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### General Rules

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017*, 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.
2. All classes are open to any amateur gardener.
3. All exhibits in the Horticulture Division must be fresh. No artificial plant material in any exhibit in any division.
4. Entries will be received on Friday, June 19, 2020 between 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Entries received after 5:00 PM will be marked "not in competition". All exhibits must stay in place until 5:00 PM Saturday, June 20, 2020. Exhibitors are responsible for collecting their ribbons, awards, entry cards and exhibits.
5. All entries must be passed and entry cards initialed by appropriate Classification Chairmen before exhibitor leaves the show floor. The Classification Chairmen will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule before judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
6. Plants on the DE Department of Natural Resources Rare Vascular Plant List, [www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/rareplant2001.htm](http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/rareplant2001.htm) may not be exhibited in the Horticulture or Educational Division unless grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner and noted on a 3x5 card placed with the exhibit. Plants on the Delaware Department of Natural Resources list of Invasive Plants at [www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/invasive.htm](http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/invasive.htm) may not be exhibited in the Horticulture Division.
7. Judging will begin promptly at 9:30:00 AM on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The General Chairman and Classification Chairmen for each division will be available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
8. DFGC will strive to assure the safety of all items but is not responsible for any loss or damage.
9. *Handbook for Flower Show, Revised 2017* will be abbreviated in the schedule as *HB*

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions. Per class or subclass, only one first-place blue ribbon scoring 90 points or more, only one second-place red ribbon scoring 85 points or more, only one third-place yellow ribbon scoring 80 points or more, and one or more Honorable Mention White Ribbon(s) scoring 75 points or more may be awarded as merited. All non-blue ribbons scoring 90+ points must be so designated on the entry card and signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel.

### National Garden Clubs Top Exhibitor Awards

#### Horticulture Division Award

**Award of Horticultural Excellence (HB p. 40)** Division Award: rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons. May be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner of 95 points or more, correctly named, entered by a single exhibitor and judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. Eligible: Division I

#### Horticulture Section Awards

**Award of Merit (HB p. 41)** Section Award: rosette of orange ribbons. May be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner of 95 points or more, correctly named, in designated Sections of cut, non-woody specimens including vines.  
Six awards offered. Eligible: A, B, C, D, E, F

**Grower's Choice Award (HB p. 41)** Section Award: rosette of dark green ribbons. May be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner of 95 points or more, correctly named, in designated Sections of container-grown plants (single, multiple and self-multiple, or combination plantings). Two awards offered. Eligible: Section G.

#### Education Division Award

**Educational Top Exhibitor Award (HB p. 47)** Division Award: rosette of brown and white ribbons. May be awarded to the highest-scoring educational exhibit. One award offered. Eligible: Section I

#### Botanical Arts Section Award

**Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award, HB p44, Section Award:** rosette of navy-blue ribbons. May be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more, entered by one individual in a designated section of artistic crafts using some plant material. Eligible Section J.

## Horticulture Division Rules

1. For cut specimens, the exhibitor must provide transparent colorless glass containers without labels, handles or conspicuous markings and appropriately sized for the specimen. Wedging, using a small amount of bubble wrap, plastic wrap or non-obtrusive wood, provided by exhibitor, is permitted. Hooks for entry cards will be available at the classification table.
2. **It is requested that all cut entries be in their bottles with entry cards filled out before coming to the show.** The staging area will be very limited. Only well-groomed, disease and pest free specimens of exhibition quality will be accepted. Because of time constraints, the Classification Committee will not identify unnamed specimens. Identification help will be available at the April GBTS meeting or email Cherie Dorfman, cheriejerry605@msn.com, 302-539-8479.
3. The NGC Exhibit Policies for Horticulture are as follows (*HB* p. 55):
  - a. All exhibits must be fresh.
  - b. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
  - c. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by the application of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
  - d. 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.
  - e. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least the appropriate number of days as follows: Annuals – 90 days (except no minimum for early maturing seeds and/or transplants); Bulbs – 90 days (except no minimum for forced bulbs/corms/tubers/ rhizomes); Houseplants; Herbaceous Perennials – 90 days.
4. Rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen listed in the *HB* or *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* (*HB* p. 27).
5. **All entries are to be labeled by currently acceptable scientific designation or binomial name (genus, specific epithet) and/or variety or patented/trademarked name. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the entry must be so identified.** Common name may also be given but is not required.
6. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible, using pencil, waterproof ink or mailing labels. See *HB* p. 57 for a correctly filled-out entry card. Entry cards are available from Pat Drizd, (302) 537-2923; pdrizd@mediacombb.net.
7. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the waterline, except *Gladiolus*.
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 they are grown for their leaves.
9. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any other” class.
10. Exhibitor may enter up to five entries in a class (five entries per exhibitor total for show) as long as each entry is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, form, size or color. The Horticulture Classification and/or General Show Chairmen are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
11. General horticulture references *HB* p.129.
12. The Scales of Points for Horticulture is printed on *HB* pp. 129-130.

