



The Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc.
and
The Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society
present



Date Night

An NGC Standard Flower Show

Marshfield Fair
Agriculture Hall
140 Main St., Marshfield, MA

August 16 - 20, 2024
12:00 noon to 10:00 pm

The South Shore District is a member of
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General Rules

1. This Flower Show 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, is open to all members of NGC.
4. **Entry Date: Friday, August 16, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**
5. **Removal Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
6. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 16.
7. **Exhibitors' Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 11:00 a.m.**, Agriculture Hall, Marshfield Fairgrounds.
8. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
9. The General Chair and Classification Chair for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
10. 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.
11. The decisions of the Judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
12. Judges are required to consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ point recognition.
13. Wild collected plants of species listed by the MA 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.
14. Plants listed on the MA Department of Agricultural Resources prohibited Plant List may not be exhibited in this Flower Show.
15. In Division II, Design, the Committee will provide staging unless otherwise noted in the Schedule.
16. 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.
17. The Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society will strive to assure safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
18. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to find a replacement if unable to fulfill assignment.

Awards

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 subclass: 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). These awards are given, if merited. For complete requirements, refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, pgs. 40 - 41.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION I - TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Section Awards:

Award of Merit - A rosette of orange ribbons. Sections A, B, C, and D are eligible.

Grower's Choice Award - A rosette of dark green ribbons. Section E is eligible.

Division Award:

Award of Horticultural Excellence - A rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons. Awarded to the highest scoring exhibit entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division.

DESIGN DIVISION II - TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Criteria for Design awards is found in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 5, pgs. 39 - 48. All Design Division blue ribbon winners must score 95 points or more to be eligible.

Section Awards:

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.

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

Division Award:

Award of Design Excellence - A rosette of gold ribbons. May be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by an individual.

Division I - Horticulture

“Bring on the Sun”

Horticulture Rules

1. The Policies/Rules for exhibiting in the Horticulture Division are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, pgs. 55-59, or its supplement, *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
2. All Cut plant material, Sections A, B, C, and D must be fresh, grown by the Exhibitor and in the possession of the Exhibitor for at least 90 days. All Combination plantings, Section E, must be in Exhibitor's possession and growing together for at least 6 weeks.
 - Annuals - length of possession: 90 days. Exception - No minimum for early maturing seeds and/or transplants.
 - Bulbs, Corms, Tubers and Rhizomes - length of possession: 90 days. Exception - No minimum for forced bulbs, corms, tubers, or rhizomes.
3. Entry cards will be available at the Exhibitors' Meeting and the day of Show. Cards should be filled out in pencil, in advance, if possible. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Ch. 6, p. 57.
4. To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the Exhibitor must identify the entry by its binomial or acceptable scientific name.
5. Exhibitors may have more than one entry in each class, if each is a different species, variety, type, cultivar, or color.
6. Exhibitors will submit entries in clean, clear glass bottles. Clean, clear plastic water bottles may be used. Wedging material (small-scale bubble wrap, plastic wrap or cotton ball) is permitted. The Committee will have a limited quantity of containers and wedging material on the day of the Show.
7. Specimens may not have any foliage below the water line and the maximum length of a specimen is 30”.
8. The Horticulture Classification Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics.
9. All entries must be approved for conformance to the Schedule and show worthiness by the Classification Chairman before placement by the Committee.
10. The Scale of Points for Horticulture is located in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, pgs. 129-130.
11. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to keep plant material in excellent condition for the duration of the Show. The Committee reserves the right to remove exhibits if they detract from the appearance of the Show.

Division I - Horticulture

"Bring on the Sun"

Sections and Classes - Each Section: A, B, C, and D is eligible for an *Award of Merit*..
Section E is eligible for the *Grower's Choice Award*.

Section A - "Sweet Times" Cut **Perennials** grown for **flowers**, one stem.

Class 1 - Echinacea (Cone Flower)

Class 2 - Bee Balm

Class 3 - Rosa

Class 4 - Any other worthy specimen

Section B - "Standing Alone" Cut **Annuals** grown for **foliage**, one stem.

Class 5 - Centaurea cineria (Dusty Miller)

Class 6 - Plectranthus scutellarioides (Coleus)

Class 7 - Calladium

Class 8 - Any other worthy specimen

Section C - "Pretty Face" Cut specimen from **Bulbs, Corms, Tubers and Rhizomes**, one stem.

Class 9 - Ornamental Onion (Allium)

Class 10 - Lillium (Lily)

Class 11 - Dahlia

Class 12 - Any other worthy specimen

Section D- "Game Time" Cut **Perennials** grown for **foliage**, one stem.

Class 13 - Hosta (Limit 3 specimens per Exhibitor)

Class 14 - Heuchera

Class 15 - Fern

Class 16 - Any other worthy specimen

Section E - "Dreaming" **Combination plantings** - A grouping of three or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements. Exhibitor provides the container.

Class 17 - Desertarium/Terrarium (with cacti and/or other succulents).

Container not to exceed 12" diameter.

Class 18 - Dish Garden (miniature landscape in a low shallow container).

Container not to exceed 12" diameter.

Class 19 - Planter (grouping of monochromatic plants in an outdoor container).

Container not to exceed 24" diameter.

Division II - Design

“Let’s Have Fun”

Design Rules

1. The NGC Design Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 7.
2. **Advance registration is required.** To enter, click on the **Sign Up Genius link:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4EAFAC29A4FC1-48332118-2024> **or contact**
Kathy Hawes at 781-363-8443 kmh4383@gmail.com
3. All plant material used in the design must be identified by common name, on a card, provided by the Exhibitor.
4. 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, pgs. 80-81. Artificial plant material is prohibited.
5. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND MENU FOODS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Dried fruits and vegetables are allowed.
6. The Exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class. All designs must be within their frame of reference.
7. Rules for Design Types are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 7.
8. The Scale of Points for Design - refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, Chapter 14, p.130.
9. Staging may not be altered in any way, unless otherwise specified in the Schedule.
10. Exhibitors may not attach anything to the backboard. Exception - Class 5 , draping only.
11. Exhibits must be completed at home and may be finished off in the Show area.

Division II - Design

“Let’s Have Fun”

Sections and Classes - 4 entries each Class

**Staging - Backboard and square underlay color for all Classes - Benjamin Moore #435
‘Fresh Dew’**

Section A - Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award (plant material may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh)

Class 1 - ‘Movie Night’ A Design, staged in front of a backboard 30” W x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay, placed on a platform 33” H.

Class 2 - ‘Going Dancing’ A Spatial Thrust Design, staged in front of a backboard 30” W x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay, placed on a platform 33” H.

Class 3- ‘Casino Night’ An Abstract Design, staged in front of a backboard 30” W x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay. Placed on a circular pedestal, 26” diameter x 4¾” H, placed on a platform 33” H.

Section B - Eligible for Tricolor Award (all plant material must be fresh)

Class 4 - ‘Game Night’ A Parallel Design, staged in front of a backboard 30” W x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay, placed on a platform 33” H.

Class 5 - ‘Dining Out’ An Exhibition Table, staged in front of a backboard 30” W x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay, placed on a platform 33” H.
Draping allowed on backboard, with no nails or tacks.

Class 6 - ‘Watching the Sunset’ A Horizontal Design (American Traditional Line Design), staged in front of a backboard 30” W. x 40” H, with a 30” square underlay. Placed on a 14” square pedestal 8” H, placed on a platform 33” H.