

Flower Show Rules, Entry Tags, Tips and Scoring

RULES

General Rules

1. Competitions are open to members only.
2. All entries must be created by the member and grown in the exhibitor's own garden unless otherwise stated.
3. Exhibitors must furnish their own containers and ensure that each has an entry tag complete with their name.
4. The decision of the judge(s) shall be final. All complaints must be given to the show committee in writing.

Horticultural

1. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 3 entries in each class.
2. When number of blooms, sprays, etc. are stated, they must be adhered to otherwise the entry will be disregarded. A bud showing colour is counted as a bloom.
3. Potted plants may be shown only once a year and must be owned by the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to showing.

Design and Crafts

1. Design and crafts must be made by the exhibitor. Purchased materials are allowed.

Photography

1. Participants may enter 1 photograph in each class.
2. Photographs should be unmounted and at least 5 inches by 7 inches in size.
3. Entries may be coloured or black and white.
4. Photographs should not be altered or photoshopped.
5. Please print your name and contact information on the back of each submission.
6. Photos must have a horticultural topic.

ENTRY TAGS

Entry tags are made available at the meetings before each show and, of course, at the shows. Complete the tag as described in the Yearbook, fold it at the perforation and place it under your plant.

CHOOSING SPECIMENS FROM YOUR GARDEN

From a distance, choose specimens with:

- Upright, strong stems
- Attractive foliage
- Clear, bright blooms
- Firm, crisp appearance

On closer inspection, choose specimens free of the following:

- Malformation of petals, leaves or stem
- Dirt, dust, spray residue, fallen pollen, blemishes
- Mechanical damage – rips, holes in petals or foliage
- Signs of fading, aging or wilting
- Insects, insect residue

Cutting chosen specimens:

- Cut plant material on an angle for the best water uptake
- Place specimens in a pail of lukewarm water immediately upon cutting
- Specimens should be placed in a cool, dark, draft-free area for a minimum of three hours before transporting to the show table

Displaying your chosen specimens:

- Containers should be clean and sturdy
- The container should be proportionate to the specimen
- The specimen may be inconspicuously wedged in the container to keep it upright
- When entering 3 or more blooms in a vessel, the blooms should be of the same size

POINT SYTEM FOR ENTRY WINNERS

1st Place – 5 points

2nd Place – 3 points

3rd Place – 2 points

Honourable Mention – 1 point