

Show Committee

FGCI President

Shirley Wolf Schedule

Staging

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Horticulture

Classification
Placement

Judith Walrod, Cindy Sweeden
Volunteers

Design Division & Botanical Arts

Entry Chair

Angie Wilkins

Placement/Consultant

See each design class. Emails and Names in the Spring NEWS

Award chairs

Terri Ewers Angie Wilkins

Judges & Clerks

Peg Egertsen

Ways & Means/ Silent Auction Shirley Wallace

All emails and phone numbers are in you Spring edition of the NEWS

June 15th doors open 9:00

10:00am-3:00pm Flower Show exhibits accepted
All entries **must** be in place by 3PM

3:30 pm Show committee meeting, judges and clerks

4:00 pm Judging of all flower show entries



America The Beautiful

NGC Petite-Advanced-Standard Flower Show

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GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc, (NGC). The Handbook for flower Shows (HB), 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in The National Gardener Magazine (NG) is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is the law of the show.
2. Only members of a FGCI Garden Club and invited guests may enter the show.
3. Horticulture entry cards will be available the day of the show.
4. Entries in the Design Division must be pre-registered with the consultant for each design class. See class for name, phone number, and/or email. The Design Entries Chair will prepare all entry cards for all design classes and give them to the design exhibitors on the day of the show.
5. Each Exhibitor is limited to one entry per class except in the Horticulture Division.
6. All exhibits will be accepted from 11am-3pm on Monday June 15, 2026.
7. Judging will begin at 4 pm June 15, 2026. Only Show Chairs, Classification Chairs, Judges and clerks will be allowed on the show floor during the time of judging. Judging will be by the NGC Standard System of Awarding, HB p.5 and any additions found in the National Gardener.
8. The Classification Chairs for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges responsibility.
9. The General Chairs and the Classification chairs must be available during all judging for possible consultations. They along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
10. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
11. There must be an emphasis on fresh and/or dried plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in a division.
12. The Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
13. Plants on the state's endangered or conservative plant list must be grown by the exhibitor or collected in a legal manner and so identified. (State policy prevails). Noxious weeds and plants on the state's invasive plant list Are not permitted in any Division. List of Noxious weed can be downloaded at: [https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/ACO/IC/LINC/Section 317.1a.pdf](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/ACO/IC/LINC/Section%20317.1a.pdf)

AWARDS

NGC Standard system of Awards

Only one first place (blue) ribbon per class or sub-class. Must score 90 or above.

Only one second place (red) ribbon per class or sub-class. Must score 85 or above.

Only one third place (yellow) ribbon per class or sub class. Must score 80 or above.

One or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited. Must score 75 or above.

Horticulture NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

The Award of Horticulture Excellence will be offered in Division I, Horticulture. (See Handbook, P 40).
Aboreal Award will be offered in Division I, section E. (See Handbook, P 40).
Seven Awards of Merit will be offered in Section A, B, C, D, F, G, H, (See Handbook, P 41).
Collectors showcase may be offered for the highest blue ribbon winner scoring 95 points or above and correctly named in class I and J.

Design Division NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

The Award of Design Excellence will be offered in Division II, Design. (See Handbook, P 42).
One Tri-color Award will be offered in Section A. (See Handbook, P 43).
One Distinction Award will be offered in Section B. (See Handbook, P42).
One Designers Choice will be offered in Section C. (See Handbook, P 42).
One Table Artistry Award will be offered in Section D. (See Handbook, P 43).

Botanical Arts NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

One Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award will be offered in Section A. (See Handbook, P 44).

Other Awards

Two Sweepstake Awards will be offered-One in Horticulture Division and one in the Design Division, Counting only blue ribbons. Red ribbons will be counted to break ties. (See Handbook, P 46)

Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa Certificates of Excellence (formerly Traveling Trophies)

The following Certificates of Excellence will be available to members of the FGCI.

Horticulture Division

Rusk Certificate of Excellence to the Award of Horticultural Excellence winner.
Smith Certificate of Excellence to the Horticulture Sweepstakes winner.
Otto Certificate of Excellence awarded by the State President and Flower show Chairmen to a worthy exhibit in the Horticulture Division that did not receive and NGC Top Exhibitor award.

