**"Come to Our Party!"**

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**GENERAL RULES AND INFO**

**1.** "Come to Our Party" Standard Flower Show complies with National Garden Clubs, Inc., (NGC) flower show standards. The Flower Show Schedule is the *"*law of the show,” while the authority of the show is *The Handbook for Flower Shows 2017 Edition* (**HB 2017**) along with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine and as listed on the NGC website (www.gardenclub.org).

**2.** All classes are open to members of Canton Garden Center, Garden Club of Ohio (GCO), and/or NGC. Free admission.

**3.** Flower Show is open to the public on Saturday, August 11, from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, August 12, from 10am-4pm.

**4.** All exhibits must be removed immediately after Show closing on August 12, at 4pm. The entire Flower Show Committee will dismantle Show.

**5.** Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class, but may enter as many classes as desired and available.

**6.** Entries will be accepted Thursday, August 9, from 2pm-6pm and Friday, August 10, from 9am-noon.

**7.** Entry cards are available by calling Barb Codispoti (330-456-0640) or Canton Garden Center (330-455-6172); during the monthly Board of Directors meeting; and during entry times.

**8.** Consult Rules section for each Division for entry tag and entry card information.

**9.** Emphasis is placed on **FRESH PLANT MATERIAL**. Fresh plant material may be manipulated (clipped, stripped, bent, etc.), but may never be treated. Dried plant material may be treated (painted, flocked, stained, etc.).

**10.** Plants listed on the Ohio Conservation/Native Plant list may be used in any division if labeled with botanical names and grown by exhibitor, or obtained in a legal manner and so marked. No plant material on the State of Ohio Noxious Weeds/Invasive plant lists should be entered in the Horticulture Division. For a listing of these plants, visit: **https://plants.usda.gov/java/threat** A list of such will be available at the horticulture table during entry times.

**11.** Not permitted: American and other national flags; living members of the animal kingdom; taxidermal objects; **artificial plant material** **of any kind**.

**12**. Design and Horticulture Classification Chairmen will review all entries for conformity to the schedule and proper identification.

**13.** Judging will begin promptly at 1 pm on Friday, August 10.

**14**. General Chairman and Classification Chairmen must be available during judging for possible consultation. Clerks will assemble at 12:30 pm. All others must leave the Show floor by 12:30 pm.

**15.** The NGC Standard System of Awarding will be used: one 1st Place Blue Ribbon scoring 90 or above; one 2nd Place Red Ribbon scoring 85 or above; one 3rd Place Yellow Ribbon scoring 80 or above, and one or more Honorable Mention White Ribbon(s) scoring 75 or above. Awards may be withheld if not merited.

**16.** An NGC Accredited Flower Show Judge on the panel must sign and date the entry card of any exhibit scoring 90+. All other entry cards must be initialed (Student or Accredited Judges may initial.) Top Exhibitor Award rosettes must be signed on the back by an NGC accredited judge who judged the class. Judges' comments written on entry cards are highly encouraged.

**17**. Decisions of Judges are final.

**18.** Staging Committee will set up Wednesday, August 7, between noon and 5pm and Thursday, August 8, as needed (time to be determined).

**19.** Care will be taken to safeguard exhibits, but Canton Garden Center will not be responsible for loss or damage.

**UDIVISION I. HORTICULTURE RULES**

**1.** All General Rules and Info apply.

**2.** Exhibiting policies and exhibiting information are found in **HB 2017**, pp. 55-57.

**3.** Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class provided each entry is a different genus, specific epithet, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color.

**4.** All horticulture specimens must be fresh and grown by exhibitor.

**5.** Entry cards must be labeled with the **correct botanical name** (genus, specific epithet, and/or variety or cultivar), patented/trademarked names, or currently accepted scientific identification to be eligible for a Horticulture Top Exhibitor Award. The common name may be added. Cards should be completed in advance by exhibitor in pencil, waterproof ink, label, or typed to avoid water damage. Horticulture Classification Chairman will check all entry tags before placement in the exhibition area.

**6.** Clear glass containers and clear plastic wrap wedging material for cut specimens will be provided by the Committee. Cut specimens should not have foliage below water line (except gladiolus).

**7.** If a plant is commonly known as a flowering plant, it should be entered in a flowering class. If a plant is commonly known as a foliage plant, it should be entered in a foliage class.

**8.** Specimens with a specific class designated in the schedule may not be entered in an "Any other...." class.

**9.** Container-Grown and Combination Plantings must be preregistered with Horticulture Entries Chair before August 10.

**10.** Cut specimens of annuals, biennials, and perennials from seeds, cuttings or immature plants and grown to maturity must have been grown and in exhibitor’s possession for 90 days.