### Division I - Horticulture

## The Language of Flowers -

### Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

Consultant: Cherie Dorfman, cheriejerry605@msn.com, 302-539-8479 or Maureen Ryan, 302-537-1966, maureenr2010@yahoo.com

### *Summer Garden.*

#### Section A. *Hydrangea*

One cut stem with bloom or blooms no longer than 30”.

Class 1. *Hydrangea macrophylla*, a. Mopheads b. Lacecap

Class 2. *Hydrangea paniculata* (PeeGee)

Class 3. *Hydrangea quercifolia*

Class 4. Any other *Hydrangea* not listed above.

#### Eligible for the Award of Merit

## *Lovely in any Language- Monet's Garden.*

### **Section B. Flowering Perennials**

**Eligible for the Award of Merit**

Genus and cultivar name required for hybrids and genus and species name for species.

One cut stem no longer than 24". Only attached foliage allowed.

- Class 5. *Iris* - one flower scape with at least one flower open a. Bearded b. Other *Iris*
- Class 6. *Lilium* (Lily) Does not include *Hemerocallis* (Daylily) - at least three open blooms
- Class 7. Other bulbous types, including bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers
- Class 8. *Paeonia* (Peony)
- Class 9. Other non-bulbous flowering perennials
- Class 10. Flowering vines or climbing types

## *English Garden.*

### **Section C. Rosa**

**Eligible for the Award of Merit**

Genus and cultivar name required for hybrids. Series Genus and species name require for species roses.

One cut stem. A single disbudded Bloom  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  open or a spray with at least two open blooms with several buds in various stages of development. Minimum of two sets of five leaflet leaves on all types.

- Class 11. Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
- Class 12. Floribunda/Polyantha
- Class 13. Shrub or Landscape Roses, includes Knockout
- Class 14. Miniature, a. Single disbudded bloom b. Spray

## *Serenity Garden.*

### **Section D. Foliage Perennials**

**Eligible for the Award of Merit**

Genus and cultivar name required for hybrids and genus and species name for species.

Does not include *Hosta*. Insignificant blooms allowed.

Cut stem requirement listed with each class.

- Class 15. Garden ferns - one cut frond no longer than 24"
- Class 16. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells) foliage only - three cut stems in one container no longer than 12"
- Class 17. Foliage groundcovers types - three cut stems no longer than 12"
- Class 18. Other foliage perennials - one cut stem no longer than 18" a. Bulbous types b. Other

## *The Spice of Life.*

### **Section E. Perennial Herbs**

**Eligible for the Award of Merit**

Genus and cultivar name required for hybrids and genus and species name for species.

One cut stem no longer than 18".

- Class 19. *Lavandula* (Lavender)
- Class 20. *Mentha* (Mint)
- Class 21. *Rosmarinus* (Rosemary)
- Class 22. Other perennial herbs a. Flowering b. Foliage

## *Aristocratic Garden.*

### **Section F. Hosta**

**Eligible for the Award of Merit**

Genus and cultivar name required. One mature, single cut leaf for all classes.

Length of leaf x width (at widest portion of leaf) equals total sq. inches.

Class 23. Miniature - Less than 6 sq. inches

a. Solid green b. Solid blue c. Margined, variegated or splashed

Class 24. Small - less than 3 inches across, less than 30 sq. inches

a. Solid green b. Solid blue c. Margined, variegated or splashed

Class 25. Medium - 3-6 inches across, 30-64 sq. inches

a. Solid green b. Solid blue c. Margined, variegated or splashed

Class 26. Large - 6-8 inches across, 64 to 120 sq. inches

a. Solid green b. Solid blue c. Margined, variegated or splashed

Class 27. Giant - 8 or more inches across, more than 120 sq. inches

a. Solid green b. Solid blue c. Margined, variegated or splashed

## *Penache - Conversation Starters.*

### **Section G. Container Plants**

**Eligible for Grower's Choice Award**

Containers no larger than 8" in diameter (inside rim to inside rim). Saucer required for pots with drain holes. No hanging plants.

Multiple plants of one cultivar allowed except *Saintpaulia*, only one crown allowed except for trailing cultivars.

