

HORTICULTURE

THEME FOR 2017-2018: "America's Melting Pot"

Information and Guidelines for Exhibiting Horticulture

Members are encouraged to enter Horticulture specimens into competition at Standard Flower Shows, Small Standard Flower Shows, and monthly Horticulture Shows. Exhibitors will accumulate points toward The President's Award for Horticulture. Horticulture consultants are available to answer questions and to explain Club policies and schedule requirements.

1. The *Handbook for Flowers Shows*, Chapters 5, 6 and 11, can answer many questions about how to prepare your entries for competition. The Club library is an excellent resource for identifying plant species.
2. All plant material entered in the Horticulture Division must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. All exhibits must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least ninety days, except for plants grown from seed, seedlings, or young transplants.
4. Plant material may not be altered by the application of oil or commercial "shine" products that artificially change the natural color and/or texture of plant material.
5. Pre-register all entries prior to the competition. Contact Jacklyn Kling to register.
6. Entry cards are available in the Garden Club Room. Exhibitors are encouraged to complete their cards prior to arrival.
7. The Horticulture Committee provides containers and wedging material. Consultants from the committee will be available to assist with plant identification and staging.
8. No late entries will be accepted, and all entry cards must be complete.
9. The Horticulture Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries for each exhibitor.
10. Judging begins promptly at 10:30 am. All exhibits will be judged or critiqued by the Horticulture Scales of Points in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 11.
11. All entries must be removed on the day of the competition by 3:15 pm.
12. The Amy Hatrak Award is for a collection of five cut herb specimens scoring 95 or higher.

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