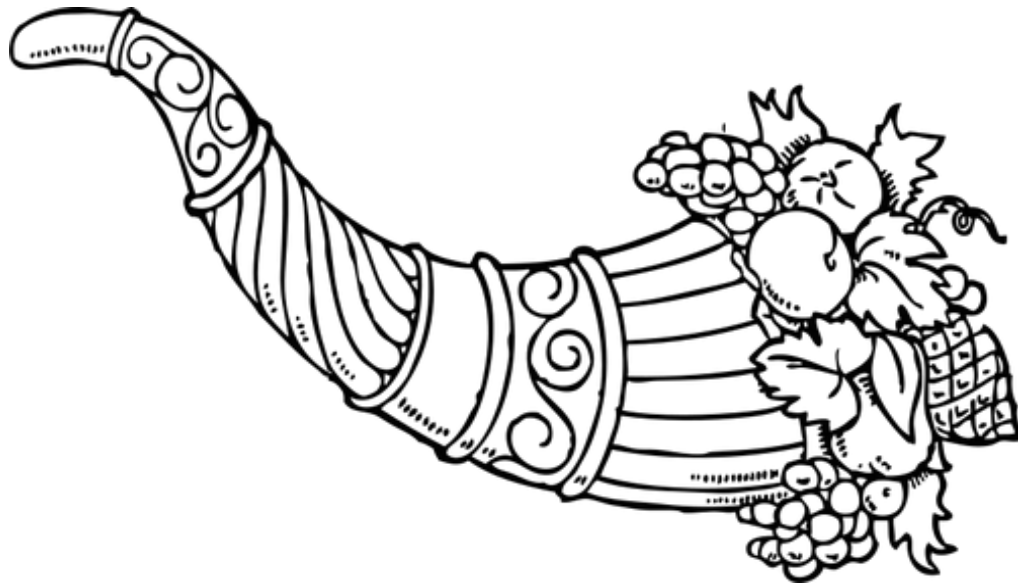


Bringing the Harvest Home

An In-House Horticulture Flower Show



Presented by the Branford Garden Club, member of:
The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.
New England Garden Clubs, Inc.
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Joe Trapasso Community House
Thursday, October 5, 2023
12:00 – 2:00 PM (during the Daytime Meeting)
Specimen drop-off: 10:45 - 11:30 AM

SHOW COMMITTEE

Club President – Nancy Judd

Judges – Eunice Lasala, Leslie Martino, Deborah Vallas

Horticulture/ Conservation Committee – Ivy Bigelow Kim, Theresa Donovan

Technical Assistance – Ann Freeman

Questions about entries may be directed to Ivy Kim at ivy.bigelow@gmail.com

GENERAL RULES

This flower show DOES NOT conform to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). However, *The Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 edition, is the authority for all issues not covered by this Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.

HORTICULTURE ENTRIES:

The TOTAL number of exhibits is NOT TO EXCEED five (5) PER PERSON, to allow the judges adequate time to judge.

You are encouraged to bring in your five “best” specimens—**but:**

You may create **more than five Online Entries** (to allow for specimens that are imperfect on the day of the show).

ONLINE REGISTRATION OF ALL HORTICULTURE ENTRIES IS REQUIRED. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023.

NO WALK-IN OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please register any horticulture that you think may be ready; there is no penalty for withdrawing materials that are not show ready.

Online registration will be at : <http://www.branfordgardenclub.org/special-events/> and will require: Name, Phone, Email, Class, Section Numbers, Botanical and Common Names for Specimen

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. exhibit policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (hereafter abbreviated *HFS*), Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division. 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*.

2. To receive a Branford Garden Club award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its current scientific binomial name (*Genus, species*) and cultivar, if applicable. Consult *HFS* chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.

3 All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. Please do not bring in something you have just purchased.

4. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class, provided that each is of a different color, cultivar, or type.

5. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” class.

6. If a container plant is considered a flowering/fruited plant, it should be exhibited in flower or fruit. Foliage plants may flower, but should be exhibited for their foliage if grown for their leaves.

7. We will have a limited selection of specimen bottles available, but, if possible, please provide your own CLEAR, COLORLESS BOTTLES (glass or plastic) for your cut specimens. You may use plastic wrap, pieces of cut celery, or other unobtrusive materials to wedge the specimens into the bottles. If necessary, you may add marbles or rocks to the bottom of the bottles for weight and balance. But do not obscure or bury the cut end of the specimen; **THE CUT END OF THE SPECIMEN MUST BE VISIBLE.**

Dry seed heads for Section L should be displayed in a weighted bottle containing no water.

Evergreen specimens will be displayed by laying on the table and will not use bottles.

Paper plates will be provided for vegetables and fruits.

Containers for container grown plants should be clean. Discreet double potting is allowed.

8. Please prepare your cut specimens at home and bring them ready in their display bottles to the meeting to cut down on placement time and chaos.

9. All entries must be well groomed. Diseased or infested plant material will not be accepted. Water thoroughly before bringing to the show.

10. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application of oil or commercial “shine” products. No wiring of specimens is permitted. Seedheads may be sprayed with a light coating of hairspray to prevent shedding.

