

Whether (Weather) or NOT



An NGC Flower Show

A Small-Standard Flower Show

Presented by

Guilford Garden Club

Garden Club of Madison

Leete's Island Garden Club

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

11:30 to 3:00

First Congregational Church

Angela Hubley Hall

26 Meeting House Lane, Madison, CT.

Admission Free and Open to the Public

Thanks and acknowledgements

The Guilford Garden Club, Leete's Island Garden Club and Garden Club of Madison wish to thank the Madison Congregational Church for use of Angela Hubley Hall.

Whether (Weather) Or Not Show Committee wish to thank the judges, and all the club members and volunteers who helped us present this show.



Weather is the ultimate factor for plants to thrive or perish. Temperature, moisture, and their extremes have a direct effect on the survival of plants. Knowing the local climate is a key factor in **Whether (Weather) or Not** you have successful gardening.

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General Rules

This is a Small-Standard Flower Show according to the requirements and objectives of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) as printed in the **Handbook for Flower Shows (Revised 2017 edition)** and additions published in **TNG** magazine

1. Horticulture Division, Design Division and Botanical Arts Division are open to members of Guilford GC, GC of Madison and LIGC. After, March 2, 2022 unfilled Classes in the Design Division will be offered to FGCCT Judges and Student Judges through Judges Council.
2. All sections and Classes will be staged in Angela Hubley Hall, Madison Congregational Church. Entries in all Divisions will be accepted **Monday, April 11, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. Late entries will not be accepted.
3. **Entry Cards** will be available through the Division's Entries, Classification and Consultant Chairman or General Chairmen prior to the show or during set up.
4. **Judging** will begin promptly at **9:00 AM, Tuesday, April 12**. **Clerks** will assist Judges at this time.
5. The **Classification Chairman** for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges' responsibility.
6. The **General Chairmen** and the **Classification Chairman** for each Division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the Judges and clerks, are only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
7. **Decisions of the Judges** are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. Non-blue-ribbon winners scoring 90 points or more will be indicated by 90+ along with an accredited Judge's signature.
8. There must be an emphasis on **Fresh** plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division and fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner.
9. Plant material listed on the following websites are prohibited in any Division.
Connecticut Invasive Plant List: <http://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2014/12/CT-Invasive-Plant-List-2014Scientific-Name.pdf>
Endangered, threatened & Special Concern Plants in CT:
<http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2702&q=323482&deepNavGID=1628>

The **NGC Standard Systems of Awarding** is used in all divisions.

Only one (1) first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.
Only one (1) second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.
Only one (1) third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.
One (1) or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons, as merited, per class or subclass; must score 75 points or more.

Awards – Sunny Skies

Division I: Horticulture

Division Awards:

The **Award of Horticultural Excellence** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division. It is a rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons.

Section Awards:

The **Award of Merit** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above and correctly named exhibit. It is a rosette of orange ribbon in two shades. Two are offered, may be given in Sections A and B.

The **Arboreal Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above and correctly named exhibit. It is a rosette of green ribbons in two shades. One is offered, may be given in Section C.

The **Grower's Choice Award** is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above and correctly named exhibit. It is a rosette of dark green ribbons. Two are offered, may be given in Section D and E.

Division II: Design

The **Best in Show Award** is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring 90+ blue ribbon exhibit in the Design Division. This award is determined by the Judges. It is a rosette of blue ribbons.

Division III: Botanical Arts

The **Botanical Arts Photography Award** is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring 90+ blue ribbon exhibit in the Botanical Arts Photography Division. This award is determined by the Judges. It is a rosette of black and white ribbons.

Division I Horticulture Rules – Weather Watch

All entries must be botanically named with variety if possible. Top awards cannot be given to entries without the correct botanical name.

1. More than one entry per Class may be made by Exhibitors provided each is of a different cultivar, color, or type. Classes will be subdivided by cultivar, color, and type if it aids in judging.
2. Entries must be fresh and have been in the possession of the Exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days. Arboreals (Woody Ornamentals) must be in possession of the Exhibitor for 6 months.
3. All entries must be well groomed. The Classification Committee may refuse any entry that does not conform. Diseased or insect infected plant material will not be accepted.
4. Clear bottles and wedging for cut specimens provided by exhibitor. No foliage below water line. Clean, neutral-colored pots with saucers are preferred for container-grown plants. Discreet double potting allowed.
5. Horticulture Division Scale of Points, HB p.129.

Division I Horticulture – Weather Watch

Section A – Basking in the Sunshine

Eligible for: **Award of Merit**

Flowering Bulbs: cut specimen

Class 1. Narcissus - Double petal variety

Class 3. Narcissus - Small cup variety

Class 2. Narcissus - Large cup variety

Class 4. Any other worthy

Section B – A Deluge of Blooms

Eligible for: **Award of Merit**

Flowering Perennials: 1 stem if large, 3 stems, if small

Class 5. Aquilegia, Columbine

Class 7. Hellebore

Class 6. Dicentra, Bleeding Heart

Class 8. Any other worthy

Section C – Winter is Past

Eligible for: **Arboreal Award**

Flowering Arboreal Branches: maximum length not to exceed 30” from tip of specimens to cut end. Must include nodes and 1 apical tip.

Class 9. Cercis canadensis, Red bud

Class 11. Quince

Class 10. Forsythia

Class 12. Any other worthy

Section D - Stay Inside While It's Stormy

Eligible for: **Grower's Choice Award**

Container Grown Plant for Bloom: Plants must be in fruit or flower.

Class 13. Gesneriads

Class 15. Pelargoniums

Class 14. Orchids

Class 16. Any other worthy

May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6"

Section E - Rain in the Winds

Eligible for: **Grower's Choice Award**

Container Grown Plant for Foliage

Class 17. Begonias

Class 19. Succulents and Cacti

Class 18. Ferns

Class 20. Any other worthy

May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6"