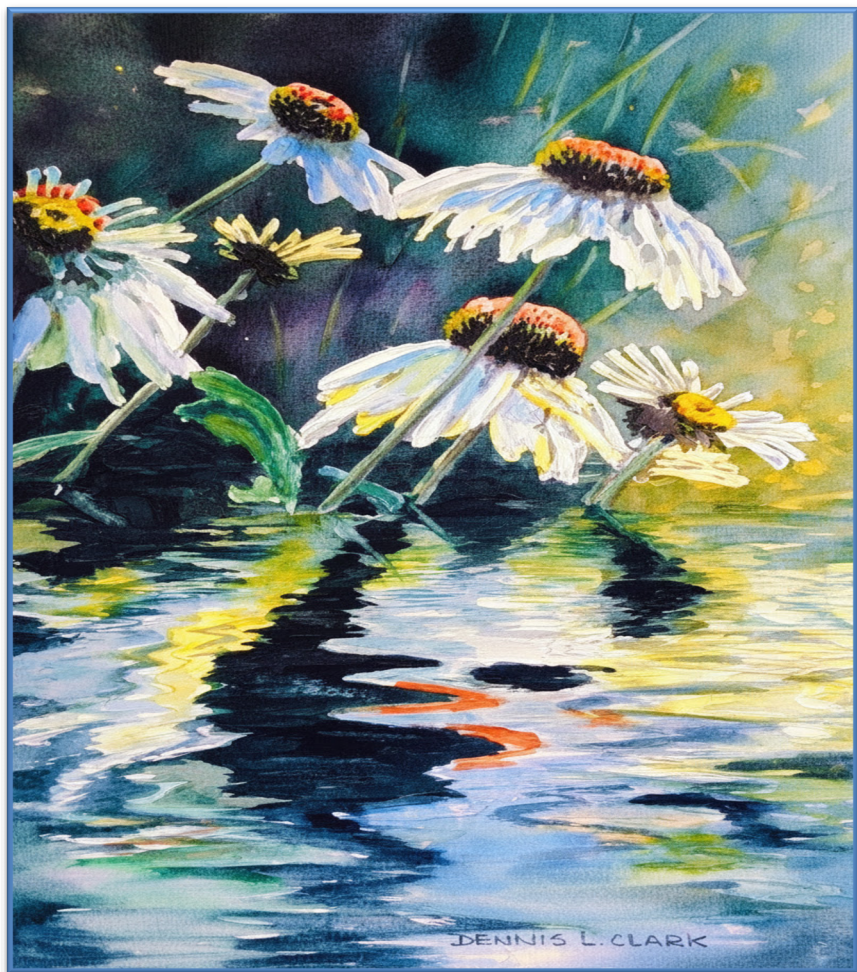


GARDEN CLUBS OF CHENANGO COUNTY

PRESENT

“Gardening Reflections: 1776 – 2026”

AN NGC SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW



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**The Garden Clubs of Chenango County
(Norwich, Oxford, Town & Country)**

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Chenango County Fair Grounds

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GENERAL SHOW RULES

This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), as updated with revisions posted on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is "the Law of the Show". An updated copy of *The Handbook for Flower Shows* may be downloaded from the NGC website www.gardenclub.org.

ENTRIES

1. Horticulture classes are open to residents of Chenango County. All Design classes are open to residents and non-residents of Chenango County.

HORTICULTURE entries are limited to 10 per person.

2. HORTICULTURE entry placements will be accepted Monday, August 10th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, August 11th, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
DESIGN entry placements will be placed on Monday, August 10th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, August 11th, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Judging will begin promptly at 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 11th.
4. All exhibits must be removed Sunday, August 16th between 5 and 6 p.m. Exhibitors unable to pick up their exhibit/s should plan for someone else to do so. Any exhibit not picked up by 6 p.m. will be removed by the Committee.

5. a) Entry cards are available from the Fair Office, Chenango County Fairgrounds, 168 East Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815. Phone # 607-373-3506. Main Gate Office will be open for registration of entries Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, August 8th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration closes Saturday, August 8th, at 12 noon. All entries are done by advanced registration at the Office. See Division rules for entry fee information.

