

The Topsfield Fair
and
The Garden Club Federation
of Massachusetts, Inc.
present



An NGC Standard Flower Show

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

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Division I: Horticulture

Section A: **FAIR WEATHERED**

Award of Merit

Flowering Perennials: Cut Specimen, 1 Stem

Class 1: Aster

Class 2: Chrysanthemum

Class 3: Sedum

Class 4: Any other worthy specimen

Section B: **FUN FAIR**

Award of Merit

Annuals: Cut Specimen, 1 Stem

Class 5: Cosmos

Class 6: Dahlia (one set of leaves)

Class 7: Tagetes (Marigold)

Class 8: Zinnia

Section C: **FAIR CROP**

Award of Merit

Vegetables: 3 specimens

Class 9: Allium cepa (Onion)

Class 10: Beta vulgaris (Beet)

Class 11: Daucus carota (Carrot)

Class 12: Solanum tuberosum (Potato)

Section D: **FAIR AND SQUARE**

Grower's Choice Award

Container Plants grown for foliage: Container not to exceed 10" in diameter

Class 13: Fern

Class 14: Pelargonium

Class 15: Succulents

Section E: **FAIR SHAKE**

Arboreal Award

Deciduous Branch (Fruited or Berried – foliage not required):

Cut specimen, one branch, max length 30"

Class 16: Callicarpa (Beautyberry)

Class 17: Ilex verticillata (Winterberry)

Class 18: Viburnum

Section F: **FAIR HAired**

Arboreal Award

Needled Evergreens: Cut specimen, one branch, max length 30"

Class 19: Cedrus (Cedar)

Class 20: Juniperis (Juniper)

Class 21: Pinus (Pine)

Class 22: Any other worthy specimen

Division II: Design

Section A: FAIR OF FACE

Class 1: **LOVER'S FARE** *Table Artistry Award*
An informal Functional Table for two,
to be staged on 30" Round and 30" H table,
Off-white undercloth to the floor provided.

Class 2: **A FAIR MORNING** *Table Artistry Award*
A Functional Breakfast Tray for One
staged on pedestal ___"W x ___"H
Tray is provided by the exhibitor.

Class 3: **PICNIC---FAIR WITH
NO CHANCE OF RAIN** *Table Artistry Award*
An Exhibition Table staged on a platform 20" high
with a 20"D x 30"W top, with an attached backboard
30"W x 40"H

Section B: FAIR ADVENTURE

Class 4: **FAIR ELSA** *Designer's Choice Award*
A design fit for a Queen,
Staged on a cube 30"L x 19"W x 24"H.

Class 5: **IN PORT – FAIR HAVEN** *Designer's Choice Award*
An Angular Design staged on a shelf 20"W x 12"D.
***** May have a restriction to # of inches design
may hang down over shelf*****

Class 6: **LET'S GO TO THE FAIR** *Designer's Choice Award*
A design inspired by splendor of autumn, staged on
a pedestal 37"H, with a 17" square top.

Required: 6 Classes, each with 4 entries.



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*.
2. An **exhibitors' meeting** will be held at the Fairgrounds in the Flower Barn, September 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.
3. **Entry dates** for Horticultural and Design are Friday, October 1, from 7-9 am and Wednesday, October 6, from 7-9 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 9:30pm on Tuesday, October 5. Entries from Day 2 must be removed on Tuesday, October 12 between 9am and 2pm.
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 Revised 2017*, Chapter 6 and the *Horticulture Exhibiting & Judging Supplement* as the rules for a single species or container grown specimen.
2. To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must **identify his/her 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.

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 **Arboreal Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in sections E and F.
- ❖ The **Award of Merit** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in sections A, B and C.
- ❖ The **Grower's Choice Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner in section D.

Design Rules

1. Entries, the work of one exhibitor, are open to members of a Federated Garden Club.
2. All designs must be completed in the show area.
3. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
4. 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.
5. "Rules for Design Types, Table Designs, and Table Appointments are printed in the HANDBOOK for FLOWER SHOWS, chapter 14."
6. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their designs in good condition for the duration of the show.

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.

❖ **Table Artistry Award**

This may be awarded to a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or better in Functional and/or Exhibition Table designs.

Classes 1, 2, & 3 are eligible each entry day .

❖ **Designer's Choice Award**

This may be awarded to a blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more.

Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant materials or other components for this award, within the National Garden Clubs, Inc. policies.

Classes 4, 5, & 6 are eligible for this award each entry day.

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 designs receiving National Garden Clubs, Inc. top awards on each day will be evaluated using the scale of points for the Pauline D. Bowden Award. The award, an English Teapot, may be retained by the designer for one year. A certificate will be presented with the 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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Entry Day 1 (Friday, October 2)

Entry Day 2 (Wednesday, October 7)

Class Number:

Class Title:

Have you ever won a blue ribbon in Design in a Standard Flower Show?

YES NO