Class 28. Flowering plants – a. Orchids b. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet)

Class 29. Any other flowering plant not listed above

Class 30. Cacti - a. Foliage only b. In bloom

Class 31. Succulents - a. Foliage only b. In bloom

Class 32. Foliage plants – a. Ferns b. Ivies c. Palms d. *Philodendron* e. *Scindapsus* (Pothos) f. *Spathiphyllum*

Class 33. Any other foliage container plant not listed above

### **Education Division Rules**

1. Educational Exhibits may be the work of more than one (1) individual or organization unless a student judge or Accredited Judge seeking exhibiting credit, then the work must be done solely by the individual.
2. Plant material is not required, although NGC encourages the use of plant material where appropriate.
3. No artificial plant material is permitted in any Educational Exhibit.
4. The Educational Exhibit for this Horticulture Specialty Flower Show must be a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet. Exhibit may extend beyond the table and may use the floor beside the table.
5. A six (6) foot table will be provided for each exhibitor. Exhibitor must cover the table with a cloth or plastic table covering.
6. Exhibits in competition are judged by the Educational Exhibits Scale of Points, HB 2017 p.130.

### **Division II Education**

## **A Revelation**

**Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award**

Consultant – **Susan Tracy**, 860-916-1488, smtracey@aolcom

## *The Secret Language of Flowers.*

### **Section I. The Secret Language of Flowers**

**Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award**

Exhibit 1 Herbs – A collection of botanicals that are medical, decorative and whimsical.

Exhibit 2 Floriography – Secret language of flowers in the Victorian Era.

## Botanical Arts Division Rules

1. The rules for Botanical Arts Crafts are found on HB pp. 91-96.
2. Botanical Arts Crafts must contain some fresh and/or dried plant material. Only dried plant material may be treated. No artificial plant material is permitted in any class.
3. For Botanical Arts Crafts, Section J:
  - a. Pre-registration required by June 1, 2020 with listed Botanical Arts Crafts Classification Chairman.
  - b. A white unlined 3" x 5" card listing plant material must be included.
  - c. The Scale of Points for judging Artistic Crafts is printed in the HB p.131.
  - d. Off-white table coverings provided by flower show committee.

### Division III Botanical Arts ARTISTIC CRAFTS

Consultant – Alva Hutchison - 302-841-3632, abhutchison47@gmail.com

#### *Crafted with Flowers.*

#### **Section J. Botanical a la mode**

#### **Eligible for the Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award**

##### Class 1: Le sac á main – Purse

A small sized purchased or created purse of exhibitor's choice decorated with fresh and/or dried material and optional other ornamentation. Purse is not to be used as a floral/design container. To be staged upright on a countertop in a space 12" wide by 12" deep and 41" in height from the floor. Countertop covered by an ivory cloth provided by committee. Underlay optional. Committee to place exhibit. Four entries per class.

##### Class 2: Broche – Brooch

A brooch created by the exhibitor no more than 3" in any dimension using fresh and/or dried plant material with other optional ornamentation. Brooch to be displayed on a black panel/board upright on an easel provided by the committee. Committee reserves the right to attach a mechanic to the back of the brooch for display purposes. Committee will place the brooch on the display board. Four entries per class.

##### Class 3: Chaussure – Shoe

A shoe provided by the exhibitor decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material and optional other ornamentation. Shoe is not to be used as a floral/design container. To be staged on a countertop in a space 12" wide by 12" deep and 41" in height from the floor. Countertop covered by an ivory cloth provided by committee. Underlay optional. Committee to place the exhibit. Four entries per class.

## **ADDITIONAL EVENTS DURING OUR FLOWER SHOW**

*Buy What speaks to you! Lucky you!*

**Plant Sale and Raffle** – Open to the public during the flower show on June 20, 2020 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Raffle winners will be drawn at 5:00 PM and notified by phone on June 20, 2020. You do not need to be present to win. Plant Sale in the entry Lobby of Brandywine Living at Fenwick Island Center. Proceeds to benefit extensive Gardeners by the Sea Garden Club projects throughout our local community. Visit our website, [gardenersbythesea.com](http://gardenersbythesea.com) for more information about our organization and our community projects.

## **Gardeners by the Sea Garden Club Educational Presentations**

Consultant – Lisa Arni, 302-537-6238, [Lma2010@verizon.net](mailto:Lma2010@verizon.net)

*Let's Give Them Something to Talk About*

1. **FREE PLANTS!** Learn how to grow plants from kitchen scraps, succulents, and other plants you may have in your home or garden. Each attendee will also receive cuttings from a rarely offered hydrangea ready to be planted, a succulent cutting, and handout. Donation of \$10 per person and you must be pre-registered, and payment received by May 20, 2020. Presentation 1:30 – 2:15 pm June 20, 2020. Brandywine Living at Fenwick Island Music Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
2. **HAVE YOUR PLANTS AND EAT THEM TOO! Edible Landscapes** – Learn how to design with edible plants in your vegetable or ornamental gardens. Donation of \$10 per person and you must be pre-registered, and payment received by May 20, 2020. Presentation 3:00 – 3:45 pm June 20, 2020. Brandywine Living at Fenwick Island Music Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.