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An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

September 30 – October 10, 2022

Topsfield Fairgrounds 207 Boston Street, Route 1 North
Topsfield, MA 01983

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Division I: Horticulture

Section A: ONE AND DONE

Award of Merit

Annuals: Cut Specimen, 1 stem

Class 1: Dahlia

Class 2: Helianthus

Class 3: Zinnia

Class 4: Any other worthy specimen

Section B: STILL LIFE

Award of Merit

Vegetables: 3 specimens on a white paper plate

Class 5: Capsicum (pepper)

Class 6: Cucurbita (squash)

Class 7: Solanum (tomato)

Section C: PORTABLE GARDENS

Grower's Choice Award

Container plants grown for foliage

Container not to exceed 10" in diameter

Class 8: Coleus

Class 9: Ferns

Class 10: Succulents

Section D: FRAMERS

Arboreal Award

Needled evergreen

Cut specimen, one branch, not to exceed 30" in length

Class 11: Abies (fir)

Class 12: Juniperus

Class 13: Pinus

Section E: KALEIDOSCOPE

Cut specimen, not to exceed 24" in length

Class 14: Hydrangea

There are two entry dates for Horticulture: Friday, September 30, and Wednesday, October 5.



Division II: Design

Class 1: A NEW BUILD

A Construction Design with strong architectural characteristics.

Staged on a box 30" L x 18" D x 25" H.

All staging is on a 6" riser.

Class 2: GARDEN FEET

A design including a shoe (s)

or boot(s) staged on a platform

20" H with 20" D x 30" W top, with an attached backboard 30" W x 40" H.

Nothing may be affixed to the backboard.

All staging is on a 6" riser.

Class 3: LEAF-SCAPE

An all foliage design.

Staged on a pedestal 37" H with a

17" square top.

All staging is on a 6" riser.

Class 4: GRANDMA GROWS

A Vignette—a functional section of a potting shed.

Free-standing. No attachments to wall or sides.

Staged in a space 40" W x 35" D x 5' H.

All staging is on a 6" riser.

Required: 4 Classes, each with 4 entries.

There are two entry dates for Design: Friday, September 30, and Wednesday, October 5.

Deadline for Design entry SignUps is September 9th.

See back cover for details.



General Rules



1. This is a Standard Flower Show staged according to the rules of the National Garden Club, Inc., using as its authority *Handbook For Flower Shows Revised 2017* and any changes published in *The National Gardener*. For an online version of the *Handbook For Flower Shows*, scan the QR code or go to:
https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/ngc-handbook-for-flower-shows-january-2022-revision_0.pdf

2. An **exhibitors' meeting** will be held at the Fairgrounds in the Flower Barn, September 1, 2022 at 10 am.

3. All Design and Horticulture entries are open to members of a Federated Garden Club. **Entry dates** for Horticultural and Design are Friday, September 30, and Wednesday, October 5. Entry times for Horticulture are from 7-9:15 am and for Design from 7-10 am. Designs must be completed by 10:00 am. NOTE: If one is entering both Horticulture and Design, they MUST enter their Horticulture first.

4. The NGC Standard **System of Awards** will be used for all competitive judging.

5. The use of **artificial** plant material, treating of fresh plant material, cut fruits and vegetables, and the use of menu food is **prohibited**. As this is a Flower Show, emphasis in Division I and Division II should be placed on using **fresh plant material**.

6. **Wild collected plants** of species listed by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program may not be exhibited in Standard Flower Shows of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. or its member clubs. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list may be exhibited if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it has not been collected.

7. Plants listed in the Massachusetts **Prohibited Plant List** are not permitted in any Division. A current list may be found: www.Mass.gov/MassachusettsProhibitedPlantList

8. All entries from Day 1 must be **removed** by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 4. Entries from Day 2 must be **removed** on Tuesday, October 11 between 9 am and 2 pm. No designs will be allowed to be stored overnight in the Flower Barn.

9. The Committee, The Garden Club of Massachusetts, Inc. and The Topsfield Fair will endeavor to protect all exhibits but cannot be responsible for **loss or damage** to the Exhibitor's property.



Horticulture Rules

1. The **NGC Exhibit Policies** are printed in the *Handbook For Flower Shows*, 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 it's supplement, *Horticultural Exhibiting and Judging*.
2. To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must **identify their entry** by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.
3. **Entry cards** are to be filled out in advance if possible.
4. Specimens should not have **foliage below waterline**.
5. Exhibitors will submit entries in their own appropriately sized **clean, clear, colorless glass containers**. Wedging material (small-scale bubble wrap or plastic wrap) is permitted.
6. **Foliage plants** may flower but should be exhibited as foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the '**Any Other Worthy**' class.
8. The Horticulture Co-Chairs and/or the general show Chair are free to **subdivide a class** by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
9. Due to space limitations, exhibitors may be limited to a **maximum of four entries** at the discretion of the horticulture Co-Chairs. Exhibitors will be allowed to choose submitted entries if over the limit allowed.
10. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor for no less than 90 days.

Horticulture Awards

- ❖ The **Award of Horticulture Excellence** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in the entire Horticulture Division for each entry date.
- ❖ The **Award of Merit** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in sections A and B.
- ❖ The **Grower's Choice Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in section C.
- ❖ The **Arboreal Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in sections D.



Design Rules

1. Entries, the work of one exhibitor, are open to members of a Federated Garden Club.
2. All entry SignUps must be received by September 9, 2022. To SignUp, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ACAB2BA2FFC16-2022
3. All designs must be completed in the show area.
4. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
5. An entry card listing all plant material used in the design must be given to and initialed by the Classification Chairman before the exhibitor leaves the show area.
6. Rules for Design Types are printed in the HANDBOOK for FLOWER SHOWS, chapter 7.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their designs in good condition for the duration of the show.
8. If a designer is unable to fulfill their assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to find a replacement.



Design Awards

The Standard System of Awarding is used and allows for

- ❖ **First Place** (one – 90 points or above),
- ❖ **Second Place** (one – 85 points or above),
- ❖ **Third Place** (one – 80 points or above), and
- ❖ **Honorable Mention** (one or more – 75 points or above in each class).
A design, if merited, may receive 90+ recognition.

Above awards are judged by the scale of points on page 130 in the Handbook For Flower Shows, Revised 2017

- ❖ **Pauline D. Bowden Award** The designer receiving the highest scoring Blue Ribbon Design each day using the scale of points, will be eligible for the Pauline D. Bowden Award. All classes are eligible.

Scale of Points for the Pauline D. Bowden Award

- Design 40
- Color Selection 25
- Creativity 20
- Distinction 15
- Total 100



❖ *Georgia McHugh Award*


A plaque is given annually to the Novice with the highest point score in the Design Division at the Topsfield Fair. An exhibitor who has never won a blue ribbon in a standard flower show is considered a Novice.

All classes are eligible.

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in your browser tab

Deadline for entry SignUps is September 9th, 2022

*Entry Day 1 - Friday, September 30th.
Your design will be accepted from 7-10am.
Your horticulture entry will be accepted from 7-9:15.
Removal is October 4th by 8pm.*

*Entry Day 2 - Wednesday, October 5th.
Your design will be accepted from 7-10am.
Your horticulture entry will be accepted from 7-9:15.
Removal is October 11 from 9am-2pm.*

*For questions or help completing the **SignUpGenius form**,
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