

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.  
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT  
Presents



An NGC Standard Flower Show  
Heritage Museums & Gardens  
65 Grove Street, Sandwich, MA 02563  
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Wednesday July 17, 2024 (1-5 pm)  
Thursday, July 18, 2024 (10 am – 5 pm)  
Friday July 19, 2024 (10 am – 7:30 pm)  
*Free with Museum Admission*

*2024 marks the Southeastern District's  
43<sup>rd</sup> annual Standard Flower Show*

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The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.,  
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**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE #4**

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## GENERAL RULES

1. "Game On" is an NGC Standard Flower Show and conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in The National Gardener magazine, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the law of the show.
2. Division I (Horticulture), is open to any amateur grower.
3. Divisions II, (Design) and III (Botanical Arts) are open to all members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
4. Division IV (Youth) is open to all exhibitors within the stated age brackets for each class.
5. **ENTRY DATE:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024.  
Division I – 7:30 – 9:00 am  
Division II, III, and IV – 7:30 – 9:30 am
6. **REMOVAL DATE:** Saturday, July 20, 10:00: am.
7. Judging will begin at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 17.
8. An Exhibitors Meeting will be held on Friday, May 10, at 10:00 am At Heritage Museums & Gardens.
9. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
10. The General Chair and the Classification Chair for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
11. Before the Exhibitor leaves the show area, the Classification Chair for each Division checks for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination of conformance is the judges' responsibility.
12. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
13. Judges are required to consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ point recognition.
14. Wild collected plants of species listed by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage program may not be used. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list may be used if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it was not wild collected.
15. Plants listed on the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources prohibited Plant List may not be exhibited in this flower show.
16. In all Divisions, the Committee will provide staging unless otherwise noted in the schedule.
17. The Exhibitor is responsible for keeping his/her exhibit in good condition for the duration of the Show. An exhibit may be removed at the discretion of the Committee.
18. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to find a replacement if unable to fulfill assignment.
19. The Southeastern District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and Heritage Museums & Gardens will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but are not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

## NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING

The NGC Standard System of Awards is used for all competitive judging and allows for the following awards in each class or sub-class: only one First Place (scoring 90 points or more, Blue Ribbon), only one Second Place (scoring 85 points or more, Red Ribbon), only one Third Place (scoring 80 points or more, Yellow Ribbon), and one or more Honorable Mention (scoring 75 points or more, White Ribbon).

### TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

#### HORTICULTURE DIVISION

All Horticulture Division blue ribbon winners must score 95 points or more to be eligible. Exhibit must be correctly named according to its binomial name or currently accepted scientific designation. For complete requirements refer to HB pages 40 and 41. No minimum number of exhibits is required per class.

##### Division Award

Award of Horticultural Excellence – A rosette of green, blue, and orange ribbons may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit scoring 95 points or more in the entire Horticulture Division.

##### Section Awards

Award of Merit – A rosette of orange ribbons. For all cut non-woody specimens, including vines. Sections B, C, E, F, and G are eligible.

Arboreal Award – A rosette of green ribbons. For cut or container grown trees and/or shrubs. Sections A and D are eligible.

#### DESIGN DIVISION

All Design Division blue ribbon winners must score 95 points or more to be eligible. For complete requirements refer to HB pages 42 and 43.

##### Division Award

Award of Design Excellence – A rosette of gold ribbons may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit scoring 95 points or more in the entire Design Division entered by an individual. Winners of the Sections A, B, and C Awards are eligible.

##### Section Awards

Minimum of 3 classes per section, minimum of 4 entries per class.

Tricolor Award – A rosette of red, yellow, and blue ribbons. All plant material used must be fresh. Non-plant materials may be included. Section C is eligible.

Petite Award – A small rosette of blue and white ribbons. Offered to the most outstanding design in a show of otherwise full-sized designs. Section B is eligible.

Designer's Choice Award – A rosette of purple ribbons. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated and/or fresh. Section A is eligible.

