

# General Rules

This flower show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB) 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener Magazine* (TNG), is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule which is the Law of the Show. All Page numbers refer to pages in *The Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB) 2017 Edition.

**NGC Flower Shows require an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any Exhibit in any Division.**

**PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ENTRIES:** Procedures are stated in the specific Division rules.  
**Computer-generated entry cards for Entries in every Division will be available upon arrival.**

**AWARDS:** Please refer to Table of Contents. The List of awards for each Division is available within the specific Division.

**MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS:** National Garden Clubs has Garden Clubs in every State. Garden Club Members whose Clubs belong to The Federated Garden Clubs of CT (FGCCT) or other State Garden Clubs with an affiliation to National Garden Clubs **are** members of NGC. Therefore: Designs or Photographs being entered cannot have been previously entered or judged in an NGC Flower Show which includes FGCCT Flower Shows judged by NGC Judges. All NGC Flower Shows are judged by NGC Judges. All NGC Flower Shows state on the cover page that the Show is an NGC Show. Please see HB p137 (7.F.)

## **WHO MAY ENTER:**

- The Horticulture Division is open to Members of NGC and amateur gardeners.  
In the Horticulture Division, Exhibitors may make more than one entry per Class provided each is of a different cultivar, color, or type.
- The Design Division is open to Members of NGC.
- The Education Division is open to Members of NGC. This Division is also open by invitation to Plant Societies and Educational Institutions.
- The Artistic Crafts Section and the Photography Section of The Botanical Arts Division are open to Members of NGC.

## **ENTRIES:**

- **Accepted in All Divisions:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 12-7pm & Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 8-10am
- **Entries Removed:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 between 5-6pm
- Sunday access to the Loading Dock is after 5pm. Before then, Exhibitors must park in the CT Convention Center Parking Garage.
- The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, the CT Convention Center, and North East Expos, Inc. will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but are not responsible for any loss or damage to Exhibits. Label items with name/phone. Be prompt in picking up.

**JUDGING IN ALL DIVISIONS:** 1pm on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Judges Clerks will assist Judges from 1-4pm

- The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if the Exhibit does not meet the point value for the ribbon.
- Allowed on the floor during judging: General Chairman, Horticulture Coordinator, Design Coordinator, Horticulture Entries Chairman, Judges, Judges Chairman, Clerks, Clerks Chairman, Awards Chairman, Horticulture Classification Chairman, Design Classification Chairmen, Education Chairman, Photography Chairman, Photography Judges & Clerks Chairman, and Photography Judges and Clerks.
- The Classification Chairman for each Division: checks Exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging with final determination for conformance being the responsibility of the Judges.

**POLICY ON USE of NATIVE and INVASIVE PLANTS:** Plant Material listed on the following websites is prohibited in any Division.

- (1) Connecticut Invasive Plant List:  
<https://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2014/12/CT-Invasive-Plant-List-2014Scientific-Name.pdf>
- (2) Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Plants in CT:  
[www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323482&deepNav\\_GID=1628](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323482&deepNav_GID=1628)

The NGC Standard System of Awarding 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.  
Additional NGC Top Exhibitor Awards may be offered in each Division.  
One (1) or more Section Awards may be offered but only one (1) Section Award per Section.

## 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 I.

**The Elfin Award:** Small Rosette of chartreuse and purple ribbons. 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. Three are offered and may be awarded to the exhibit which is the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Sections C, H, and J.

**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 F, G, K, and M.

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

**The Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit:** Rosette of turquoise and green ribbons. Four are offered and may be awarded to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Sections A, B, D, E, and L.

**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.

## Division I- Horticulture Rules

Advance Registration is required by **Friday, 2-15-19.**

To enter, please Contact Horticulture Entries Chairman, **Jessica Fischer** (203-272-8315) [hortentries@gmail.com](mailto:hortentries@gmail.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.**

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, HB pp55-62.
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 HB pp53-54.
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 (11-21-18) with the following exceptions. Please see chart HB p55.
  - a) Combination Plantings in Section M must have been in the Exhibitor's possession and grown together for at least six (6) weeks (1-8-19).
  - b) Troughs in Class 65 must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for 6 months.
5. Arboreal-woody ornamental-specimens in Sections I and J must have been in the Exhibitor's possession for 6 months.
6. 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.
7. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class provided each is of a different cultivar, color, or type.
8. **Grafted Cacti and trained plants (topiary and espalier) will not be accepted due to new NGC Flower Show Rules.**
9. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the "Any Other Worthy" Class.
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 a foliage plant if grown for their leaves. Unattached foliage is never included with a cut bloom specimen. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line except for Gladiolus.
11. Clear bottles and wedging will be provided for cut specimens. Clean, neutral colored pots with saucers are preferred for container-grown plants. Discreet double potting is allowed.
12. 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.
13. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application of oil or commercial "shine" products.
14. Section M Classes 62, 63, 64, and 65 must be accompanied by a typed or printed key card correctly identifying all plant material.
15. Horticulture Scales of Points: All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections HB p129; Combination Plantings and Gardens HB p129; Displays HB p130.