Design Division

Williamson Certificate of Excellence to the Designer's Choice Award winner.
Barb Sylvester Certificate of Excellence to the highest scoring Award winner. (Petite)
Thomas Certificate of Excellence to the highest scoring Novice winner. (Design must score 90+)
Mable Prior Certificate of Excellence to any worthy design exhibit (90+) by a designer other than a judge.
Willasson Certificate of Excellence to the Design Sweepstakes winner.
Davidson Certificate of Excellence awarded by the State President and Flower Show Chairmen to a worthy exhibit in the Design Division that did not receive a NGC Top Exhibitor Award.
Fran Smith Certificate of Excellence for the best second place floral design in the show.

Division I Horticulture

“Beautiful Patriotic Songs”

Award of Horticulture Excellence Offered

Horticulture Rules

1. The NGC Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division. Page 61, VI Petite Horticulture.

2. The rules for a single species cut or container grown specimen are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows or its supplement, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.
3. **The Definition of Petite Horticulture:** Naturally small growth, or those designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries and plant societies.
4. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “any Other Worthy Class.
5. All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
6. Exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than 90 days.
Exception: early maturing seeds/transplants and forced bulbs, corms/tubers/rhizomes, and early maturing crops. Aboreal require ownership of 6 months. Refer to the chart on (HB p.55) for species.
7. Entry cards (HB p. 57) fill out in pencil or waterproof ink.
8. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by the application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that artificially change the natural color and texture.
9. Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles provided by the exhibitor of suitable and proportionate to specimen. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
10. All specimens should be correctly labeled with their binomial names or the currently accepted scientific identification for their educational value. Common name may also be added (HB p. 53-54) Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be listed in the “any other worthy” class.
11. An exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each entry is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color.
12. Wedging in the neck of a container to improve the pose of the specimen is permitted. Wedging may be visible but must not detract from the cut specimen. Plastic wedging to be provided by exhibitor.
13. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
14. The Classification Chairmen have the authority to subdivide classes by color, form, size, variety, cultivar or other distinguishing characteristics. (HB p. 3-4).
15. The Scale of Points for judging horticulture is listed on (HB p. 129).

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE “BEAUTIFUL PATRIOTIC SONGS”

SECTION A -ANNUALS “You’re In The Army Now”

Class 1 *Ageratum*, 1 stem

Class 2 *Angelonia augustifolia* Angelonia, 1 bloom

Class 3 *Antirrhinum* Snapdragon, 1 stem

Class 4 *Asteraceae zinnia* Zinnia, 1 disbudded stem

Class 5 *Balsaminaceae* Impatiens, 1 stem

Class 6 *Begoniaceae Begonia*, Fibrous rooted, 1 stem

Class 7 *Calibrachoa* Million Bells, 1 spray

Class 8 *Celosia*, 1 stem

Class 9 *Centaurea cyanus* Bachelor’s Button, 1 stem

Class 10 *Solenostemon scutellarioides* Coleus leaf 1” wide or smaller, 1 stem

Class 11 *Dianthus* Annual Pinks, 1 stem

Class 12 *Diascia* Twinspur, 1 Spray

Class 13 *Lantana*, 1 stem

Class 14 *Lobularia* Alyssum, 1 stem

Class 15 *Solanaceae* Petunia, 1 spray

Class 16 *Tagetes* Marigold See HB 142

- a. 1 disbudded stem with large blossom b. 1 spray

Class 17 *Thymophylla* Dahlberg Daisy, 3 blooms

Class 18 *Verbena*, 1 stem

Class 19 *Violaceae* Viola or Pansy, 3 identical blooms without foliage

Class 20 Any other miniature annual, named, 1 stem, bloom, or spray

Section B- Perennials “Blowin` In the Wind”

Class 21 *Aquilegia* Columbine, 1 spray

- a. single b. double

Class 22 *Campulacae* Bellflower, 1 stem

Class 23 *Coreopsis* Coreopsis, 1 bloom

Class 24 *Dianthus* Pinks, 1 stem

Class 25 *Dicentra* Fern-leaf bleeding heart, 1 stem

Class 26 Grasses and Sedges (must be fresh), 5 stems

Class 27 *Gypsophila* Baby’s Breath, 1 spray

Class 28 *Hemerocallis* Daylily, 1 stem

- a. 2” or less

1. Single 2. Double

- b. Over 2” and up to 3 “

1. Single 2. Double

- c. Over 3” and up to 4 1/2”

1. Single 2. Double

Class 29 *Hueuchera* Coral Bell

- a. 3 leaves (foliage) b. 3 blooms

Class 30 *Hosta* Hosta, 1 leaf, based on mature size

- a. Less than 1” across

- b. 1” but less than 2”