#### BOTANICAL ARTS DIVISION

Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award – A rosette of yellow and orange ribbons. All Botanical Arts Division blue ribbon winners must score 95 points or more to be eligible. For complete requirements, refer to Handbook page 44. Division III, Section A is eligible.

#### YOUTH DIVISION

Youth Top Exhibitor – A rosette of red, white, and blue ribbons. Winning exhibit must score 90 points or more on the appropriate Scale of Points. For complete requirements, refer to Handbook pages 44 and 88. There are no required number of classes or exhibits within the Youth Division of an adult flower show to place an NGC Youth Top Exhibitor Award. Sections A and B are eligible.

#### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The Special Awards panel, appointed by the show chair, will select the winners of the following awards presented by the Southeastern District of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

Laverne Collard Design Award – Awarded in recognition of a design of outstanding beauty in the use and arrangement of predominantly fresh plant material. The Award is a crystal bowl and the recipient need not be a blue ribbon winner.

William F. Clark Award – May be awarded to the entry in the Design Division that best exemplifies the sensitive use of plant material. The Award is in the form of a certificate and the recipient need not be a blue ribbon winner.

District Director's Award – May be awarded to a design that is judged to be the most creative interpretation of the schedule. The Award is in the form of a certificate and the recipient need not be a blue ribbon winner.

Roberta Clark Award – May be awarded to an exhibit of outstanding quality in the Horticulture Division. The Award is in the form of a certificate and the recipient need not be a blue ribbon winner.

## DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

### The Only Game in Town

#### Horticulture Division Rules

1. The NGC Horticulture Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 6, and the supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
2. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the Exhibitor.
3. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application of any products that change the natural appearance.
4. Wiring of specimens is not permitted.
5. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen/s are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
6. 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.
7. Entry cards are available at the Exhibitors' Meeting and at the Show. The cards should be completed in advance, if possible, preferably in pencil or waterproof ink. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 6, for a correctly completed entry tag.
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 Worthy' class.
10. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics.
11. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, pages 129-130.
12. Bottles and wedging material for cut specimens are provided by the Exhibitor. Clean, clear glass and plastic bottles (including water bottles) may be used.
13. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or subclass if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size, or color.
14. All entries must be approved for conformance to the schedule and show worthiness by the Classification Chair before placement.
15. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.
16. Maximum length for all exhibits is 30".
17. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or sub-class if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size, or color.
89. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for the appropriate number of days listed in the following chart.

#### TYPE OF PLANT MATERIAL

#### LENGTH OF POSSESSION

Annuals

90 Days EXCEPTION: No minimum for early maturing seeds and/or transplants

Perennials (Herbaceous)

90 Days

Bulbs, Corms, Tubers Rhizomes

90 Days EXCEPTION: No minimum for forced bulbs, corms, tubers, or rhizomes such as *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), paperwhite *Narcissus*, hyacinths, etc.

#### SECTION A – Game, Set, Match

Flowering Branches – Hydrangea

Cut specimen – One Stem

Eligible for the Arboreal Award

Class 1 – *Hydrangea arborescens*

Class 2 – *Hydrangea macrophylla*

Class 3 – *Hydrangea quercifolia*

Class 4 – Any other worthy specimen

#### SECTION B – Guessing Game

Perennials Grown for Flowers

Cut specimen – One Stem

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 5 – Achillea (Yarrow)

Class 6 – Echinacea (Coneflower)

Class 7 – Hemerocallis (Day Lily)

Class 8 – Monarda (Bee Balm)

Class 9 – Rosa (Rose)

Class 10 – Any other worthy specimen

**SECTION C – High Stakes Game**

Perennials Grown for Foliage  
Cut Specimen – One Stem  
Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 11 – Fern

Class 12 – *Heuchera*

Class 13 – *Hosta* (Limit 5 specimens per Exhibitor)

