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 member 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, Artistic Crafts and Photographs being entered cannot have been previously entered or judged in an NGC Flower Show which includes any FGCCT Flower Shows in Connecticut/ 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; it 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 18, 2020, 12-7 pm [walk-in horticulture entries until 6 pm] & Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 8-10 am [no walk-in horticulture entries on Wednesday - see Horticulture Rules]
- **Entries Removed**: Sunday, February 23, 2020 between 5-6pm Be prompt in picking up. 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.

JUDGING IN ALL DIVISIONS: 1 pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. 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 Chair, Horticulture Coordinator, Design Coordinator, Horticulture Entries Chair, Judges, Judges Chair, Clerks, Clerks Chair, Awards Chair, Horticulture Classification Chair, Design Classification Chairman, Education Chair, Photography Chair, Photography Judges & Clerks Chair, and Photography Judges and Clerks.
- The Classification Chair 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.

(2) Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Plants in CT: https://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.
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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. Three are offered and may be awarded to the cut arboreal exhibit which is the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in each of Sections I, J, and K.
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 each of Sections C, H, and L.
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 each of Sections F, G, M, and O.
Club Competition Award: Rosette of light blue ribbons. One is offered and may be awarded to the correctly named blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section P.

THE FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF CT - HORTICULTURE AWARDS

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

HORTICULTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Advance on-line registration is strongly preferred by Friday, 2-14-20. Please use the easy on-line registration form, at: www.ctgardenclubs.org/flower-and-garden-show-horticulture-registration/ Fill in Name, Phone, Email, Garden Club or Plant Society, if member, Section, Class, Botanical Name of Specimen. From the registration form, an entry card will be prepared and ready for you at the show.

Questions only: Horticulture Entries Chair: Jessica Fischer (203-272-8315) hortentries@ctgardenclubs.org Pre-registered entries accepted Tuesday, 2-18-20 noon until 7 pm [walk-ins until 6 pm] and Wednesday, 2-19-20 from 8-10; NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED ON WEDNESDAY.
Please enter any horticulture which you think may be ready at show time. No penalty for withdrawing material that is not show ready.
To enter Horticulture Club Competition, Section P:
contact Consultant Sharon Bender (203-530-2920) HortClubCompet@ctgardenclubs.org

Division I - Horticulture Rules

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, HB pp 55-62.
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 pp 53-54.
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 (11-20-19) with the following exceptions. Please see chart HB p55. Combination Plantings in Section O must have been in the Exhibitor’s possession and grown together for at least six (6) weeks (1-7-20). Arboreal-woody ornamental-specimens in Sections I, J, K, L and P must have been in the Exhibitor’s possession for 6 months.
5. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and Horticulture Chair 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. Grafted Cacti and trained plants (topiary and espalier) will not be accepted due to new NGC Flower Show Rules.
8. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” Class.
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 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. Horticulture Scales of Points for Judging: All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections HB p129; Combination Plantings and Gardens HB p129; Displays HB p130.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application of oil or commercial "shine" products.
13. Section O Classes 67, 68, and 69, and Section P, Class 70 must be accompanied by a typed or printed key card correctly identifying all plant material.
Section A - Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, North Bethlehem:  CACTI
Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit
Class 1. Columnar Cacti
Class 2. Gobular Cacti
Class 3. Epiphytic Cacti
Class 4. Anomalies-Variegated, Crested or Monstrous Cacti
Class 5. Any Other Worthy

Section B - Butler-McCook House & Garden, Hartford:  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 [displayed on top of a clear bottle]
Class 11. Anomalies-Variegated, Crested or Monstrous Succulents
Class 12. Any Other Worthy

Section C - Florence Griswold Museum and Gardens, Old Lyme:  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 - Glebe House Museum & The Gertrude Jekyll Garden, Woodbury:  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 - Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford:  FORCED BULBS, TUBERS, RHIZOMES
Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit
Class 24. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)
Class 25. Narcissus
Class 26. Hyacinthus
Class 27. Tulipa
Class 28. Any Other Worthy (Muscari, crocus, etc.)

Section F - Hill-Stead Museum & Garden, Farmington
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 - Osborne Homestead Museum & Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby:  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 - Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, Suffield:  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 - Promisek at Three Rivers Farm, Bridgewater
ARBOREALS – Broadleaf Evergreens
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. Buxus
Class 44. Ilex
Class 45. Rhododendron
Class 46. Any Other Worthy

Section J – Roseland Cottage, Woodstock
ARBOREALS – Needled Evergreens
Maximum length is 30” from cut end to Apical Tip
Several Nodes and the central leader must be included
Eligible for Arboreal Award
Class 47. Chamaecyparis
Class 48. Juniperus
Class 49. Picea
Class 50. Pinus
Class 51. Thuja
Class 52. Tsuga
Class 53. Any Other Needled Evergreen
Section K – Stanley-Whitman House, Farmington:
ARBOREALS- Forced or Winter Blooming Branches
Maximum length is 30” from cut end to Apical Tip
Several Nodes and the central leader must be included
Eligible for Arboreal Award
Class 54. Forsythia
Class 55. Hamamelis
Class 56. Chaenomeles speciosa (Flowering Quince)
Class 57  Any Other Worthy

Section L - Thankful Arnold House Museum, Haddam:
DWARF OR MINIATURE ARBOREALS
Maximum length is 18” from cut end to Apical Tip
Several Nodes must be included
Eligible for Elfin Award
Class 58. Broadleaf Evergreens
Class 59. Needled Evergreens
   a. Chamaecyparis
   b. Juniperus
   c. Pinus
   d. Any Other Worthy
Class 60. Forced or Winter Blooming Branches

Section M - Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, Wethersfield: HERITAGE PLANTS
Eligible for Grower's Choice Award
Class 61. Plants 5-10 years old
Class 62. Plants 11-20 years old
Class 63. Plants over 20 years old

Section N - Weir Farm National Historic Site:
JUDGES' CHALLENGE
Eligible for Mary Lou Smith Award of Merit
Bulbs and cuttings distributed in October/November 2019.
Class 64. Judges Only - Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) ‘Purple Rain’
Class 65. Judges Only - Hyacinthus ‘Woodstock’
Class 66. Judges Only - Pelargonium 'Ivy Global Lavender'

Section O - Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford: COMBINATION PLANTERS
Eligible for Grower's Choice Award
Key card (minimum 4” x 6”) with plant ID must accompany entry.
Class 67. Dish Garden
Class 68. Planter
Class 69. Terrarium

Section P – Wells-Shipman-Ward House & Garden, South Glastonbury: CLUB HORTICULTURAL COMPETITION – DISPLAYS
Consultant: Sharon Bender -203 530-2920
hortclubcompet@ctgardenclubs.org
Class 70. DISPLAY OF CUT NEEDLED EVERGREENS [limited to 4 displays] Eligible for the Club Competition Award. Key card (minimum 4” x 6”) with plant ID must accompany entry. Only Club President's name on entry card.
A minimum of seven (7) cut arboreals grown by two or more club members –displayed in an artistic manner (HB pp. 35, 60-61) Maximum length is 30 inches with apical tip. Display area is 3 feet long and 29 inches deep on a 29-inch high table. Displays will be on tables front of large potted evergreens; staging panels and under-lays are optional. Two displays per table. Scale of Points: (HB p.150)

CONNECTICUT HISTORIC GARDENS

1. Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem
2. Butler-McCook House & Garden, Hartford
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4. Glebe House Museum, Woodbury
5. Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford
6. Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford
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14. Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, Wethersfield
15. Weir Farm, Wilton