

Celebrating Nature



An NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Presented by
The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP)
State Judges Council

At the
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General Rules and Information

This flower show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) The *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 edition with 2025 revisions* is the authority for all issues not covered by the Law of the Show.

1. Any member of the garden club or a guest of a garden club member may enter.
2. Entry cards should be provided by the exhibitor but will also be available at show site on the day of the show. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Cards may typed, written in waterproof ink or pencil, or use address labels. Please see the last page of this schedule for a sample entry card.
3. Entries will be received on Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. or Monday, October 13, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
4. Judging will begin on Monday, October 13, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
5. Exhibits must be removed by 8:00 p.m. on October 13, 2025.m
6. The Horticulture Classification Chair will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
7. The General Chair and Classification Chair for each division are available during the judging process for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the show floor during judging.
8. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
9. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. NO artificial plant material is permitted in an exhibit in any division.
10. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color" (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 14 pg. 136)
11. The GCFP State Judges Council strives to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
12. Plants on the state conservation list and invasive and noxious plants may not be entered in the Show. For further information, see also www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants.

Awards

The National Garden Club Standard System of Awarding (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, page 5) 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 (95+) 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. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 5, pg. 39)
- The Award of Merit is offered in Sections A., B., C., and D. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 5, pg. 41)
- The Grower's Choice Award is offered in Sections E. and F. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 5, pg.41)
- Arboreal Award is offered for Sections G. and H. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 5, pg.40)

Division II. Awards – Educational Exhibits

- An Educational Top Exhibitor Award is offered. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 5, pg. 43)
- A Pennsylvania State Educational Award is offered to an exhibit that is clearly labeled and informative.

Additional Award

GCFP Flower Show Staging Award

This award may be awarded to a Flower Show scoring 90 or more on the recommended scale of points. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Show*, Chap. 5, pg. 43)

Division I Horticulture

“If you love nature, you will find beauty everywhere.” – Vincent Van Gogh

Horticulture Rules

1. The exhibit policies of National Garden Club, Inc. are printed in the *2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6, pgs. 55-57.
2. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6, pgs. 58-59.
3. In order to receive a National Garden Club Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6, pg. 53)
4. All exhibits must be FRESH and have been grown by the exhibitor. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 pg. 55)
5. 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. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 pg. 55)
6. 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. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 pg. 55)
7. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor the appropriate number of days listed (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 pg. 55):
 - a. **90 days** – Annuals, Bulbs, Houseplants, Container-Grown Plants, Perennials (Herbaceous). Note: There is NO minimum for early maturing crops.
 - b. **6 months** – Arboreal (Woody Ornamentals)
8. Cut specimens should NOT have foliage below the water line, except Gladiolus. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 pg. 56)
9. 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.
10. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 6 or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
11. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy Specimen” class. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 3 pg. 27)
12. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics. (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 3 pg. 27)
13. The Scale of Points for Horticulture is located in the (*2025 Handbook for Flower Shows*) container.

14. Entry cards should be provided by the exhibitor but will also be available at show site on the day of the show. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Cards may typed, written in waterproof ink or pencil, or use address labels. Please see the last page of this schedule for a sample entry card.
15. All entries to be labeled by currently accepted binomial name, genus/specific epithet, cultivar, and variety. (*Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap.14, pg. 137)
16. The exhibitor will furnish his/her own CLEAR, COLORLESS, and CLEAN container.
17. All tables will be draped by the committee with white table cloths and skirted.
18. 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.
19. Container-grown specimens should be centered in containers except for sympodial orchids and succulents with pups or self-multiples. Double potting is (*Shows*, Chap. 6, pg. 58)
20. Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, poultry grit, pea gravel, etc., can be used in container-grown specimens and combination plantings.