**11.** Container-grown plants must have been grown and in the possession of exhibitor for at least 90 days.

**12.** Combination plantings must have been grown together for at least 6 weeks.

**13.** Arboreals must have been in the possession of exhibitor for at least 6 months.

**14.** Blooms from bulbs, tubers, corms, or rhizomes must have been in exhibitor’s possession from planting or have been cared for as a mature plant for at least 90 days.

**15.** Pots may not exceed 14” in diameter and entries may not weigh more than 20 pounds. Double potting is permitted as long as interior pot does not show. Staking is permitted if it is unobtrusive.

**16.** No disease- or bug-infested entries will be accepted.

**17.** Specimens may not be altered by the application of surface treatments such as leaf shine, oil, etc.

**18.** The Horticulture Classification Chairman must approve all entries and entry tags and has authority to disqualify entries that do not conform to schedule rules.

**19.** The Horticulture Chairman and/or General Chairman have authority to subdivide classes if three or more exhibits are botanically identical. Classes may be subdivided by size, color, form, cultivar, or other characteristics.

**20.** The Horticulture Chairman may limit the number of entries due to space limitations.

**HORTICULTURE CLASSES**

**Section A. Annuals--Cut Specimens**

 ***“Bright Centerpieces”***

At least one set of leaves present for all classes.

**Class 1. *Cosmos***

a. One stem

b. Three stems of one color

c. Three stems of different colors

**Class 2. *Tagetes* (Marigold)**

a. *T. erecta, o*ne stem, one color

b. *T. patula,* one stem, ruffled, bicolor c. *T. patula,* one stem, flat, one color

d. One spray, three flowers minimum

e. Any other show quality marigold not listed above

**Class 3. *Zinnia***

No side shoots.

a. Single row of petals (daisy-like)

b. Double (center completely covered)

c. Semi-Double (visible center)

d. Cactus (twisted, curled petals)

e. Any other show quality zinnia not listed above

**Class 4. Any other show quality annual not listed above**

**Section B.Perennials--Cut Specimens**

***“Grand Centerpieces”***

At least one set of leaves present for all classes.

**Class 5. *Chrysanthemum* (Mum)**

a.Five blooms, under 2” across

b. Five blooms, 2" and above across

c. One spray, unlimited blooms, no size limit

**Class 6. *Echinacea* (Coneflower)**, one stem

**Class 7. *Hydrangea***, one bloom

**Class 8. *Rosa* (Rose)**, 2 sets of leaves present

a. Floribunda, one stem, one cluster

b. Grandiflora, one stem, one bloom

c. Hybrid Tea, one stem, one bloom

d. Shrub(Knockout), one stem, one cluster

e. Any other show quality rose not listed above

**Class 9. *Rudbeckia* (Black-Eyed Susan)**, one stem

**Class 10. Any other show quality perennial not listed above**

**Section C. Foliage--Cut Specimens**

***“Subtle Centerpieces”***

**Class 11. *Caladium***, one stem

**Class 12. *Fern***, one frond

**Class 13. *Hosta***, one stem; mature leaf

measured at widest point across

a. Giant--more than 8" across

b. Large--6" to 8" across

c. Medium--3" to under 6" across

d. Small--under 3" across

**Class 14. Any other show quality foliage specimen not listed above**

**Section D. Bulbs, Tubers, Corms**

 **or Rhizomes--Cut Specimens**

***”Elegant Centerpieces”***

**Class 15. *Dahlia***, one set of leaves; bloom size measured at widest point

a. One bloom, under 3” across

b. One bloom, 3” to under 6” across

c. One bloom, 6” and above across

**Class 16. *Gladiolus***, one stem (some foliage below the waterline permitted)

**Class 17. *Lillium* (Lily)**

**Class 18. Any other show quality bulb, tuber, corm or rhizome not listed above**

**Section E. Branches--Cut Specimens**

***“Alfresco Ambiance”***

Cut branch must measure between 12”-30” in length with several nodes and an apical tip.

**Class 19. Shrub Branch**

a. *Berberis* *(Bayberry)*

b. *Buxus* (Boxwood)

c. *Ilex* (Holly)

d. Any other show quality shrub branch not listed above

**Class 20. Tree Branch**

a. Berried or fruited branch

b. Broadleaf branch

c. Needled evergreen branch

d. Any other show quality tree branch not listed above

**Section F. Combination Plantings *“Adding to the Fun”***

Each plant in container must be identified with correct botanical name (in order of placement) on a card placed next to the container; exhibitor name and class number on the back. Container may not exceed 14" in diameter and weigh no more than 20 pounds. See p. 59 in **HB 2017** for more information.

**Class 21. Dish garden**

**Class 22. Hanging Basket**

**Class 23. Planter**

**Class 24. Terrarium**

**Section G. Container-Grown Flowering Plants**

 ***“Lasting Centerpieces”***

Pot size may not exceed 14” in diameter. Single species or variety/cultivar plant.

