



## Watch Us Bloom

# An NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Presented by  
The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP)  
State Judges Council

at the  
Wyndham Garden Hotel  
310 Elks Club Rd. ~ Boalsburg, PA 16827  
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Free and open to the public  
4:15 – 6:30 p.m.

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## **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 Law of the Show.

1. Any member of a garden club or a guest of a garden club member may enter.
2. Entry cards should be provided by the exhibitor but will also be available at show site the day of the show.  
Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible in pencil or waterproof pen to avoid water damage.
3. Entries will be taken Sunday, June 6, 2021, from 6-8 p.m. and Monday, June 7, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the front lobby of the Wyndham Garden Hotel.
4. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m.
5. Exhibits must be removed by 9:30 pm, June 7, 2021.
6. The Horticulture Classification Chairman will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging.  
Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
7. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and the clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
8. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
9. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant Material. No artificial plant material is permitted in an exhibit in any division.
10. The GCFP State Judges Council members will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
11. Pennsylvania prohibits the use of any invasive and noxious plants and those on its conservation list.

## Awards

The National Garden Club Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.

Only one first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.

Only one second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points for more.

Only one third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.

One or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

### Division I. Awards – Horticulture:

- The Award of Horticultural Excellence is offered in Division I to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division.
- All exhibits eligible for a specified Section Award must be judged by the same Scale of Points. (See Chapter 5, page 40 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)
- The Award of Merit is offered in Sections A, B, C, D, E & F. (See Chapter 5, p. 41 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)
- The Grower's Choice Award is offered in Sections G & H. (See Chapter 5, p. 41 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)
- The Arboreal Award is offered in Section I. (See Chapter 5, p. 40 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)

### Division II. Awards – Educational Exhibits:

- An Educational Top Exhibitor Award is offered. (See Chapter 5, p. 43 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)
- A Pennsylvania State Educational Award is offered to an exhibit that is clearly labeled and informative.

### Additional Award:

#### GCFP Flower Show Staging Award:

This award may be awarded to a Flower Show scoring 90 or more on the recommended scale of points.

(See Chapter 5, p. 46 in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.)

## Horticulture Rules

1. All exhibits must be FRESH.
2. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
4. 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.
5. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor the appropriate number of days listed:  
**90 days** - Annuals, Bulbs, Houseplants, Container Grown Plants, Perennials (Herbaceous), Note: no minimum for early maturing crops.  
**6 months** – Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals)
6. 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*.
7. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. Common name may also be added.
8. Cut specimens should NOT have foliage below the water line.
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 foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
10. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy Specimen” class.
11. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics.
12. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 pages 129 and 130 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.
13. The exhibitor will furnish his/her own CLEAR, COLORLESS and CLEAN container.

14. Wedging, a small inconspicuous “plug” in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen, is permitted. Plastic wedging will be provided by the committee.
15. Larger specimens requiring heavier containers may be weighted with colorless glass marbles. The stem must still be visible.
16. Container-grown specimens should be centered in containers except for sympodial orchids and succulents with pups or self-multiples. Containers are the exhibitor's choice but not to exceed 10 inches in diameter. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
17. Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, poultry grit, pea gravel, etc., can be used in container-grown specimens and combination plantings.

### **Education Division Rules**

1. Education Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet surface area.
3. Exhibitor is to provide appropriate and adequate table covering.
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to include plant material. Dried or treated plant material is allowed.
5. NO artificial plant material is permitted.
6. A 3”x5” card must be used to identify any plant material used in display.
7. The Scale of Points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14. Page 130.

**Division I - Horticulture**  
**“Watch Us Show Our Nature’s Palette”**  
Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

**Section A. Flowering Annuals**  
**“Delightful Rainbow”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 1.	<i>Begonia</i> (Begonia)	1 stem with foliage
Class 2.	<i>Cleome</i> (Spider Flower)	1 stem with foliage
Class 3.	<i>Impatiens</i> (Impatiens)	1 stem with foliage
Class 4.	<i>Pelargonium</i> (Geranium)	1 stem with foliage
Class 5.	<i>Petunia axillaris</i> (Petunia)	1 stem with foliage
Class 6.	<i>Salvia officinalis</i> (Salvia)	1 stem with foliage
Class 7.	<i>Tagetes</i> (Marigold)	1 stem with foliage
Class 8.	<i>Zinnia elegans</i> (Zinnia)	1 stem with foliage
Class 9.	Any other worthy specimen	1 stem with foliage

**Section B.**  
**Flowering Perennials and Biennials**  
**“Joy of Variety”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 10.	<i>Amsonia</i> (Blue Star)	1 stem
Class 11.	<i>Coreopsis</i> (Tickseed)	1 stem
Class 12.	<i>Dianthus</i> (Pinks)	1 stem
Class 13.	<i>Digitalis</i> (Foxglove)	1 stem
Class 14.	<i>Geum</i> (Avens)	1 stem
Class 15.	<i>Lupinus</i> (Lupine)	1 stem
Class 16.	<i>Monarda</i> (Bee Balm)	1 stem
Class 17.	<i>Polygonatum</i> (Solomon’s Seal)	1 stem
Class 18.	Any other worthy specimen	1 stem