- c. 2” up to 4”

Class 31 *Nepeta* Catmint, 1 stem

Class 32 *Platycodon grandiflora* Balloon flower, 1 stem

Class 33 *Sedum*, 1 stem

Class 34 Any other **small** perennial, named, 1 stem, bloom or spray

SECTION C-BULBOUS “Anchors Away”

Class 35 *Allium*, 1 stem

Class 36 *Lillium* Miniature Lily, 1 stem, anthers present named

Class 37 *Fretillaria meleagris* Fritillaria, 1 specimen

Class 38 Any other flowering bulb, corm or tuber, 1 stem named

SECTION D-Rosa MINATURE-FLORA ROSES “The Spirit Of America”

Exhibited in water with two sets of leaves. See HB pp. 147-148 “A high

scoring miniature has two or more fresh florets in bloom, buds in all stages of development, and more open blooms than buds.”

Class 39 Micro-miniature rose, 1” or less

- a. single bloom b. spray

Class 40 Miniature rose, over 1” up to 2”

- a. single bloom b. spray

Class 41 Miniflora rose, intermediate bloom

- a. single bloom b. spray

Class 42 Polyantha, spray

SECTION E-ABOREAL “This Land Is Your Land”

Specimens of dwarf for miniature cultivars may not exceed 18” in length with nodes and an apical tip.

Class 43 Conifer, 1 specimen named

Class 44 Deciduous, 1 specimen named

- a. flowering
- b. foliage
- c. fruited

Class 45 Shrub, evergreen, 1 specimen named

SECTION F- SMALL VEGETABLES AND FRUIT “Ghost of Freedom”

Classes 50 and 57 will be exhibited in water. All other classes in this section will be exhibited on white 6” paper plates, furnished by committee

Class 46 *Allium cepa* Onions, 3 specimens

Class 47 *Asparagus officinalis* Asparagus, 3 specimens, up to 6” long

Class 48 *Brassica Broccoli*, 1 head

Class 49 *Fragaria x ananassa* strawberries, 5 specimens

Class 50 *Lactuca serriola* Lettuce, 1 plant in water

Class 51 *Phaseolus vulgaris*, 5 specimens

- a. Wax beans
- B. Green beans

Class 52 *Pisum sativum* Peas 3specimens, in pod

- a. Edible pod
- b. Shell Pod

Class 53 *Prunus cerasus* Cherries, 5 specimens, stems attached

Class 54 *Raphanus sativus* Radish, ½” to 1” mature size, 5 specimens

Class 55 *Rubus idaeus* Raspberries, 5 specimens, Stems removed

Class 56 *Solanum tuberosum* Potatoes, new, 3 specimens

Class 57 *Spinacia oleracea* Spinach, 1 plant in water

Class 58 Any other **small** vegetable of fruit, named, 5 specimens

SECTION G-PETITE HERBS “Red, White, and Blue”

Exhibited with 1 stem in water.

Class 59 *Allium schoenoprasum* Chives

Class 60 *Anethum graveolens* Dill

Class 61 *Ocimum basilicum* Basil

Class 62 *Petroselinum crispum* Parsley

Class 63 *Rosmarinus officinalis* Rosemary

Class 64 *Salvia officinalis* Sage

Class 65 *Satureja* Savory

Class 66 *Thymus serpyllum* Thyme

Class 67 Any other herb, named

SECTION H-CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS “This Is My Country”

All containers are limited to maximum 6” diameter. Double-potting allowed

Class 68 Cactus

Class 69 *Saintpaulia* African violet, Single crown-except species and trailers

- a. Semi-miniature
- b. Miniature

Class 70 Succulent

Class 71 Any other **small** plant grown in container

SECTION I-COLLECTABLES “An American Trilogy”

A collection of 5 or more different specimens of **naturally small growth** and or designated as dwarf varieties or cultivars of dwarf plants by nurseries or societies (HB Page 11) all must be individually labeled and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 72 Cut roses

Class 73 Cut annuals

Class 74 Cut perennials

Class 75 Cut bulbous plants

Class 76 Cacti

Class 77 Succulents

Class 78 Herbs

Class 79 Hostas

Class 80 Heuchera

Class 81 Container-grown plants

SECTION J- DISPLAYS “Battle Cry of Freedom”

A display of 5 or more specimens of **naturally small growth**/or those designated as dwarf varieties or cultivars of dwarf plants by nurseries or societies. See HB, p 11. All must be individually labeled and exhibited in separate containers. Displays are staged for artistic effect as well as cultural perfection, with plant material dominant.

