

2022 Symposium Horticulture Division

“Grow Your Knowledge”

Timeline

September 20, 2021	One year ownership for Par Class
June 20, 2022	Three-month ownership
September 19 from 11:30-4:45 p.m.	Horticulture Workroom Open
September 19 from noon-5:00 p.m.	Entries Received and Passed
September 20	Show opens after completion of judging and remains open until 2:30 on September 21.
September 21 from 2:30-3:00 p.m.	Exhibitors remove their entries. Plant material remaining after 3 p.m. will be donated to community care facility residents.

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General Information, Rules and Horticulture Guidelines

Please carefully read and follow Flower Show rules, general information, and Division guidelines.

1. All plant material must be correctly identified with the botanical and common names, if possible. Accepted references for nomenclature are: Missouri Botanical Garden <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx> and Royal Horticulture Society <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-Form>
2. The Garden Club of Virginia expects all exhibitors to be aware of the need to promote conservation of endangered and threatened plants. Plants collected in the wild and listed by the Virginia Natural Heritage Program should not be exhibited in the flower show. Cultivated plant material listed by Virginia’s Natural Heritage Program may be exhibited if accompanied by a typed card stating that it has not been collected from the wild or that it was collected out-of-state and giving information concerning its cultural requirements and methods of propagation. Natural Heritage Program lists of endangered plant material will be available before and during the show from the division chairmen and are available online at <https://plants.usda.gov/home/raritySearch>
3. Plant material showing evidence of insects or disease must be removed immediately from the exhibition area. This rule will be enforced at any time during the show, whenever the problem is identified.
4. Fresh plant material must be in water or conditioned in such a way as to remain in pristine condition while on exhibition. An entry not maintained in show condition may have its award removed.
5. Locally invasive plants, diseased plant material, artificial plant material, live animals (including fish), taxidermy, natural birds’ nests, feathers of any kind and protected sea life, including coral, are not permitted. The use of natural seashells is strongly discouraged. <https://plants.usda.gov/home/noxiousInvasiveSearch>

General Information

1. Entries are open to Garden Club of Virginia members ONLY.
2. Pre-registration is NOT required for horticulture classes EXCEPT classes 15-18 (Container-grown). To preregister, email francarden@me.com.
3. Entering in a show constitutes permission to use images of the submitted content in all GCV channels of communication.
4. While the Garden Club of Virginia, and the Science Museum of Virginia will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits, responsibility for damage, loss or personal injury cannot be assumed.
5. An entry card must accompany each entry. Entry cards will be available at the show. Information required on the entry card should be completed in black, waterproof ink.
6. The passing committee must pass each entry before an exhibitor may leave the show area. The passing committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not conform to the rules of the schedule. The exhibitor has the option of correcting the entry if time permits. If not corrected, the entry cannot be judged, but may remain in place, marked "For Exhibit Only" with a brief, constructively worded statement explaining why it was not judged. The judges may not disqualify any entry passed by the passing committee unless evidence of insect infestation or disease is identified.
7. Once an entry is passed, the exhibitor(s) must immediately leave the exhibition area. A passed entry may not be touched again by the exhibitor until after judging.

Horticulture Guidelines

1. Please carefully read and follow the Flower Show Rules, General Information, and Timetable for Horticulture Exhibitors.
2. Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of 3 months unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
3. An exhibitor may submit 3 entries per class or subclass, provided each is a different species or cultivar. The exhibitor is required to submit the botanical name of the entry or entries and add a cultivar name if it is available. The committee reserves the right to subdivide the Classes or Subclasses.
4. Containers are measured at the diameter or the diagonal of the widest point on the inside of the rim at the soil line. Top dressing is allowed.
5. One key card (diagram or plant list) is required when multiple species or cultivars are exhibited in the same container. For an entry that has been propagated by the exhibitor, a propagation card is required.
6. The committee will provide containers of clear glass for Classes 1-12. The exhibitor must provide the container as stated in Classes 13-18. Workspace is limited. The exhibitor must provide their own wedging materials. Boxwood is not allowed, and plastic wrap is discouraged. Examples of wedging include greens, yew, stems, cotton balls, cork, biodegradable plastic wrap, etc.