**Section C. Decorative Perennial Foliage**  
**“ Fascinating Patterns”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 19. <i>Araceae</i> (Arum)	1 stem
Class 20. <i>Brunnera</i>	1 stem
Class 21. <i>Hedera helix</i> (Ivy)	1 stem
Class 22. <i>Heuchera</i> (Coral Bells)	1 leaf
Class 23. <i>Polypodiopsida</i> (Fern)	1 stem
Class 24. <i>Pulmonaria</i> (Lungwort)	1 stem
Class 25. Any other worthy specimen	1 stem

**Section D. Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes**  
**“Stately Elegance”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 26. <i>Allium</i> (Ornamental allium)	1 bloom stem
Class 27. <i>Iris</i> (Ornamental iris)	1 bloom stem
Class 28. <i>Lilium</i> (Lily)	1 stem with bloom/s
Class 29. <i>Paeonia</i> (Peony)	1 bloom stem
Class 30. Any other worthy specimen	1 stem with bloom/s

**Section E. Hostas**  
**“Shades of Green”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

All measures are the widest width of the leaf.

Class 31. Miniature, up to 2” Solid	1 leaf
Class 32. Miniature, up to 2” Variegated	1 leaf
Class 33. Small, >2”- 4” Solid	1 leaf
Class 34. Small, >2”- 4” Variegated	1 leaf
Class 35. Medium, > 4” - 6” Solid	1 leaf
Class 36. Medium, >4” - 6” Variegated	1 leaf
Class 37. Large, > 6” - 8” Solid	1 leaf
Class 38. Large, >6” - 8” Variegated	1 leaf
Class 39. Giant, over 8” Solid	1 leaf
Class 40. Giant, over 8” Variegated	1 leaf



**Section F. Herbs**  
**“Fragrant Beauties”**

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 41. <i>Anethum graveolens</i> (Dill)	1 stem
Class 42. <i>Calendula</i> (Pot Marigold)	1 stem
Class 43. <i>Lavandula</i> (Lavender)	1 stem
Class 44. <i>Ocimum basilicum</i> (Basil)	1 stem
Class 45. <i>Origanum</i> (Oregano)	1 stem
Class 46. <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Parsley)	1 stem
Class 47. <i>Rosmarinus</i> (Rosemary)	1 stem
Class 48. <i>Thymus</i> (Thyme)	1 stem
Class 49. Any other worthy specimen	1 stem

**Section G. Flowering Container-Grown Plants**  
**“Every Day a Bouquet”**

Eligible for the Grower’s Choice Award  
Container may not exceed 10” in diameter

- Class 50. *Arum* (Anthurium)
- Class 51. *Begonia* (Begonia)
- Class 52. *Cyclamen* (Cyclamen)
- Class 53. *Orchidaceae* (Orchid)
- Class 54. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
- Class 55. *Spathiphyllum wallisii* (Peace Lily)
- Class 56. Any other flowering, container-grown, named

**Section H. Foliage Container-Grown Plants**  
**“Verdant Treasures”**

Eligible for the Grower’s Choice Award  
Container may not exceed 10” in diameter

- Class 57. *Aglaonema* (Chinese Evergreen)
- Class 58. *Caladium* (Elephant Ear)
- Class 59. *Dracaena* (formerly Sansevieria- Mother-in-law’s Tongue)
- Class 60. *Epipremnum aureum* (Pothos)
- Class 61. *Hedera helix* (Ivy)
- Class 62. *Coleus scutellarioides*
- Class 63. *Philodendron bederaceum* (Philodendron)
- Class 64. Succulents/Cacti
- Class 65. *Tracheophyta* (Ferns)
- Class 66. Any other foliage, container-grown, named

## Section I. Arboreal

Fresh cut branches from evergreen or deciduous shrubs or trees grown for the beauty of foliage, flowers, or cones. Maximum length 30 inches from tip of specimen to cut end; must include several nodes, an apical tip and central leader.

### “Quiet Towers”

Eligible for the Arboreal Award

Class 67. Deciduous (Foliage)	1 branch
Class 68. Deciduous (Fruited or Flowered)	1 branch
Class 69. Needled without cones	1 branch
Class 70. Needled with cones	1 branch
Class 71. Any other worthy specimen	1 branch

## Division II - Educational Exhibits

### “Watch Us Learn”

Eligible for the Educational Award or the Pennsylvania State Educational Award

Each exhibit staged on an eight-foot table provided by the Committee.

#### **Exhibit 1.** “Watch Us Learn About Plant Viruses”

What every grower needs to know about the viruses which may attack our plants. Visible only through an electron microscope these tiny killers can infect and destroy hundreds of species of plants.

#### **Exhibit 2.** “Watch Us Learn About Flower Shows”

What every flower show participant needs to know about the structure of NGC flower shows.

**Thank You**

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for sharing their lobby with us today.*

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