Miniature Landscape

Fairy Garden in container not to exceed **6 - 9 inches** in diameter. All types of accessories permitted. Some fresh or live plant material must be included. Each plant specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner which easily identifies their location in the garden.

Class 3. Miniature Landscape

Fairy Garden in container **10 inches or greater** in diameter. All types of accessories permitted. Some fresh or live plant material must be included. Each plant specimen must be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner which easily identifies their location in the garden.

III. Educational Exhibits

“Our ways to share and grow our gardens”

Eligible for the Educational Award or the Pennsylvania State Educational Award

Exhibit 1. “Types of Flower Shows”

An exhibit staged on an eight-foot table provided by the Committee.

This exhibit will describe the various types of National Garden Club, Inc. Flower Shows using example Flower Show Schedules, photographs and descriptions. Scales of points and Awards may be described and illustrated.

Exhibit 2. “Our Community Garden Efforts”

An exhibit staged on an eight-foot table provided by the Committee.

Each Garden Club in District VIII of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania commits to a local beautification project. Photos and descriptions of various gardens and projects will be provided.

Awards

The National Garden Club Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.

Only one first-place(blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.

Only one second-place(red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.

Only one third-place (yellow)ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.

One or more Honorable Mention (white)ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

Division I. Awards – Horticulture:

- The Award of Horticultural Excellence is offered in Division I to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division.
- All exhibits eligible for a specified Section Award must be judged by the same Scale of Points. (See Chapter 5, page 40).
- The Award of Merit is offered in Sections A,B,C,D,E, J. (See Chapter 5, p. 41 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)
- The Grower's Choice Award is offered in Sections F,G,I. (See Chapter 5, p. 41 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)
- The Arboreal Award is offered in Section H. (See Chapter 5, p. 40 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)

Division II. Awards – Botanical Arts – Horticulture:

- The Botanical Arts Horticulture Award if offered for Sections A,B. (See Chapter 5, p. 44 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)

Division III. Awards – Educational Exhibits:

- An Educational Top Exhibitor Award is offered. (See p. 43 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)
- A Pennsylvania State Educational Award is offered to an exhibit that is clearly labeled and informative.

Additional Awards:

Flower Show Staging Award:

This award may be awarded to a Flower Show scoring 90 or more on the recommended scale of points. (P. 46 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*)

"District VIII is Great" Award:

This award has been created for this Flower Show. To be awarded to the individual with the most blue ribbons. Section Awards or second place ribbons will be counted in case of a tie.