- b) Cards MUST be filled out in advance, in pencil, typed, or waterproof ink. Address labels may be used.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

(HB p24-25)

1. **The Classification Chairmen for each division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.**
2. **The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen 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.**
3. **The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.**
4. **There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division.**

5. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division and the Botanical Arts Horticulture section if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.
6. The Garden Clubs of Chenango County will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but, is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
7. The use of plant material on New York State Protected Native Plants List, Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Plants is prohibited. See: <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/terrestrial/plants>
<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/plants/state-protected-plants>

AWARDS

The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.

Only one (1) first place (blue) ribbon per class or sub-class; must score 90 points or more.

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

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

One (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

All non-blue ribbon exhibits scoring 90+ points must be signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel.

DIVISION I—HORTICULTURE AWARDS

HORTICULTURE TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

DIVISION AWARD

AWARD OF HORTICULTURA EXCELLENCE

Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons (HB p. 40)

One ***Award of Horticultural Excellence*** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division.

SECTION AWARDS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Exhibit must be a correctly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or above in a designated section of at least three classes (there is no minimum number of exhibits).

ARBOREAL AWARD

Rosette of two values of green ribbons (HB p. 40-41)

Three ***Arboreal Awards*** may be awarded in designated sections of fresh plant material consisting of tree and/or shrub branches (one per section). Division I, Sections I, is eligible.

AWARD OF MERIT

Rosette of orange ribbons (HB p. 41)

Five ***Awards of Merit*** may be awarded in designated sections with a common characteristic (one per section). Division I, Sections A, B, C, D and E are eligible.

GROWER'S CHOICE AWARD

Rosette of dark green ribbons (HB p. 41)

Three ***Grower's Choice Awards*** may be awarded in designated sections consisting of container-grown plants or combination plantings (one per section). Division I, Sections F, G and H are eligible.

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL AWARD

To be awarded by the Show Awards Chairman

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

Rosette of green and white ribbons (HB p. 46)

To be awarded by the Show Awards Chairman

One ***Sweepstakes Award*** will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the largest number of combined points in the Horticulture Division (Top Award = 2 points; Blue = 3 points). In case of tie, red ribbons will be totaled, and then yellow if need be. The tabulation will be done by the Awards Chairman after judging has been completed.

CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR HORTICULTURE MONETARY AWARDS

To be awarded by the Show Awards Chairman

1 st Premium	2 nd Premium	3 rd Premium
\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00

DIVISION II—DESIGN AWARDS

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

SECTION AWARD

DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD

Rosette of purple ribbon (HB p. 42)

The ***Designer's Choice Award*** may be awarded may be awarded in a section where the exhibitor has freedom to choose plant materials (fresh and/or dried) and components. Exhibit, Traditional or Creative, must be a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 in a designated section of at least three classes with a minimum of four exhibits in each class. Judges must withhold the award if no exhibit meets the requirements. Division II, Section A, Class 1, 2, and 3 are eligible.

DIVISION II—DESIGN AWARDS

(continue)

CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR MONETARY AWARDS

1 st Premium	2 nd Premium	3 rd Premium
\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00

Honorable Mention \$3.75

DIVISION III—EDUCATION AWARDS

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

EDUCATIONAL TOP EXHIBITOR AWARD

Rosette of brown and white ribbons (HB p. 43-44)

The ***Educational Award*** may be awarded to a blue ribbon exhibit scoring 95 or above when all requirements have been met, in a section designed to instruct the public in some phase of National Garden Clubs goals and objectives.

Division III, Section A, exhibits 1 & 2 are eligible.

CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR MONETARY AWARDS

SECTION A- EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

1 st Premium	2 nd Premium
\$15.00	\$10.00

DIVISION IV—BOTANICAL ARTS AWARDS

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

SECTION AWARD

BOTANICAL ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Rosette of black and white ribbons (HB p.45)

The ***Botanical Arts Photography Award*** is awarded to the highest scoring exhibit. Division IV, Section C, Class 1, 2, and 3 are eligible.

CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR MONETARY AWARDS

1 st Premium	2 nd Premium	3 rd Premium
\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00
Honorable Mention	\$3.75	

ARTISTIC CRAFTS

DOT ALDRICH AWARD

Fifty-dollar cash award

The local ***Dot Aldrich Award*** may be awarded to the blue-ribbon exhibit scoring 95 or above when all the requirements have been met. This award requires **all dried plant material** to be used in the exhibit. Division IV, Section B Class 1 is eligible.