Class 82 Cut roses

Class 83 Cut annuals

Class 84 Cut perennials

Class 85 Cut bulbous plants

Class 86 Cacti

Class 87 Succulents

Class 88 Herbs

Class 89 Hostas

Class 90 Heuchera

Class 91 Container plants

Division II Design

“Beautiful Country”

Award of Design Excellence Offered

Design Rules

1. The NG Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
2. A design entered in competition must be the current work of only one exhibitor and that exhibitors name must appear on the entry card.
3. An exhibitor may enter as many classes in the Design Division as desired unless the schedule limits the number of entries but only one exhibit per class.
4. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Plant material that has been treated to alter its exterior appearance may be used only in its dried state.
5. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style with any design type listed unless restricted by the schedule.
6. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
7. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows. Chapter 14.

8. Entries in the Design Classes should be made in advance with the Design Entries Chairman. If a designer is unable to fulfill an assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to provide a replacement and to notify the Design Entries Chairman.
9. Plant material used in designs need not have been grown by the exhibitor unless the schedule requires it
10. All plant material used in the design must be listed on a 3"x5" index card provided by exhibitor or committee.
11. No artificial flowers, foliage fruits or vegetables are permitted in the Design Division.
12. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in the Design Division.
13. Plant materials and non-plant materials permitted and not permitted in the Design division are listed in HB pp.80-81.
14. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC flower show.
15. The Design Scale of Points is listed in HB p 130.
16. American Flag or other country flags can not be used.

DIVISION II—DESIGN “Beautiful Country”

Required panel or niche required, size stated with each class. Black table covering provided.

SECTION A- TRICOLOR “Beautiful for Patriot Dreams”

Class 1. “Great Smokey Mountains” 5”

-Consultant: Angie Wilkins **Please Note this one has changed from the Spring NEWS**

Class 2. “Niagra Falls” 8” (some form of water)

-Consultant: Peg Eggertsen

Class 3. “Grand Canyon” 12” Monochromatic

-Consultant: Jean Klosteman

SECTION B-DISTINCTION “From Sea to Shining Sea”

Class 4. “Above the Fruited Plain” 5”

-Consultant: Sue Becker

Class 5. “Rockets Red Glare” 8”

-Consultant: Sandra Gossman

(Class 6. “Amber Waves of Grain” 12”

-Consultant: Theresa Cooper

SECTION C-DESIGNERS CHOICE “America!! America!! ”

Class 7. “U. S. A. Sports” 5”

-Consultant: Jenny Messer (Class 8. “Dance Around the Clock” 8”

-Consultant: Victoria Rute

Class 9. “ Together We Stand” 12” (Spatial Thrust)

-Consultant: Walter Reemtsma

SECTION D-TABLE ARTISTRY “Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood”

Class 10. “4th of July” 12” Exhibition Table

-Consultant: Sandra Wales

Class 11. “Boston Tea Party” Table for two. 8”-12” Table supplied (8”x 8” 5” high)

-Consultant: Terri Ewers

Class 12. “American Bed & Breakfast” Tray, space up to 8”

-Consultant: Steve Wolter

DIVISION III BOTANICAL ARTS

“Creative Hobbies”

Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award offered

Botanical Arts Rules

1. All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Design and Artistic Crafts exhibits must contain some plant material.
2. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
3. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Arts, Horticulture, Design, Artistic Crafts and Photography are listed in chapter 14 of the HB.
4. The General Guidelines for all Designs apply as printed in Chapter 11 of the HB, including a card provided by the exhibitor and listing plant material used in the design.
5. The rules for Botanical Artistic Crafts are printed in the HB, Chapter 10.
6. The Botanical Arts Classification committee will refuse to place any designs that contain plant material listed on the Iowa Noxious Weed List. <http://www.weeds.iastate.edu/reference/weedlaw.htm>.

SECTION A-ARTISTIC CRAFTS “Life In America”

All crafts are decorated with pieces of nature, (rocks, seeds, flowers dried or fresh, ect.)

Class 1. “Fairy Garden” A small fairy garden under 12” diameter

-Consultant: *Shirley Wolf*

Class 2. “Patriotic Holiday” Wrap a package no larger than 12”.

-Consultant: *Mary Reyerson-Low*

Class 3. “Patriotic Bird House” no larger than 12”

-Consultant: *Pam Gollob*

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