

GENERAL RULES AND TIPS FOR FLOWER SHOW

****A Few changes have been made to the Schedule – please read carefully.**

Please use return address labels if possible.

Please trim off **large borders** on labels to facilitate folding the entry cards .

- 1) Entries will be accepted for placement on Tuesday from 1:30p.m. to 6:00p.m.
Pick up will be Friday from 8:30p.m. – 10:00p.m.
- 2) Entries will be accepted for placement on Saturday from 7:30a.m. to 10:00a.m.
Pick up will be Monday from 8:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. or Tuesday 8:00am- noon.
Exhibitors use Gate 5 parking area. Exhibitors only will be admitted free.
Limited time gate stickers will be attached to exhibitor's car – must be moved by 10:30a.m.
Shuttle service is provided to the Expo Building.
- 3) In consideration of the Flower Show Committee entry times close per schedule.
No entries, after that time, will be accepted.
- 4) The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not conform to the requirements of the Schedule.
- 5) All Design Arrangements in **Class B** will be entered on Tuesday only and remain throughout the fair.
- 6) All Horticulture specimens in **Classes L, M, N** entered on Tuesday only and remain throughout the fair.
- 7) All ribbons must be picked up at the close of the fair or before noon on Tuesday after the fair.
- 8) Neither the Forum nor Fair management will be responsible for damage or loss.
- 9) Junior is 18 years of age and under.
- 10) The use of any part(s) of plants on the State Conservation List is strictly prohibited.
- 11) Premiums are listed on the Schedule. Show Awards: 1st - Blue, 2nd - Red, 3rd – White or Honorable Mention Ribbons
- 12) "Best of Show" ribbons will be awarded in: one from Class A or B and
One from each: Annuals, Perennials, Dahlias, Roses, Houseplants/Hanging/Container.
In order to qualify for "Best of Show" specimen must have genus and variety name listed.

Example: Rosa, Hybrid Tea, "Peace", Phalaenopsis "Dendrobium" (Orchid), Chlorophytum "Vittatum" (Spider plant)

DESIGN RULES

- 1) Only one entry per Division Number.
****Container must be watertight! Test container before using. It will be removed from display if it is not.**
- 2) No artificial: flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables permitted in any entry in Class A, B and C.
- 3) Accessories may be used in all entries.
- 4) No live animals in any displays in this department.
- 5) Some fresh plant material must be used (even in designer's choice) unless otherwise specified.
- 6) Treatment of DRIED plant material ONLY is permitted, unless otherwise specified.
- 7) No painting or tinting of fresh plant material (even by a florist).
- 8) Class titles have reference to the design and will be considered in judging.

NOTE: A vase of flowers is a Bouquet – not an arrangement.

Please have a container with some "weight" to it so the wind does not blow it over.

Make sure your frog or oasis is securely fastened to your container

Small 8": Small design, should measure 8" in height, width or depth, not to exceed 8"

Creative:

1. Line direction is dominant, characterized by open silhouette, a minimum of plant material and other components.
2. Dominant feature is the thrusting movement in a single direction, either vertically, horizontally or diagonally.
3. May have more than one focal area and more than one point of emergence.

HORTICULTURE RULES

- 1) All competitive entries must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- 2) All horticulture must be shown with foliage attached unless otherwise specified.
 - Cut stem long so it will stay watered while on display
- 3) May enter more than one specimen in a Division Number provided each is of a different cultivar, type or color.
- 4) Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least 90 days.
- 5) Staking for growing plants is acceptable if inconspicuously done.
- 6) Pots should be clean and a maximum of 12" in size (Class L) and 14" in size (Class N).
 - **Max 48" tall (including pot) and Max 24" wide
 - **unusual containers still must comply with accepted size as specified.
- 7) When there are two or more entries of any one genus or variety in one Division Number they may be regrouped, at the discretion of the Committee, for judging purposes.