PEOPLE CHOICE AWARD

(To be awarded by Show Award Chairman)

DIVISION I –GENERAL HORTICULTURE RULES

(HB p. 27)

A. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.

B. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimens are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.

C. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify his/her entry by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific designation.

D. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Cards may be typed, written in pencil, or waterproof ink. Address labels may be used. (See HB, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry card).

E. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for gladiolus.

F. 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 plants if they are grown for their leaves.

G. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy' class.

H. 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.

I. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. All entries to be labeled by currently accepted binomial name, genus/specific epithet, cultivar, variety.
3. Specimen containers and wedging material will be furnished by the Show Committee for Division I, Sections A, B, C, D, E, & I. Double potting is allowed in Divisions I, Sections F, G & H.
4. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or subclass, provided each is of a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size or color.
5. All entries must be approved by the Entries and Classification Chairmen before being placed by the Placement Committee. Any entry that cannot be altered to conform may be marked "Not for Competition" and set aside by the Entries Chairman.
6. Cut annuals and biennials must have been in exhibitor's possession from seeds, cuttings or immature plants, perennials for at least 60 days, bulbous blooms from planting of bulb, tuber, corm, etc., or at least 60 days. (Cut specimens should be submitted in water to the entry table).
7. Container-grown plants must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 60 days. Containers are measured by the top inside diameter.
8. Multiple or combination plantings must have been in exhibitor's possession and growing together for at least 6 weeks prior to the Show.
9. All plants in a combination planting must have compatible cultural requirements with respect to planting medium, water, fertilizer, temperature, and light (HB p59).
10. Entry fee for all horticulture is .20 (twenty cents) per class entered.

SCALES OF POINTS

(HB pp. 129-130)

**All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture
Specimens and Collections**
(Arboreal, Flowering, Foliage, Fruit/Vegetable/Nut)

CRITERIA	VALUE (POINTS)
Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification.....	5

Peak of Perfection

Form.....	20
Color.....	20
Maturity/Size.....	20
Condition/Blemishes.....	15

Grooming/Staging

Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5

TOTAL.....100

SCALES OF POINTS

(HB pp. 129-130)

Combination Plantings and Gardens
(Container-Grown Combination Plantings:
Section H and Div !V, Section A)

CRITERIA	VALUE (POINTS)
Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification	5
Labeling.....	5

Peak of Perfection

Form.....	10
Color.....	10
Condition.....	10
Show-worthy Size.....	5
Overall Effect.....	30
Creative/Distinctive.....	5
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5

TOTAL.....100

DIVISION I: HORTICULTURE

"From Colonial to Conservation"

Eligible for **Award of Horticulture Excellence**

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS AND CLASSES

Section A. Annuals: "All American Selections"

Eligible for **Award of Merit**

- Class 1. Bachelor's Buttons (*Centaurea cyanus*), 3 blooms
- Class 2. Calendula (*Calendula officinalis*), 1 bloom
- Class 3. Cleome (*Cleome*), 1 stem
- Class 4. Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*), 1 bloom
- Class 5. Marigold (*Tagetes, spp*)
a. French Marigold, 1 stem
 1. orange. 2. yellow
 3. bi-colored
b. African Marigold, 1 stem
 1. orange. 2. yellow
 3. white
- Class 6. Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*), 3 stems
- Class 7. Pansy (*Viola x wittrockiana*), 3 blooms
- Class 8. Petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*), 1 spray/stem
a. single b. double
 c. bicolor
- Class 9. Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), 1 spike

- Class 10. Sunflower (*Helianthus, spp*), 1 bloom
a. bloom under 6" b. bloom 6" and over

- Class 11. Zinnia (*Zinnia, spp*), disbudded
a. under 2", one stem
b. 2" and over, 1 bloom

- Class 12. Any other flowering annual not mentioned above
a. spike form - 1 stem
b. spray form - 1 stem
c. solitary form - under 2", 3 blooms;
 2" and over, 1 bloom

- Class 12i. Any decorative foliage or non-flowering annual

Section B. Perennials, Flowering: "Grandma's Garden" Eligible for **Award of Merit**