**Class 25. *Begonia***

**Class 26. *Orchid***

**Class 27. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet)**

**Class 28. Any show quality container-grown flowering plant not listed above**

**Section H. Container-Grown Foliage Plants**

***"Party Decor”***

Pot size may not exceed 14” in diameter. Single species or variety/cultivar plant.

**Class 29. *Coleus***

**Class 30. *Fern***

**Class 31. *Sansevieria* (Snake Plant)**

**Class 32**. **Any other show quality container-grown foliage plant not listed above**

 ***“Party Hor-d'oeuvres”***

**Section I. Vegetables**

 ***“Party Hor-d'oeuvres”***

Specimens to be placed by exhibitor on white paper plates supported by straw plate holders provided by Committee.

**Class 33. *Capsicum* (Pepper)**, 3 specimens, stems trimmed to display stem side down

a. Green

b. Red

c. Yellow

d. Any other show quality pepper not listed above

**Class 34. *Cucurbita pepo*****(Zucchini)**, 1 specimen

**Class 35. *Lycopersicum* (Tomato)**, remove stem, display stem side down, specimens measured at widest point stem side down.

a. Cherry/Patio, not to exceed 1 ½” in diameter, 5 specimens

b. Under 3” in diameter, 3 specimens

c. 3” or above, 3 specimens

d. Any other show quality tomato not listed above, 3 specimens

**Class 35. *Phaseolus* (Bean**), 5 specimens

**Class 37. Any other show quality vegetable not listed above**

**DIVISION II. DESIGN - RULES**

**1.** All General Rules and Info apply.

**2.** Members of Canton Garden Center, GCO and/or NGC and are amateur designers may enter Design Division.

**3.** Designs must be preregistered with Design Entries Chair before August 6.

**4.** An exhibitor may enter only one design per class, but may enter as many classes as desired and available. If exhibitor is unable to fulfill the design assignment, exhibitor **must** provide a substitute and inform the Design Entries Consultant. There will be **four design entries per class**.

**5.** A 3”x5” plain white card listing plant material (botanical names **OR** common names are acceptable) used in the design must accompany the design. The card is not considered part of the design. Exhibitor's name and class number must appear on the back of the card. Written interpretation of design is permitted on the card, but not required.

**6.** If exhibitor is unable or unavailable to transport his/her design, a designated person may enter the design **only if it is a completed design**.

**7.** The Design Classification Chair must approve all design entries for conformance to schedule and correct classification.

**8.** Exhibitor's design(s) must be maintained by exhibitor throughout the show.

**9.** All designs must include some plant material. Fresh plant material may **NOT** be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated.

**10.** Design entry must be the work of one individual and exhibitor’s name and class number must appear on the back of the entry card.

**11.** An NGC Accredited Flower show judge must sign and date the entry card of any exhibit scoring 90+ but not receiving a blue ribbon in Design Division.

**12.** Exhibitors are on their honor that their designs have not been previously entered or previously judged in an NGC Flower Show.

**13. Descriptions and Rules for Design Types and Table Designs are found in HB 2017, pp. 70-79.**

**14.** Design plant material need not be grown by designer.

**15.** Religious objects and symbols used must be displayed respectfully and in accordance with policies of local religious organizations.

**DESIGN CLASSES**

Staged at or near eye level on black open shelf; exhibit space 14" wide x 12" deep. **Four exhibits per class.**

**Section A*. “Itty Bitty Parties”***

**Class 1.** ***Pool Party***

A Creative Underwater Design not to exceed 8" in height, width and depth. Exhibitor has freedom of components. All or some plant material and other components must be submerged in water.

**Class 2.** ***Baby Shower***

A Design not to exceed 10" in height, width and depth. Exhibitor has complete freedom of style and components.

**Class 3.** ***Sweet Sixteen Party***

A Creative Design not to exceed 12" in height, width and depth. Exhibitor has complete freedom of style and components.

**Section B*.***

***"Your Party Table is Waiting"***

**Four exhibits per class.**

**Class 4. *Tea Party***

A Functional Table for Two Design staged on a 36”x36” green-skirted, ecru-top card table provided by Committee. Decorative unit and napkins required. Tablecloth and other components provided by exhibitor.

**Class 5*. Cocktail Party***

An Exhibition Table Design staged on a black pedestal, 42” high with 16” square top. Staged in the middle of the room. Decorative unit required. Underlay permitted. To be judged front facing only.

**Class 6. *After Party***

A Tray for One Design staged on a black pedestal, 36” high with 16" square top. Decorative unit and napkin required. Exhibitor provides other components and tray (not to exceed 18" x 22").

