

## **DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE AWARDS**

### **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS DIVISION AWARD**

**Award of Horticultural Excellence:** Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.

One is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring correctly named blue-ribbon winner in the entire Horticulture Division.

### **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS SECTION AWARDS**

**Arboreal Award:** Rosette of green ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded to the cut arboreal exhibit which is the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section G.

**The Elfin Award:** Small Rosette of chartreuse and purple ribbons. Two are offered and may be awarded to exhibits designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries and plant societies. Specimens may be cut, container-grown or arboreal. Two are offered and may be awarded to the exhibit which is the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Sections B and H.

**Grower's Choice Award:** Rosette of dark green ribbons. Four are offered and may be awarded to the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above for container-grown plants and/or combination plantings in Sections E, F, I and J.

### **THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT - HORTICULTURE TOP AWARDS**

**The Elisabeth Swain Memorial Propagation Award:** Rosette of green and lime green ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded to an outstanding NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above, propagated by an Exhibitor in the Horticulture Division. Exhibits will be identified with a green dot on entry cards.

**The Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit:** Rosette of Turquoise and Green ribbons. Three are offered and may be awarded to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Sections A, C and D.

Advance Registration is required by **Friday, 2-16-18**

To enter, please Contact Horticulture Entries Chairman, **Cindy Marien** (203-389-8835) [cstarmien@aol.com](mailto:cstarmien@aol.com)

**Please enter any horticulture which you think may be ready at show time.**

**There is no penalty for withdrawing material that is not show ready.**

**Information to include for the computer-generated entry card which will be available upon arrival.**

Name, Address, Phone, Email, Garden Club or Plant Society, if member, Class, Section Numbers,  
Botanical and Common Names of Specimen.

**Walk-in Entries on Tuesday only. Late Entries will not be accepted.**

## **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. To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. Consult *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
4. All Entries must be fresh, grown by the exhibitor and have been in the possession of the Exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days (11-22-17) except for Combination Plantings in Section J which must have been in the Exhibitor's possession and grown together for at least six (6) weeks (1-9-17).
5. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and Horticulture Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics. Judges may recommend subdividing to the Horticulture Classification Chair.
6. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class provided each is of a different cultivar, color, or type.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy' Class.
8. 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 a foliage plant if grown for their leaves.
9. Clear bottles and wedging will be provided for cut specimens. Clean, neutral colored pots with saucers are preferred for container-grown plants. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line except for Gladiolus. Discreet double potting is allowed.
10. All Entries must be well groomed. Diseased or insect infected plant material will not be accepted. Water thoroughly before bringing entries to the show. TLC will be given to all specimens.
11. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application of oil or commercial "shine" products.
12. Section J Classes 51, 52, 53, and 54 must be accompanied by a typed or printed key card correctly identifying all plant material.
13. Horticulture Scales of Points: All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections (HB p 129); Combination Plantings and Gardens (HB p 129); Displays (HB p 130).

# DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE – FULL OF PROMISE

## **Section A - To the Point - cacti and succulents - Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit**

- Class 1. Columnar Cacti
- Class 2. Globular Cacti
- Class 3. Epiphytic Cacti
- Class 4. Anomalies-variegated, crested or monstrous cacti
- Class 5. Other Cacti
- Class 6. Aizoaceae-Mesembs, Lithops, Conophytum, etc.
- Class 7. Crassulaceae
- Class 8. Euphorbiaceae
- Class 9. Succulent Monocots-Agave, Haworthia, Sansevieria, etc.
- Class 10. Anomalies-variegated, crested or monstrous succulents
- Class 11. Other non-cacti succulents

## **Section B - Firecrackers - miniature cacti and succulents - Eligible for Elfin Award**

- Class 12. Miniature Cacti – pot less than 3"      Class 14. Miniature succulents-pot less than 3"
- Class 13. Miniature Cacti – pot more than 3"      Class 15. Miniature succulents-pot more than 3"

## **Section C - Surprise Blooms - orchids - Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit**

*May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".*

- Class 16. Cattleya
- Class 17. Cypripedium
- Class 18. Cymbidium
- Class 19. Dendrobium
- Class 20. Phalaenopsis
- Class 21. Oncidium includes Miltonia/Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum & intergeneric hybrids
- Class 22. Any other worthy

## **Section D - Buried Beauty - forced bulbs, tubers, rhizomes - Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit**



- Class 23. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)
- Class 24. Hyacinthus
- Class 25. Narcissus
- Class 26. Tulipa
- Class 27. Any other worthy (Muscari, crocus, etc.)
- Class 28. Judges Only – Hippeastrum ‘Double Record’ (distributed November,2017)
- Class 29. Judges Only – Hippeastrum ‘Luna’ (distributed November,2017)
- Class 30. Judges Only – Hippeastrum ‘Summertime’ (distributed November,2017)

## **Section E - On the Patio - container-grown foliage - Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award**

*May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".*

- Class 31. Herbs
- Class 32. Ferns
- Class 33. Begonias
- Class 34. Begonia ‘Jolly’ (distributed April,2017)
- Class 35. Begonia ‘Salsa’ (distributed April,2017)
- Class 36. Begonias ‘Spitfire’ (distributed April,2017)
- Class 37. Any other worthy

## **Section F - Repotted - container-grown flowering - Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award**

*Plants must be in fruit or flower. May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".*

- Class 38. Citrus
- Class 39. Gesneriads
- Class 40. Pelargoniums
- Class 41. Any other worthy flowering or fruited plant

## **Section G – Garden Bones - arboreals - Maximum length 30" - Eligible for Arboreal Award**

- Class 42. Broadleaf Evergreens
- Class 43. Forced or winter blooming branches
- Class 44. Needled Evergreens

## **Section H - Fluttering Foliage - dwarf or miniature arboreals - Maximum length 24" - Eligible for Elfin Award**

- Class 45. Broadleaf Evergreens
- Class 46. Forced or winter blooming branches
- Class 47. Needled Evergreens

## **Section I - Kings of the Hill - container-grown heritage plants - Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award**

- Class 48. Plants 5-10 years old.
- Class 49. Plants 11-20 years old
- Class 50. Plants over 20 years old

## **Section J - Ducklings and Dogwoods - combination planters - Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award**

*Key card (minimum 4" x 6") with plant ID must accompany entry.*

- Class 51. Dish Garden
- Class 52. Planter
- Class 53. Terrarium
- Class 54. Trough