Horticulture Schedule of Classes

Cut Specimens

Classes 1 - 4 "Grow for Joy"

One blooming stem, spike or spray not to exceed 18" in length from lip of the container to tip of the specimen, exceptions noted for specific classes. Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

1. Annuals
 - A. *Zinnia*
 - B. *Cosmos*
 - C. Other
2. Perennials
 - A. *Echinacea*
 - B. *Aster*
 - C. *Salvia*
 - D. *Anemone*
 - E. Other
3. Dahlias (disbudded, at least one set of leaves)
 - A. *Dahlia*-small (less than 6" diameter)
 - B. *Dahlia*-medium (6-8" diameter)
 - C. *Dahlia*-large (over 8" diameter)
4. Roses
 - A. *Rosa*-Hybrid tea or grandiflora bloom at exhibition stage with no sidebuds
 - B. *Rosa*-Floribunda bloom at exhibition stage with no sidebuds
 - C. *Rosa*-Floribunda spray of two or more blooms (bud is not considered a bloom)
 - D. *Rosa*-Polyantha or shrub rose spray
 - E. *Rosa*-Miniature or miniflora bloom at exhibition stage
 - F. *Rosa*-Any rose with fragrance judged only on fragrance (one entry/exhibitor)
 - G. *Rosa* Collection- Interclub class to be entered in the name of GCV club with key card: 6 hybrid tea or grandiflora blooms of different varieties evenly matched at exhibition stage in separate containers (1 entry/GCV club)
 - H. *Rosa* Collection-Interclub class to be entered in the name of GCV club with key card: 3 floribunda or shrub rose sprays of different varieties in separate containers (1 entry/GCV club)

Classes 5 - 8 "Grow for Green"

One stem, foliage only

5. Fern (any genera)
6. *Heuchera*
7. *Hosta*
8. Other (perennial)

Classes 9 - 12 "Grow for Beauty"

One flowering, berried, seeded or fruited branch of a tree or shrub not to exceed 24" in length from lip of container to tip of the specimen. Any foliage must be attached to the branch. Please bring supplies to weight your container if you are concerned about the weight of your entry.

9. *Hydrangea*
10. Magnolia
11. *Callicarpa* (exception, remove foliage)
12. Other

Class 13 “Grow for Flavor”

A collection of 5-7 herbs in individual clear glass containers to be provided by the exhibitor. A key card for identification is required.

13. Collection of 5 - 7 herbs

Class 14 “Grow for Love”

A collection of 3-5 different blooming perennial cut stems of any variety from the exhibitor’s garden in a single container provided by the exhibitor. Foliage may be attached to the stem. A key card for identification is required.

14. Collection of perennials

Container Grown Plants

To pre-register for Container-Grown Plants classes, email francarden@me.com

Classes 15 - 16 “Grow for Others”

Class 15 Collection of 3 or more succulent plants in a single terra cotta container not to exceed 12” diameter. A key card for identification is required. **At least one month of ownership is required.**

15. Collection of 3 or more succulent plants

Class 16 Parent and child: A single plant exhibited along with the parent plant from which it was propagated, each in a separate but compatible container not to exceed 10” in diameter. Propagation information is required. Both plants will be judged. **At least one month of ownership is required.**

16. Parent and child propagation

Class 17 “Grow for Health”

Class 17 Collection of salad greens, with a minimum of three different varieties, grown from seed, which may include lettuces, spinach, beet greens, chards and/or kale. To be displayed in a shallow container, not to exceed 14 inches in diameter. A key card for the identification of all plants is required. **At least one month of ownership is required.**

17. Collection of greens

Class 18 “Grow for Excellence”

Class 18 Container-grown exhibit of exceptional merit (a single plant or collection) which is not eligible for other classes. Orchids are not allowed. To be judged on par means to be judged against perfection rather than against other exhibits. At least one year of ownership is required. A key card is required if the exhibit is a collection.

18. Par

Awards

Best in Show from Classes 1 - 3 and 5 - 14 (Cut Stems) to be selected from blue-ribbon winners.

Best in Show from Classes 15 - 18 (Container-Grown) to be selected from blue-ribbon winners.

Best Novice* from Classes 1 - 3 and 5 - 14 (Cut Stems)

Best Novice* from Classes 15 - 18 (Container-Grown)

Jane Marshall Broyhill Memorial Trophy – Best hybrid tea or grandiflora bloom in Class 4A

Mary Jean Printz Perpetual Trophy – Best collection from Classes 4G and 4H

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Hundley Cup – GCV member winning greatest number of blue ribbons in Class 4A-F

Best Novice from Class 4 (Roses)

*A Novice is an individual exhibitor who has not won a first-place ribbon in the Horticulture Division entered at a GCV Flower Show.