**Section C. Club Competition**

***“Wedding Reception”***

Club members collaborate to create a functional buffet service for at least four persons. Entry card must include club's name and club president's name. **More than one individual must participate.** All components to be supplied by exhibitors. Decorative unit, napkins and at least one serving piece required. Each exhibit staged on 6’ long by 30” deep green-skirted, ecru-top table. **Four exhibits.**

**Class 7. Beach Wedding**

**DIVISION III. EDUCATION**

**EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS RULES**

**1.** All General Rules and Info apply.

**2.** Purpose is to instruct and inform the public.

**3.** Exhibits must be preregistered before August 8 with Education Chair.

**4.** Educational exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization. If a Student Judge or Accredited Judge is seeking an education credit, the work must be the work of that Student Judge or Accredited Judge.

**5.** Plant material is encouraged, but not required, in the exhibit. **No artificial plant material permitted.**

**6.** A minimum of 18 square feet of surface area used is required. Staged on black-skirted, ecru top 6' table.

**7.** Printed material should be easily readable from a distance of three feet. Informational and educational facts should be presented in an interesting and persuasive manner.

**8.** Handout materials are encouraged but not required.

**Exhibit 1. *NGC Convention--You're Invited!*** An overview of the annual NGC Convention (what do they do there?).

**Exhibit 2. *NGC Gardening Study School--You're Invited!*** An overview of the four gardening classes offered in the NGC School.

***Exhibit 3. Get Acquainted Party--You're Invited to See What's New in NGC Flower Show Designs!*** NGC keeps design content fresh, interesting and challenging with the addition of three new floral designs.

**DIVISION IV - BOTANICAL ARTS**

**ARTISTIC CRAFTS RULES**

**1.** All General Rules and Info apply.

**2.** Open to members of Canton Garden Center, GCO, and/or NGC.

**3.** Exhibit must have some plant material, fresh and/or dried.

**4.** All entries must have a 3”x5” plain white card listing plant material used in the design. Common names permitted. Exhibitor's name and class number must appear on the back. The card is not considered part of the design.

**5.** Artificial plant material prohibited.

**6.** Must be the work of one individual.

**7.** Entries must be preregistered with Botanical Arts Chair prior to August 8.

**8**. NGC Standard System of Awarding used.

**Section A. Artistic Crafts**

***“Party Musts!”***

Some plant material required. Exhibitor space is 18" wide x 30” deep. Staged on two-tier black-skirted, ecru-top 8-foot table. **Four exhibits in each class.**

**Class 1. *Wear Your Hat to Our Tea Party*.** Create and decorate a hat or decorate an existing hat provided by exhibitor. Light gray Styrofoam head forms provided by Committee may be obtained from Artistic Crafts Chairman. Exhibitor's hat placed on head form by exhibitor. Staged on upper tier of two-tier table.

**Class 2. *Cake for Our Birthday Party*.** Decorate a round form that resembles a cake. Exhibit will be staged on a clear round plastic pedestal provided by Committee and placed on lower tier of two-tier table. Cake form and clear plastic cake plate provided by Committee and may be obtained from Artistic Crafts Chairman.

**Class 3. *Invitation to Our Garden Party*.** Create an invitation on white foam core board. Invitation must measure 5"x7". Brass wire book stand to display invitation provided by Committee. Staged on lower tier of two-tier table. Exhibitor has complete freedom of information to include (time, place, etc.). Some plant material required (fresh and/or dried).

**PHOTOGRAPHY RULES**

**1.** All General Rules and Info apply.

**2.** Photography is open to amateur photographers who are members of Canton Garden Center, GCO and/or NGC.

**3.** Photographers may enter only one photo per class, but may enter any class desired.

**4.** Photos must be preregistered with Photography Chairman and received by August 1, 2018.

**5.** Photos must measure 5"x7" mounted on a sturdy white foam core board measuring 8 1/2"x11".

**6.** Each photo must be accompanied by two 3"x5" cards labeled with exhibitor's name, phone, email and class entered. One of the cards will be attached to back of core board by Committee.

**7.** Each photo must be the work of one individual.

**8.** Matting and mounting may be done professionally. No frames permitted. Matte or glossy finish of photos permitted.

**9.** Photos must have been taken since August 1, 2017.

**10.** No people allowed in photos.

**11.** Photos will be judged by a three-person panel of amateur and professional photographers.

**12.** Care will be taken to safeguard photos, but Canton Garden Center will not be responsible for loss or damage to photos.

**13.** Photos must be picked up after Show closing on August 12 at 4pm.

**Section A. Photography**

***"Photos to Remember Our Parties"***

Photos will be staged on a light green lattice-work screen in a well-lit foyer.

**Class 1. *I'll Remember My Garden Party.*** A photo of exhibitor's own garden including a garden art object.

**Class 2. *I'll Remember My Outdoor Wedding.*** Floral vista in a public garden including a path.

**Class 3. *I'll Remember My Pool Party.*** A photo of exhibitor's own garden including a water feature.

**Class 4. *I'll Remember My Picnic Party.*** A photo of a garden with an insect.