**AMATEUR FLOWER SHOW**

**GENERAL RULES**

1. Open to all amateur gardeners (those whose principal source of income is not from either floral design or from growing or selling plant material eligible for the class entered).
2. Artificial plant material and embellishment of fresh plant material are prohibited in all divisions. The show must have an emphasis on fresh plant material.
3. Entries will be received:

Mon, April 11, 2016 from 5:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Tue, April 12, 2016 from 7:30a.m. – 9:30a.m.

Exhibitors must have their entries passed by the Classification Chairmen, whose responsibility it is to check its conformity with the schedule.

1. Standard judging will begin at 10:30a.m. Only required personnel will remain in the flower show area during judging. This includes the judges, clerks and following Chairmen: General, Horticulture, Design, Judges, Clerks and Classification.
2. The Flower Show will be open to the public from:

Wed April 13, 2016–Sat April 16, 2016 9:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.

Sunday April 17, 2016 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

1. The Committee will exercise every caution but cannot be responsible for loss or breakage.
2. Entries must be removed: Sun, April 17, 2016 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m
3. This show conforms to standards set forth by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. using the 2007 *National Garden Clubs (NGC) Handbook for Flower Shows* and updates listed in *The National Gardener*.
4. The Standard System of Awarding will be used: only one first place (blue) ribbon per class or sub class, must score 90 or more; only one second place (red) ribbon per class or sub class, must score 85 or more; only one third place (yellow) ribbon per class or sub class, must score 80 or more; one or more honorable mention (white) ribbons, must score 75 or more. All exhibits that have earned a score of 90+, but have not won a blue ribbon, shall have their entry cards marked with a 90+ and signed by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel.
5. The decision of the judges will be final. Any award may be withheld if no exhibit meets the specific requirements for that award.
6. Plants listed on the Ohio Conservation Native Endangered Plant list (naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov/rareplants) may be used in any division if labeled with botanical names and grown by the exhibitor, or obtained in a legal manner, and so marked. No plant material on the State of Ohio Noxious Weeds/Invasive plant lists may be entered in the horticulture division. For a listing of plants visit: www.ohiodnr.gov/invasiveplants.

**DIVISION I -- HORTICULTURE RULES**

1. All horticulture classes are open to any amateur grower.
2. All horticultural entries must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor.
3. Cut specimens must have been in exhibitor’s possession for at least 90 days. Bulbous plants must have been grown from planting the bulb, tuber, corm, etc., or 90 day minimum. One stem per exhibit.
4. Container grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 90 days. Exception: Multiple plantings or combination plantings (Section C) must have been in exhibitor’s possession and be grown together for at least six weeks. Exhibits of self-multiplying and other multiple plants of the same cultivar and color are permitted, except where noted.
5. All specimens must be labeled with the correct botanical name genus and species, variety, or cultivar, when applicable. The common name may be added.
6. To be eligible for any Top Exhibitor Award, a specimen must be identified by its binomial name or its currently accepted scientific identification (genus, species and/or cultivar) and score 95 or above.
7. An exhibitor may have more than one entry per class provided each is of a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size or color. Classification Committee has the authority to subdivide classes as necessary.
8. Washing is permitted, but the natural color and texture of horticulture specimens may not be altered by the application of surface treatments such as leaf shine or oil.
9. No disease or bug-infested entries will be accepted.
10. No foliage is permitted below the water line.
11. The staging committee will provide all staging, containers, and wedging for cut specimens. Wedging, or inserting a small, inconspicuous “plug” in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen, is permitted. Wedging may be visible but must not detract from the cut specimen.
12. Containers for potted plants should be clean, unobtrusive, and compatible with the exhibit. Double potting is permitted, inner pot not visible. Pot size refers to the largest diameter of the pot or the diagonal measurement of rectangular containers. If used, top dressing must harmonize with the container and plant.
13. Each collection (Sections I and J) must consist of at least five different container grown plants. These may be of one family, of different varieties/cultivars within a genus or species, or be of plants with like characteristics. The specimens must be properly named as specified in the schedule and each must be in a separate container. See labeling instructions on schedule.
14. The Classification Committee must check all entries. Entry tags will be available from the Show and Horticulture Chairmen. Use waterproof ink or pencil, or address labels on tags.
15. The Horticulture Division will be judged using the scales of points on pages 298-302 in the 2007 NGC Handbook for Flower Shows.