Class 14– Any other worthy specimen

**SECTION D – Board Game**

Deciduous Shrubs – Not in Bloom  
Cut Specimen – One Stem (no longer than 30")  
Eligible for the Arboreal Award

Class 15 – *Daphne*

Class 16 – *Forsythia*

Class 17 – *Physocarpus* (Nine Bark)

Class 18 – *Salix* (Willow)

Class 19 – *Weigelia*

Class 20 – Any other worthy specimen

**SECTION E – Waiting Game**

Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, and Rhizomes  
Cut Specimen – One Stem  
Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 21 – *Allium* (Ornamental Onion)

Class 22 – *Lillium* (Lily)

Class 23 – *Dahlia*

Class 24 – Any other worthy specimen

**SECTION F – Numbers Game**

Annuals Grown for Flowers  
Cut Specimen – One Stem  
Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 25 – *Pelargonium* (Geranium)

Class 26 – *Salvia*

Class 27 – *Tagetes* (Marigold)

Class 27 – Any other worthy specimen

**SECTION G – Card Game**

Annuals Grown for Foliage  
Cut Specimen – One Stem  
Eligible for the Award of Merit

Class 28 – *Calladium*

Class 29 – *Centaurea cineraria* (Dusty Miller)

Class 30 – *Pletranthus scutellaropodes* (Coleus)

Class 31 – Any other worthy specimen

## DIVISION II – DESIGN

### Game of Chance

#### Design Division Rules

1. The NGC Design Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 7.
2. Advance registration is required with the Design Entries Chairs Dolores Ahern or Christine Decas.
3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 7.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card by common name, provided by the Exhibitor and included with the entry card.
5. The Exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
6. Rules of Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs, and Table Appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 7.
7. The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 14, page 130.
8. Exhibits may be completed at home or in the Show area.
9. Staging may not be altered in any way unless otherwise specified in the schedule.

## SECTION A – Game Plan

4 entries in each class

Eligible for the Designer's Award

Fresh and/or dried plant material may be used

**Class 1 – Dungeons and Dragons** – A Panel Design. Staged on a black pedestal 36" high with a 16" square top. Background is a gray fabric panel.

**Class 2 – Labyrinth** – Designer's choice of style. Staged on a black pedestal 36" high with a 16" square top. Background is a beige fabric wall.

**Class 3 – Twister** – A Free-Standing Floor Design. Staged on a 24" flat black square placed on the floor.

## SECTION B – Back in the Game

4 entries in each class

Eligible for the Petite Award

Fresh and/or dried plant material may be used

Frame of reference for all classes is the gray background panel

**Class 4 – Rubik's Cube** – A Monochromatic Design, Exhibitor's choice of style. Placed in front of a 6" x 6" gray background panel with a gray underlay. Design color (red, blue, green, or yellow) selected by the Exhibitor on a first come, first serve basis. Staged on a shelf 40" from the floor.

**Class 5 – Monopoly** – Exhibitor's choice of style. Placed in front of a 5" x 7" gray background panel with a gray underlay. Staged on a shelf 40" from the floor.

**Class 6 – Shuffleboard** – A Horizontal Design. Placed in front of a 10" x 8" gray background panel with a gray underlay. Staged on a shelf 40" from the floor.

## **SECTION C – Name of the Game**

4 entries in each class

Eligible for the Tricolor Award

All fresh plant material is required

**Class 7 – Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner** – A Functional Table for two inspired by an invited guest (real or fictional), selected by the Exhibitor. Staged on a 36” round table, covered to the floor with a white cloth. Overlays permitted.

**Class 8 – Clue** – A Still Life Design inspired by one of the Clue mansion rooms (kitchen, library, billiard room, conservatory, dining room, hall, lounge, study). Room selected by the Exhibitor on a first come, first serve basis. Staged in front of a 36” high black tri-fold panel, placed on a table 28” high, draped to the floor with a black cloth. Weapons, actual or implied, are prohibited.