11. Only foliage and/or flowers naturally grown and still attached to the specimen are permitted. Unattached foliage is never included. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line (except *Gladiolus*)

12. **Specimens should be brought to our meeting room at the Joe Trapasso Community House between 10:45 and 11:30 am on Thursday, October 5.** You will receive the horticulture entry cards for your specimens when you arrive.

13. Endangered plants are not permitted. Plant material listed on the following website is prohibited: (copy and paste) <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Endangered-Species/Endangered-Species-Listings/Endangered-Threatened--Special-Concern-Plants>

Division 1: Horticulture

Section A. *Centerpieces at the Garden Table*

Flowering Perennials/Biennials

(1 stem or spray)

Class 1. Anemone

Class 2. Hardy Chrysanthemums

Class 3. Montauk Daisy

Class 4. Sedums

Class 5. Toad Lily

Class 6: Any Other Worthy

Section B. *The Bees' Harvest*

Native Perennials/Biennials

(1 stem or spray)

Class 7. Asters (Symphyotrichum, Eurybia, etc.)

Class 8. Blue Mist Flower (Conoclinium coelestinum)

Class 9. Goldenrod (Solidago)

Class 10. Helenium

Class 11. Turtlehead (Chelone)

Class 12. Any Other Worthy

Section C. *Making the Cut*

Flowering annuals

(1 stem or spray)

Class 13. Amaranth

Class 14. Cosmos

Class 15. Marigolds

Class 16. Snapdragons

Class 17. Sunflowers (annual)

Class 18. Zinnias

Class 19. Any Other Worthy

Section D. *Before They Go To The Cellar*
Flowering Bulb, Corms, Tubers, Rhizomes
(1 stem)

Class 20. Cannas

Class 21. Elephant Ear

Class 22. Dahlias

Class 23. Gladiolus

Class 24. Tuberous Begonias

Class 25. Any Other Worthy

Section E. *Year Round Beauty*
Evergreen Trees and Shrubs
(1 branch not to exceed 24". Include an apical tip and several nodes)

Class 26. Arborvitae

Class 27. Cypress

Class 28. Juniper

Class 29. Leucothoe

Class 30. Pine

Class 31. Any Other Worthy

Section F. *Berry Buffet*
Fruited or Berried Trees and Shrubs
(1 branch not to exceed 24". Include an apical tip and several nodes)

Class 32. Crabapples

Class 33. Beautyberry

Class 34. Holly

Class 35. Rosehips

- Class 36. Seven-son-flower
- Class 37. Any Other Worthy

Section G. *Pulling in Peepers!*

Fall Color Trees and Shrubs

(1 branch not to exceed 24". Include an apical tip and several nodes)

- Class 38. Black Gum
- Class 39. Blueberry
- Class 40. Maples
- Class 41. Sassafras
- Class 42. Sumac
- Class 43. All Other Worthy

Section H. *The Never-Ending Harvest*

Invasive Species

This section is for educational purposes; invasive plants are NEVER allowed in a Federated Garden Club Flower Show. Please transport your Invasive specimens responsibly, so that you don't accidentally aid their spread through town! Invasives do not count toward the 5 specimen maximum; bring in as many as you would like to display, and feel free to bring in a 4"x6" card with additional information you may have on control. Check to be sure that your plant is classed as invasive in Connecticut at https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list/

- Class 44. Burning Bush (Euonymus)
- Class 45. Barberry
- Class 46. Porcelain Berry
- Class 47. Mile-a-minute vine
- Class 48. Multiflora Rose
- Class 49. Rugosa Rose
- Class 50. All Other Unworthy

Section I: *Brightening Winter Window Sills* **Container Grown Flowering Plants**

Class 51. African violet

Class 52. Christmas cactus

Class 53. Ornamental peppers (fruits to be counted as flowers)

Class 54. Pelargonium (“geranium”)

Class 55. All Other Worthy

Section J: *Taste Of The Tropics* **Container Grown Foliage Plants**

Class 56. Avocado

Class 57. Begonia

Class 58. Fern

Class 59. Pineapples

Class 60. All Other Worthy

Section K: *The Traditional Harvest* **Vegetables and Fruits**

(To be displayed on a paper plate provided by Horticulture Committee)

Class 61. Brassicas (1 head or bunch)

Class 62. Tomatoes (3 large or 5 small)

Class 63. Potatoes (3 to 5)

Class 64. Winter squash and pumpkins (1)

Class 65. All Other Worthy Vegetables

Class 66. All Other Worthy Fruit

Section L: *Winter Interest and Birdseed* **Ornamental Seedheads**

(1 stem or spray)

This section is intended to highlight plants that are *meant* to remain standing in their mature forms over winter in the garden; though the seedheads may be dry, they should be freshly cut from the garden for display in the show. In traditional flower shows, dried materials have been judged within a Botanical Arts Division rather than as Horticulture.

Class 67. Coneflower

Class 68. Blackberry Lily

Class 69. Evening primrose

Class 70. Hydrangea

Class 71. Milkweed Pods

Class 72. Monarda

Class 73. All Other Worthy

Section M: *The Baker's Dozen Bonus*

Class 74. Any worthy that you would like to display that doesn't fit an above category.

Hold your phone camera over the QR code to go to the Club website to complete the online entry form.