# Horticulture Division - Chestnuts in Blossom

## **Section A - JARDIN DES TUILERIES: CACTI**

Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit

- Class 1. Columnar Cacti
- Class 2. Globular Cacti
- Class 3. Epiphytic Cacti
- Class 4. Anomalies-Variiegated, Crested or Monstrous Cacti
- Class 5. Any Other Worthy

## **Section B - BOIS DE BOULOGNE: SUCCULENTS**

Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit

- Class 6. Aizoaceae-Mesembs, Lithops, Conophytum
- Class 7. Crassulaceae
- Class 8. Euphorbiaceae
- Class 9. Succulent Monocots
  - a. Agave
  - b. Aloe
  - c. Haworthia
  - d. Sansevieria
- Class 10. Tillandsia
- Class 11. Anomalies-Variiegated, Crested or Monstrous Succulents
- Class 12. Any Other Worthy

## **Section C - CHAMP-de-MARS:**

### **MINIATURE CACTI & SUCCULENTS**

Eligible for Elfin Award

- Class 13. Miniature Cacti - Pot less than 3"
- Class 14. Miniature Cacti - Pot more than 3"
- Class 15. Miniature Succulents - Pot less than 3"
- Class 16. Miniature Succulents - Pot more than 3"

## **Section D - JARDIN des CHAMPS-ELYSEES: ORCHIDS**

Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit

- Class 17. Cattleya: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 18. Cypripedium: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 19. Cymbidium: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 20. Dendrobium: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 21. Phalaenopsis: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 22. Oncidium includes Miltonia/Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum & intergeneric hybrids a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 23. Any Other Worthy

## **Section E - PARC MONCEAU:**

### **FORCED BULBS, TUBERS, RHIZOMES**

Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit

- Class 24. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)
- Class 25. Hyacinthus
- Class 26. Narcissi
- Class 27. Tulipa
- Class 28. Any Other Worthy (Muscaris, crocus, etc.)

## **Section F - PARC des BUTTES CHAUMONT:**

### **CONTAINER GROWN-FOLIAGE**

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 29. Begonias a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 30. Ferns a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 31. Herbs a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 32. Ivy a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 33. Any Other Worthy

## **Section G - JARDIN des PLANTES:**

### **CONTAINER GROWN-FLOWERING**

Plants must be in fruit or flower.

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 34. Citrus
- Class 35. Gesneriads: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 36. Pelargoniums: a. Pot less than 6" b. Pot more than 6"
- Class 37. Any Other Worthy

## **Section H - BOIS DE VINCENNES:**

### **DWARF OR MINIATURE PLANTS**

Eligible for Elfin Award

- Class 38. Begonia
- Class 39. Gesneriads
- Class 40. Ivy
- Class 41. Orchids
- Class 42. Any Other Worthy

## **Section I - PARC DES BUTTES-CHAUMONT:**

### **ARBOREALS**

Maximum length is 30" from cut end to Apical Tip  
Several Nodes and the central leader must be included

Eligible for Arboreal Award

- Class 43. Broadleaf Evergreens
  - a. Buxus
  - b. Ilex
  - c. Rhododendron
  - d. Any Other Worthy
- Class 44. Chamaecyparis
- Class 45. Juniperus
- Class 46. Picea
- Class 47. Pinus
- Class 48. Thuja
- Class 49. Tsuga
- Class 50. Any Other Needled Evergreen
- Class 51. Forced or Winter Blooming Branches
  - a. Forsythia
  - b. Hamamelis
  - c. Any Other Worthy

## **Section J - JARDIN DU PALAIS ROYAL:**

### **DWARF OR MINIATURE ARBOREALS**

Maximum length is 18" from cut end to Apical Tip  
Several Nodes must be included

Eligible for Elfin Award

- Class 52. Broadleaf Evergreens
- Class 53. Needled Evergreens
  - a. Chamaecyparis
  - b. Juniperus
  - c. Any Other Worthy
- Class 54. Forced or Winter Blooming Branches

## **Section K - PARC MONTSOURIS:**

### **HERITAGE PLANTS**

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 55. Plants 5-10 years old
- Class 56. Plants 11-20 years old
- Class 57. Plants over 20 years old

## **Section L - THE TROCADERO GARDENS:**

### **JUDGES' CHALLENGE**

Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit

Bulbs distributed in November 2018.

- Class 58. Judges Only - Hippeastrum 'Terra Mystica'
- Class 59. Judges Only - Hippeastrum 'Sunshine Nymph'
- Class 60. Judges Only - Hyacinth 'Blue Jacket'
- Class 61. Judges Only - Hyacinth 'Gypsy Queen'

## **Section M - PARC DE BELLEVILLE:**

### **COMBINATION PLANTERS**

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

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

- Class 62. Dish Garden
- Class 63. Planter
- Class 64. Terrarium
- Class 65. Trough