

GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), as updated with revisions printed on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is "Law of the Show." An updated copy of *The Handbook for Flower Shows* may be downloaded from the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org.

2. All classes are open to members of the Garden Club of Montclair and invited guests.

3. **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR EACH EXHIBIT MUST BE MADE WITH THE DIVISION ENTRIES CHAIRS BEFORE THESE DEADLINES:**

Horticulture Division Deadlines:

Sections A-J: Tues., Sept. 22 by 5PM

Section K: Tues., Sept. 1 by 5PM

Horticulture Entries Chair: Maureen Sprong

Design Division Deadline: Wed. Aug. 19 by 5PM

Design Entries Chair: Tova Narrett

Botanical Arts Division Deadline: Wed., Aug. 19 by 5PM

BA Entries Chair: Fran Ackerly

4. Exhibitors in the Horticulture Division are required to bring a **COMPLETED ENTRY CARD**, written in pencil or water-proof ink, for each exhibit. Entry cards are available in advance from the Horticulture Entries Chair, Maureen Sprong, or the General Co-Chairs, Karen Fricke or Sarah Stransky.
5. Entry cards for all other Divisions will be completed by the Division Entries Chairs.
6. All entries for all Divisions must be delivered Thursday, September 24, 1-5PM at Van Vleck House and Gardens.
7. Flower Design exhibitors may refresh their exhibits between 8:00 and 8:30AM on Friday, September 25. The floor must be cleared for judging no later than 8:30AM.
8. All exhibitors using fresh plant material should plan to refresh their exhibits Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, between 9 and 9:30AM to prepare for that day's visitors. The floor must be cleared at 9:45AM.
9. All exhibits must be removed Sunday, September 27, between 3PM and 4PM, but not sooner. Entries left beyond this time will be discarded. Van Vleck floor must be cleared by 6PM.
10. *The times noted in Rules 7-10 will be strictly enforced.*

11. Judging will begin Friday, September 25, at 9:45AM.
12. The Classification Chair for each Division checks each exhibit for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
13. The General Chairs and the Classification Chairs for each Division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging. *This rule will be strictly enforced.*
14. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
15. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant materials; no artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division.
16. In the Design and Botanical Arts Divisions, each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class. In the Horticulture Division, each exhibitor may enter more than one entry per class, provided each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.
17. The Garden Club of Montclair will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
18. The Nature Conservancy Category I Invasive Plant List for New Jersey was adopted as the Official Invasive Plant List of GCNJ. GCNJ prohibits the exhibiting of plants on the list in our Standard Flower Show except for their use in Educational Exhibits. The list is available on The Garden Club of New Jersey website: www.gardenclubofnewjersey.com.