- Class 13. Balloon Flower (*Platycodon grandiflorus*), 1 stem
- Class 14. Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*), 1 stem
- Class 15. Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*), 3 blooms
- Class 16. Coneflower (*Echinacea, spp*), 1 stem
a. purple b. white
c. red d. yellow
e. any other color
- Class 17. Coreopsis (*Coreopsis, spp*), 3 stems

- Class 18. Daylily (*Hemerocallis, spp*), 1 scape with buds
 a. yellow b. peach, pink or mauve
 c. red, purple d. orange
 e. any other color
- Class 19. Delphinium (*Delphinium, spp*), 1 spike
- Class 20. Globe Thistle (*Echinops, spp*), 3 blooms
- Class 21. Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), 1 stem
 a. pink b. white
 c. any other color
- Class 22. Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia, spp*), 1 stem
 a. Black-eyed Susan (*R. hirta*)
 b. any other
- Class 23. Yarrow (*Achillea, spp*), 1 stem
 a. yellow b. any other color
- Class 24. Any other perennial not mentioned above
 a. spike form, 1 stem
 b. spray form, 1 stem
 c. solitary form
 1. under 2", 3 blooms
 2. 2" and over, 1 bloom

Section C. Perennials, Decorative Foliage:
"Green Drenching" Eligible for **Award of Merit**

- Class 25. Artemisia (*Artemisia, spp*) 1 stem
- Class 26. Coralbells (*Heuchera, spp*), 1 leaf
- Class 27. Hosta (*Hosta, spp*), 1 leaf
 a. small (up to 3" across)
 b. medium (3" up to 6" across)
 c. large (6" up to 8" across)
 d. extra-large (over 8" across)
- Class 28. Any other perennial decorative foliage not mentioned

Section D. Bulbs, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes:
"John Bartram's Treasures"
 Eligible for **Award of Merit**

- Class 29. Dahlia (*Dahlia, spp*)
 a. under 3", 1 bloom
 b. 3" and over, 1 bloom
 1. single color
 2. multicolored
- Class 30. Gayfeather (*Liatris, spp*), 1 spike
- Class 31. Gladiolus (*Gladiolus, spp*), 1 spike
 a. yellow/green
 b. orange/salmon
 c. pink d. white
 e. any other color

Class 32. Lily (*Lilium*, *spp*), 1 stem

- a. *Lilium lancifolium*
- b. Oriental hybrid
- c. any other hybrid

Class 33. Any other bulbous plant of merit

- a. spike, 1 stem b. spray, 1 stem
- c. solitary, 2" and over, 1 stem;
under 2", 3 stems

**Section E. Roses (*Rosa*, *spp*):
"White House Rose Garden"**

Eligible for **Award of Merit**

*[Roses are to be exhibited with two to five sets
of leaves]*

Class 34. Hybrid Tea, 1 stem with 1 bloom;
disbudded

Class 35. Floribunda, 1 spray

Class 36. Miniatures, 1 bloom

Class 37. Any other rose of merit, 1 bloom or 1
spray

**Section F. Flowering Container-grown Plants:
"Porch Culture"**

Eligible for **Grower's Choice Award**

Class 38. Flowering plant, single crown, in container not
to exceed 6" diameter

Class 39. Flowering plant, single crown, in container over
6", not to exceed 12" in diameter

Class 40. Flowering plant, 1 cultivar in hanging container
not to exceed 16" in diameter

**Section G. Non-flowering Container-grown Plants:
"Foliage First"** Eligible for **Grower's Choice Award**

Class 41. Non-flowering plant, single crown, in container
not to exceed 6" in diameter

Class 42. Non-flowering plant, 1 cultivar, in container not
to exceed 12" in diameter

Class 43. Non-Flowering plant, 1 cultivar in hanging
container not to exceed 16" in diameter

Section H. Combination Plantings:
"Thriller, Filler, Spiller"
Eligible for **Grower's Choice Award**

Class 44. Planter with 3 or more foliage species, container not to exceed 16" in diameter.

Class 45. Planter with 3 or more flowering species, container not to exceed 16" in diameter.

Class 46. Planter with 3 or more combination flowering and foliage species, container not to exceed 16" in diameter.

Class 47. Dish Garden with 3 or more succulent species, container not to exceed 14" in diameter.