Division I – Horticulture

“We can never have enough nature.” – Henry David Thoreau

Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

Section A: “Vibrant Jewels”

Flowering Annuals

“Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature.” – Gerard De Nerval

Eligible for the Award of Merit

- Class 1. *Celosia*, 1 stem, 1 cultivar
- Class 2. *Helianthus annuus* (Sunflower), 1 stem
- Class 3. *Pelargonium* (Geranium), 1 stem with foliage
- Class 4 *Petunia* (Petunia), 1 stem with foliage
- Class 5. *Salvia*, 3 spikes, 1 cultivar with foliage
- Class 6. *Tagetes* (Marigold)
 - a. Small, 3 stems, 1 cultivar
 - b. 1 large, 1 cultivar
- Class 7. *Zinnia*, 1 large or 3 small stems, 1 cultivar
- Class 8. Any other worthy annual, 1 stem

Section B: “Beautiful Dreamer”

Flowering Perennials and Biennials

“Colors are the smiles of nature.” – Leigh Host

Eligible for the Award of Merit

- Class 9. *Asteraceae* (Aster), one stem with bloom and foliage
- Class 10. *Chrysanthemum morifolium*
 - a. Anemone, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - b. Cushion, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - c. Decorative, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - d. Pompon, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - e. Quill, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - f. Single, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - g. Spider, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - h. Spoon, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
 - i. Any other worthy *Chrysanthemum*, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves unless otherwise specified
- Class 11. *Echinacea* (Coneflower), 1 stem
- Class 12. *Rudbeckia hirta* (Black-eyed Susan), 1 stem
- Class 13. *Rudbeckia triloba* (Brown-eyed Susan), 1 stem
- Class 14. *Sedum*, 1 stem
- Class 15. Any other worthy perennial or biennial in bloom, 1 stem

Section C: “La Belle Verte”
Annuals or Perennials Grown for Foliage

“Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy.” – Issac Newton
Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 16. *Caladium*, 1 leaf

Class 17. *Coleus*, 1 stem

Class 18. *Hosta*, 1 blade/leaf

- a. Mini blade-up to 6 square inches (leaf size)
- b. Small blade- 9 square inches – 14 square inches, Solid or variegated
- c. Medium blade- 15 square inches- 22 square inches, Solid or variegated
- d. Large blade- 23 square inches – 29 square inches, Solid or variegated
- e. Giant blade- 30 square inches or up, Solid or variegated

Class 19. *Pulmonaria* (Lungwort), 1 stem

Class 20. *Sedum*, 1 stem, 1 cultivar

Class 21. Any other worthy flowering perennial or biennial, 1 stem

Section D: “Autumn Joy”
Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, or Rhizomes

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” – Lady Bird Johnson
Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 22. *Anemone hupehensis* (Japanese anemone), 1 stem

Class 23. *Cannaceae* (Canna Lily), 1 stem

Class 24. *Dahlia*, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves

- a. Anemone Flowered
- b. Ball
- c. Cactus/Semi cactus
- d. Double
- e. Fimbriated
- f. Paeony
- g. Pompon, 3 stems with blooms on each
- h. Star
- i. Any other Dahlia, 1 bloom with at least one set of leaves

Class 25. Any other worthy flowering bulb, corm, tuber, or rhizome

**Section E: “Harvest Moon”
Flowering Container-Grown Plants**

**“Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better.” –
Albert Einstein**

Eligible for the Grower’s Choice Award
(Container may not exceed 10” in diameter)

- Class 26. *Begonia* (Begonia)
- Class 27. *Orchid*
- Class 28. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
- Class 29. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet)
- Class 30. Any other worthy flowering, container-grown

**Section F: “Autumn Jewels”
Foliage Container-Grown Plants**

“Nature is a gift for the soul...” – Angie Weiland-Crosby

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award
(Container may not exceed 10” in diameter)

- Class 31. *Coleus scutellarioides*
- Class 32. *Sansevieria* or *Dracaena trifasciata* (Mother-in-law’s Tongue)
- Class 33. *Epipremnum aureum* (Pothos)
- Class 34. Succulents/Cacti
- Class 35. *Tracheophyta* (Ferns)
- Class 36. Any other foliage, container-grown, named