The Cincinnati Horticultural Society

The Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati & Vicinity

and Garden Clubs of Ohio, Inc. Cincinnati District

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*“INTERNATIONAL EXTRAVAGANZA”*

A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW



The Cincinnati Flower Show

April 12-17, 2016

Admission: Adults $20 at gate, $15 on-line until March 31, 2016

Children $5

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9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday April 17, 2016

 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Yeatman’s Cove

Cincinnati, OH

**HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE**

**President, Federated Garden Clubs – Gail Suiter**

**General Chairman – Gail Chuck 513.367.0483 or 513.470.7429**

**Horticulture Chairman – Deborah Wyght 513.871.1997**

**Division I: Horticulture**

**GARDENS OF THE WORLD**

Eligible for NGC Horticultural Excellence Division Award

Eligible for Evans Trophy for Horticultural Excellence

*General Consultant: Deborah Wyght 513-871-1997*

**CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS**

 **Royal Botanic Gardens, England**

Container is limited to 12”, one plant per pot except self-multiplying or other multiple plants of same cultivar and color. Flowering plants must be in bloom. All staged on table tops.

**Section A: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, USA**

**Flowering Container Grown Plants**

Eligible for NGC Grower’s Choice Award

Class 1. *Gesneriaceae* Gesnariads:

*Consultants: Karen and Al Cenci 513-325-0395 kcenci@hotmail.com*

 a. *Chirta*

b. *Episcia*

c. *Saintpaulia*

Eligible for the African Violet Society Award

 d. Other

Class 2. *Orchidaceae* Orchids:

*Consultant: Jan Yates 513-475-9771 jyates11@earthlink.net*

 a. *Cattleya*

 b. *Dendrobian*

 c. *Phalenopsis*

 d. Other

Class 3. Other flowering house plant

**Section B: Jardim Botanico, Brazil**

**Foliage Container Grown Plants**

Eligible for NGC Grower’s Choice Award

Class 4. *Begonias*

Class 5. Cacti

Class 6. Ferns

Class 7. Herbs

 a. Culinary

 b. Fragrant

 c. Medicinal

Class 8. Succulents other than cacti

Class 9. Other container grown plant grown for foliage

**Section C: Leven Hall Gardens, England**

**Combination Plantings**

Eligible for NGC Grower’s Choice Award

Container is limited to 18” in diameter or diagonal, must include three or more plants of different type or cultivar. Where accessories are permitted, the plants must dominate. All plants to be individually numbered in container with corresponding numbers and botanical names listed on a 3x5 card.

Class 10. Dish Garden (accessories permitted)

Class 11. Planter (no accessories)

Class 12. Terrarium (accessories permitted)

**CUT SPECIMENS**

**Giverny Gardens, France**

**SECTION D: Schwarzwald, Germany**

**Evergreen Branches**

Eligible for the NGC Arboreal Award

Fresh cut single branch from evergreen trees or shrubs grown for the beauty of foliage or cones. Maximum length 30” Must include several nodes and an apical tip.

Class 13. Broadleaf Evergreen

Class 14. Narrow Leaf/Needled Evergreen

Class 15. Miniature Evergreen

**SECTION E: Suan Nong Nooch, Thailand**

**Ornamental Branches**

Eligible for the NGC Arboreal Award

Fresh cut single branch from deciduous trees or shrubs grown for the beauty of foliage, flowers, catkins or fruit. Maximum length 30” Must include several nodes and an apical tip.

Class 16. Flowering Tree

Class 17. Flowering Shrub

Class 18. Ornamental Tree

Class 19. Ornamental Shrub

**SECTION F: Keukenhof Gardens, The Netherlands**

**Flowering Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes or Tubers**

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Class 20. *Narcissus* Daffodils: no foliage

*Consultant: Linda Walpe 513-221-4140* *lwalpie@cinci.rr.com*

Eligible for the Daffodil Society Award

Class 21. *Tulipa* Tulips: 2 attached leaves

Class 22. Other

**SECTION G: Butchart Gardens, Canada**

**Flowering Perennial**

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Class 23. *Helleborus*

Class 24. Wild Flower

 Eligible for the Cincinnati Horticultural Society Award

Class 25. Other flowering perennial

**SECTION H. Carlton Gardens, Australia**

**Foliage Perennial**

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Class 26. *Arum*

Class 27. Hardy fern

Class 28. Other

**COLLECTIONS**

**Boboli Gardens, Italy**

**SECTION I. Missouri Botanic Garden, USA**

 **Collection of Flowering Container Grown Plants**

Eligible for NGC Collector’s Showcase Award

Eligible for Judges Study Class Trophy

Space allotted 30” X 30”. All plants to be individually numbered with corresponding numbers and botanical names listed on a 3x5 card.

*Reservations required: Deborah Wyght 513-871-1997 debgeof@fuse.net*

Class 29. *Gesneriaceae*

Class 30. *Orchidaceae*

Class 31. Other

**SECTION J. Garden of Cosmic Speculation, Scotland**

**Collection of Foliage Container Grown Plants.**

Eligible for NGC Collector’s Showcase Award

Eligible for Judges Study Class Trophy

Space allotted 30” X 30”. All plants to be individually numbered with corresponding numbers and botanical names listed on a 3x5 card.

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Class 32. *Begonias*

Class 33. Cacti

Class 34. Ferns

Class 35. Herbs

Class 36. Succulents other than cacti

Class 37. Other container plant grown for foliage