Section I. Flowering Trees/Shrubs:
"Food Forest" Eligible for **Arboreal Award**

Class 48. Flowering deciduous tree, 1 branch

Class 49. Hydrangea (*Hydrangea spp.*), 1 stem
a. cone-shaped flower
b. round flower
c. any other hydrangea

Class 50. Flowering shrub other than Hydrangea
a. blooming
b. fruiting

DIVISION II – DESIGN RULES

HB p. 28-29, 79-81

1. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC policies and Guidelines.

2. Advance registration with the Design Entries Consultant is required by Saturday, August 8th. Only one entry is permitted by an exhibitor in each class, but the exhibitor may enter more than one class.

3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7.

4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card provided by exhibitor and included with the entry card. A separate 3x5 index card is acceptable.

5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated descriptions and limitations of the design type if named in the class.

6. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs, and Table Appointments are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7.

7. The Scale of Points for Design are located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows. Also, see page 23 in this schedule.

8. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Flower Show.

9. The designer has the freedom to choose traditional or creative style with any design listed unless restricted by the schedule.

10. Designs must be the work of one individual.

11. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor; may be from any source.

12. Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated unless restricted by the schedule.

13. If Designer is unable to fulfill the assignment, it is the Designer's responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Entries Chairman.

14. Landscapes and/or scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.

15. Entry fee for Design Division is \$1.00 per class entered, unless otherwise indicated.

SCALE OF POINTS: ALL DESIGNS

Conformance (to schedule requirements)	
To Type	7
To Schedule Requirements	7
Design Principles	48
Selection of Components	8
Organization of Components	8
Expression (interpretation of class by exhibitor)	8
Distinction (marked superiority in all respects)	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	100

DIVISION II: DESIGN

"Seeds of Independence"

Section A Eligible for ***Designer's Choice Award***

Class 1. "A Boston Tea Party" 4 entries
A Functional Alfresco Table for two (2) staged a barrel 36" D top x 32" H, covered with black floor length underlay provided by the committee. Design to be viewed from all sides. Table must include a Decorative Unit. Designer's choice of plant material, coverings and other components.

Class 2. "Shades of Glory" 4 entries
Exhibitor's Choice of Design Style or Type staged on a barrel 24" D x 32" H. Barrel will be covered with black floor-length underlay, provided by the committee. Design will be viewed from all sides. Designer's choice of plant material and other components.

Class 3. "Victory Garden Harvest" 4 entries
Exhibitor's Choice of Design Style or Type staged in a white winged niche, 40" H x 24" W x 18" Deep on a 29" H table. The niche and table are provided by the committee. Underlay and staging panel/s to be provided by the exhibitor. Designer's choice of plant material and other components.

**DIVISION III: EDUCATION—EDUCATION
EXHIBITS RULES** (HB p. 29-30, 85-86)

1. Educational exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge, or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an educational exhibit.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet of surface area.
3. Scale of Points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 14.
4. Exhibits are competitive.

DIVISION III: EDUCATION
“Precious Resources”

Each exhibit to be staged on a card table 34” square x 27” H with a black underlay provided by the committee. Exhibitors are by invitation only.

Section A: “Conserve, Recycle, Upcycle”
Eligible for **Educational Award**

Exhibit 1. “The Water Cycle”

An educational exhibit on the natural recycling of water.

Exhibit 2. “Thinking Out of the Pot”

An informative exhibit using reclaimed garden materials.

DIVISION IV: BOTANICAL ARTS RULES
(HB p. 31)

1. **All Botanical Arts Exhibits except Photography must contain some plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.**
2. **The Scale of Points for Botanical Arts are listed in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.**
3. **The rules for Botanical Arts are listed in Chapter 10 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.**
4. **The general guidelines for all Designs as printed in Chapter 7 of the Handbook for Flower Shows, including a card provided by the exhibitor listing plant material used in the design apply to Botanical Arts Design.**
5. Botanical Horticulture (Section A, Class 1) is judged on Combination Plantings Scale of Points, see this schedule page 14; also, HB p129.
6. Artistic Crafts (Section B, Class 1) is judged on Scale of Points, see HB p131.
7. Photography (Section C) is judged on Scale of Points, see HB p131.