**Class 9 – Baseball** – An American Traditional Mass Design. Staged on a black riser 14” square x 2” high, with an attached frame 20” wide x 30” high. Back of the frame is lined with white fabric. Placed on a table 28” high, covered to the floor with a black cloth. Accessories are not permitted.

## **DIVISION III – BOTANICAL ARTS**

### **A Whole New Ball Game**

#### **Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Division Rules**

1. The NGC Botanical Arts Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 10, with Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Guidelines on pages 94 and 95.
2. The exhibit must be the work of one individual.
3. Advance registration is required with Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Entries Co-Chairs Dolores Ahern or Christine Decas.
4. A card listing plant material must be included with all entries.
5. All exhibits must contain some dried and/or fresh plant material.
6. No artificial, endangered, or locally invasive plant material is permitted.
7. Judged by the Artistic Crafts Scale of Points listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 14, page 131.

### **SECTION A – Home Game**

4 entries in each class

Eligible for the Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

**Class 1 – Angry Birds** – A gourd bird house decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material. Gourd provided by the Committee (approximate diameter, 7-8.5”, height 10-12”). Hung from 5’ from the floor.

**Class 2 – If the Shoe Fits** – A shoe decorated with fresh and/or dried plant material. Staged on a 14” high black pedestal with a 12” square top, placed as a diamond, on a 28” high table, draped to the floor with a black cloth. Non-plant material may be used to create the shoe form, but may not show. Background is a beige fabric wall.

**Class 3 – Garden Quest** – A 5” x 7” pressed flower note card. Card provided by the Exhibitor and may be used horizontally or vertically. Placed on a black easel on a white shelf 40” from the floor. Table covered to the floor with a black cloth. Background is a beige fabric wall.

## **DIVISION IV – YOUTH**

### **Fun and Games**

#### **Youth Division Rules**

1. All NGC policies and rules apply.
2. Refer to General Rules on page 3 for additional information.
3. All exhibits must be created solely by the Exhibitor.
4. Judging is based on the adult Scale of Points listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, page 131 for Artistic Crafts and page 130 for Design.
5. Judges must consider ages and abilities of exhibitors when evaluating the exhibits.
6. Advance registration is required with the Youth Division Entries Chair, Shirley Minott, sminott16@comcast.net, 781-826-9516.
7. Entries must be completed at home but may be adjusted in the Show area.
8. A list of plant material used in the exhibit is not required.
9. No artificial, endangered, or locally invasive plant material is permitted.
10. Only dried plant material may be treated.
11. Only the first name and age of the Exhibitor will appear on the entry card.

### **SECTION A – Fair Game**

#### **BOTANICAL ARTS – ARTISTIC CRAFTS**

20 entries in each class

Eligible for the Youth Achievement Award

#### **Open to exhibitors ages 7 and under**

**Class 1 – Go Fish** – An imaginary fish made of predominantly dried plant material, on an 8” wood fish form provided by the Committee. Staged at different heights on a white grid covered with fishing net, with a white background.

#### **Open to Exhibitors ages 8 – 12**

**Class 2 – Star Wars: The Force Unleashed** – An imaginary alien face made of predominantly dried plant material, on a 10” oval wood form provided by the Committee. Oval may be used vertically or horizontally. Staged at two levels on a 28” high table, covered to the floor with a black cloth.

### **SECTION B – Game Changer**

#### **DESIGN**

4 entries in each class

Eligible for the Youth Achievement Award

Fresh and/or dried plant material may be used.

#### **Open to Exhibitors ages 7 and under**

**Class 3 – Kick the Can** – A Design in a Campbell’s 10.75 soup can, provided by the Exhibitor (label intact). Placed on a table 28” high, covered to the floor with a white cloth.

#### **Open to Exhibitors ages 8 – 12**

**Class 4 – Candy Land** – A Design in a container provided by the Committee. Placed on a table 28” high covered to the floor with a black cloth. Candy is not permitted in the design.