TIPS

1. **Use of return address labels** (cut to size) speeds both the registration and entry process (use on entry cards).
2. Specimens should be clean, free from dust, soil and insecticides.
3. Specimen should be at a mature stage in growth and true to type.
4. Gladiolus: one third of spike should be open bloom, one third should be one-half open and the last third should be closed buds.
5. Use wooden wedge to pose your specimen in horticulture bottle.
6. Choose a bottle appropriate to the size of the specimen. Bottles are supplied at time of entering.
7. Remove all foliage below water line in bottles. Remember to leave some foliage above bottle.
8. All fallen leaves and blossoms should be removed from pots.
9. Please bring a towel to wipe your bottles so the tickets remain dry!
10. Dahlia: number of leaves to remain on specimen should be proportional to size of flowerhead.
 - ex: an 8"-10" flowerhead should have a long stem with 2 or more sets of leaves, but only one set is required.
 - a 2"-4" specimen should have 1 set of leaves

****NEW CLASS "O"****

*Registration is required by August 24th for this class
Register with Dianna Mullins @330-792-0695

COLLECTION RULES

- A. Must consist of at least five or more different cut specimens, five or more different container-grown plants or collection of five or more different fruits, vegetables or nuts.
 - Specimens must be all cut specimens or all container plants.
 - May not mix cut specimens with container specimens.
 - All specimens must be named.
- B. Plant material may be:
 - All in one family but of a different genus, species or cultivated variety
 - All in one family but show a different form, color or size (Miniature or standard)
 - Plants with like characteristics
 - Different varieties of one type:
 - form of flower such as single, semi-double, double
 - form of foliage such as whorled, fasciated, crimped, etc.
 - color of flower or foliage; variegated, striped, solid, spotted, blended, etc
 - standard or miniature growth habit

Garden Forum's 90th Anniversary!



The arrangement titles were chosen to reflect Garden Forum through the decades.

This is a little history to explain the title choices and to help you with your design.

30's (Class B div. 2) Garden Forum was the first organization of its kind organized in 1930 with 9 charter clubs

40's (Class A div. 7) *A drive to enroll 25,000 Victory Gardeners in Mahoning County. "We must know that the food is being raised to support our people, our men in the services and our fighting allies." A quota of 9700 was set for Youngstown. Gardeners were advised to plant the "Big Eight": tomatoes, beans, broccoli, onions, carrots, soybeans, kale and New Zealand spinach.

*A Youngstown ambulance was loaded with fertilizer, seeds and plants and sent to Camp Reynolds to Help patients prepare their gardens as part of their garden therapy.

*Seeds of Peace was a national project supported by Garden Forum. 13 kinds of vegetables in garden units to plant approx. 600 sq ft of ground cost .50 cents through cooperation of Burpee Seed Co. Seeds were distributed throughout Europe. Seeds included were spinach, cabbage, kohlrabi, carrots, radish, peas, cucumbers, snap beans, beets, tomato, lettuce, pumpkin, and parsley.

50's (Class B div. 3) *1,000 trees were planted to help reforest Mill Creek Park.

*Committee formed to encourage citizens to spray their elm trees to stop the spread of Dutch Elm disease while offering special pricing for this service and taking orders.

*Hundreds of flowering trees were planted to "Springtime Beauty" Youngtown

*Worked to save 25 of the stately Elms and Silver Maples that were planted along State Route 7 as a living Memorial to the dead of WWI when the road was being widened.

*Between 1934 & 1980 Garden Forum sold 35,257 Flowering Crabapple trees which became the official tree of Youngstown in 1945.

60's (Class A div. 1) Height of participation of clubs in Garden Forum: 1960=115 clubs, 1969=152 clubs

70's (Class A div. 3) *"Litterbug Poster Contest" originated in 1967 and ran through 1994 with thousands of students participating.

*1970 = 117 students participated in the Civic Beautification Essay Contest

*Throughout the 70's the focus was on conservation

*1971 Garden Forum helped to form the first Ecology Club at Fitch HS

80's (Class A div. 2) Was the decade of bus trips to places like Williamsburg, Cleveland Home & Garden Show, Phipps Conservatory, New York, Mackinac Island, etc...

90's (Class A div. 5) Each year the board looked for ways to encourage new membership.

2000's (Class A div. 4) We had many homes during the early years, but in 1964 we moved into the little house At Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek Park. This remained our home until 2000 when the house was torn down and a new Center was built by Mill Creek MetroParks. We moved in in 2001.

2010's (Class A div. 6) Yearly scholarship monies are now awarded to college students in the horticulture field of study.

2020 -Current (Class B div. 1) Our 90th Anniversary!