DIVISION IV: BOTANICAL ARTS

"America, the Bountiful"

Section A: Botanical Horticulture

Class 1. "Never Never Land" Open
A Fairy Garden. An imaginative miniature landscape/scene. Garden container may not exceed 14" diameter to be displayed within a 20" W space on an 8' L x 30" W x 29" H table. Design to be viewed on all sides. All types of accessories permitted. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material, but some live plant material/s must be included. Each plant specimen should be correctly and clearly labeled with the current scientific designation and in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the garden. A single chart or individual placards may be used. No artificial plant material is permitted. To be judged by Combination Plantings Scale of Points, see p. 14 in this schedule.

Section B: Artistic Crafts

Class 1. "Primitive Pharmacy" 6 entries
A herbal wreath of ALL DRIED plant material. The wreath will be hung on a white wall. Wreath not to exceed 20" in diameter. A card listing plant material must be included. To be judged by Scale of Points for Artistic Crafts, see HB p131.

*Eligible for **Dot Aldrich Award***

Section C: Photography

Eligible for Botanical Arts Photography Award

Class 1. "Independence: All by Myself" 4 entries
An 11" x 14" color photograph of a single bloom. Image must be mounted flush on a foam board. May be vertical or horizontal. No frames or matting allowed. Professional printing and mounting are permitted. Photograph will be staged against a black background, at eye level. Staging materials provided by the committee. Exhibitors are encouraged to label photographed plant material, preferably with current scientific name, on a 3" x 5" card, provided by the exhibitor. (HB p95-96)

Class 2. "Johnny Appleseed" 4 entries
An 11" x 14" color photograph of vegetables and/or fruits. Image must be mounted flush on a foam board. May be vertical or horizontal. No frames or matting allowed. Professional printing and mounting are permitted. Photograph will be staged against a black background, at eye level. Staging materials provided by the committee. Exhibitors are encouraged to label photographed plant material, preferably with current scientific name, on a 3" x 5" card, provided by the exhibitor. (HB p95-96)

Class 3. "Friend or Foe?" 4 entries
An 11" x 14" color photograph of an animal (vertebrate or invertebrate) in a garden setting. Image must be mounted flush on a foam board. May be vertical or horizontal. No frames or matting allowed. Professional printing and mounting are permitted. Photograph will be staged at eye level. Staging materials provided by the committee. Exhibitors are encouraged to label photographed plant material, preferably with current scientific name, on a 3" x 5" card, provided by the exhibitor. (HB p95-96)

NOTES

DIVISION I: HORTICULTURE DEFINITIONS

Combination Plantings: A group of three (3) or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements such as light, water & humidity. Naturalistic accessories permitted but must be in scale with plantings and container, and theme appropriate to the plants. (HB p59).

Container-Grown: A single species grown in a container. 1. Self-multiple—multiple shoots rising from the root system. 2. Multiple planting—more than one (1) plant of the same cultivar and color are combined in the container to improve the overall appearance of the planting. (HB p58).

Dish Garden: A miniature landscape in an open low-volume shallow container. Must meet the requirements of combination plantings listed above. (HB p59)

Flower Form: Growth habit of a flower.

- a. **Flat, round or solitary**, *e.g.*, marigold, zinnia
- b. **Spike/Raceme**: compound inflorescence, florets directly attached to stem. Spikes have no pedicle; *e.g.* gladiolus, liastris. Raceme has a pedicle; *e.g.* snapdragon, delphinium, columbine
- c. **Spray**: group of florets on a branched stem, each on its own stemless; *e.g.* columbine, statice.

DIVISION II: DESIGN DEFINITIONS

Components: The tangible materials of which a design is composed: plant material, container/s, special staging, non-plant materials, accessories, featured objects and mechanics.

Decorative Unit: A completed floral design with or without candles, and other accessories must be included in all Functional Table class. A container-grown plant alone is not a design.

Design Styles: A manner of design, usually representing a historic period, *e.g.*, European, Oriental, and American Traditional and Creative or Free Style.

Functional Table: Table planned and set for actual service of food. Convenience and sense of order must prevail. Usually includes dishes, beverage container/s, table coverings and always includes a decorative unit/s with or without other components.

Napkins: Required for all functional tables. May be cloth or paper depending on table formality. One (1) or more napkins may be used together, place where best suited for the table design.

Resources:

A copy of *The Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), 2017 Edition handbook is on reserve at the Guernsey Memorial Library, Norwich, NY.

Also available free online:

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/fss-handbook-secure-july-2023.pdf>

Recommended resource for online search engine on plant nomenclature: <https://powo.science.kew.org>