**Section G: “Autumn Glory”
Cut Broadleaf Evergreen Branches**

“Nature does not hurry; yet everything is accomplished” – Lao Tsu

Eligible for Arboreal Award

One branch may be petite (8” or less) but no longer than 30” and including an apical tip,
central leader and several nodes

- Class 37. *Aucuba japonica*
- Class 38. *Ilex aquifolium* (English Holly)
- Class 39. *Ilex japonica* (Japanese Holly)
- Class 40. *Ilex opaca* (American Holly)
- Class 41. Any other worthy broadleaf evergreen

Section H: “Natural Beauties”
Cut Needled Evergreen Branches
“Nature is the Purest Portal to Inner Peace” – Buddha
Eligible for Arboreal Award

One branch may be petite (8” or less) but no longer than 30” and including an apical tip, central leader and several nodes

- Class 42. *Cedrus* (Cedar)
- Class 43. *Chamaecyparis* (False Cypress)
- Class 43. *Cupressus* (Cypress)
- Class 45. *Juniperus* (Juniper)
- Class 46. *Picea* (Spruce)
- Class 47. *Pinus* (Pine)
- Class 48. Any other worthy needled evergreen

Division II Educational Exhibits

“In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous.” – Aristotle

Education Division Rules

1. Educational exhibits may be the work of one individual or organization.
(*Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 8, pg. 86)
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet surface area.
(*Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chap. 8, pg. 86)
3. All tables will be draped by the committee with white table cloths and skirted
4. Exhibitor is to provide table overlays.
5. Exhibits are encouraged to include plant material. Dried or treated plant material is allowed.
6. NO artificial plant material is permitted.
7. A 3” x 5” card must be used to identify any plant material used in display.
8. The Scale of P3oints for Educational Exhibits is listed in the *2025 Handbook of Flower Shows*, Chap. 14, pg. 130.

Educational Exhibits

“Nature is the art itself.” – Nitin Nandeo

Eligible for the Educational Award or the Pennsylvania State Educational Award
(Each exhibit is staged on a four-by-eight-foot table provided by the committee.)

Exhibit 1 “You Say Tomato, I say Tomahto”

Exhibit 2 “GCFP Seed Money ‘Growing Stronger Through Involvement in Our Communities’”

HOW TO COMPLETE AN ENTRY CARD

Note: "ENTRY No." Box should be left blank

The diagram shows a sample entry card from National Garden Clubs, Inc. with several callout boxes explaining the fields:

- Section Letter:** A box labeled "Section Letter A, B, C. etc." points to the "SECTION" column in the header table.
- Class Number:** A box labeled "Class Number 1. 2. 3. etc." points to the "CLASS No." column in the header table.
- Entry Type:** A box on the left lists "I. (Horticulture) or II. (Design) or III. (Education)", with arrows pointing to the "DIVISION" and "SECTION" columns.
- Horticulture entries:** A box labeled "Horticulture entries: Binomial name of specimen" points to the "VARIETY OR CLASS NAME" field.
- Design entries:** A box labeled "Design entries: Title of class" points to the "VARIETY OR CLASS NAME" field.
- Address:** A box labeled "Address labels work well here." points to the "EXHIBITOR", "ADDRESS", and "CLUB" fields.
- Repeat information:** A box labeled "Repeat information from above." points to the second set of "EXHIBITOR", "ADDRESS", "CLUB", and header table fields.

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FLOWER SHOW	DATE		
DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.
VARIETY OR CLASS NAME			
EXHIBITOR			
ADDRESS			
CLUB			
1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
EXHIBIT SCORED 90+			
EXHIBITOR			
ADDRESS			
CLUB			
DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.
VARIETY OR CLASS NAME			



(as of September 5, 2025)