

The Plymouth Garden Club

Presents

“Plymouth – Celebrating 400+ Years”

An NGC Small Standard Flower Show
September 30 & October 1, 2022

Preliminary Schedule 8/28/22

Plymouth Public Library Fehlow Room

132 South Street, Plymouth, MA
508-830-4250



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GENERAL RULES

1. "Plymouth – Celebrating 400+ Years", an NGC Standard Flower Show, conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition*, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the law of the show.
2. Division I is open to all members of the Plymouth Garden Club and their family. Division II is open to all members of the Plymouth Garden Club.
3. All exhibits must be the work of individual exhibitors.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in Division I, Horticulture.

5. **ENTRY DATE:** Friday, September 30, 2022
 - a. Division I: 8:00 am to 9:30 am.
 - b. Division II: 8:30 am to 10 am.
 - c. Judging begins: 10:30 am.
 - d. **REMOVAL DATE:** Saturday, October 1, 4:15pm.
6. An Exhibitors' Meeting will be held in the Fehlow Room of the Plymouth Library on September 12, 2022 at 1pm.
7. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
8. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
9. Before the exhibitor leaves the show area, the Classification Chairman for each Division checks for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination of conformance is the judges' responsibility.
10. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. Judges are required to consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ point recognition.
11. Wild collected plants of species listed by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage program may not be used. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list may be used if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it was not wild collected.
12. Plants listed on the Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources Prohibited Plant List may not be exhibited in this flower show.
13. In all Divisions, the Committee will provide staging unless otherwise noted in the schedule.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping his/her exhibit in good condition for the duration of the Show. An exhibit may be removed at the discretion of the Committee.
15. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to find a replacement if unable to fulfill assignment.
16. The Plymouth Garden Club and Plymouth Library will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but are not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING

The NGC Standard System of Awards is used for all competitive judging and allows for the following awards in each class or sub-class: only one First Place (scoring 90 points or more, Blue Ribbon), only one Second Place (scoring 85 points or more, Red Ribbon), only one Third Place (scoring 80 points or more, Yellow Ribbon), and one or more Honorable Mention (scoring 75 points or more, White Ribbon).

HORTICULTURE DIVISION TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Section Awards - For complete requirements, refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, pages 40 & 41.

AWARD OF MERIT - A rosette of orange ribbons.

Sections A, B, C, D and G are eligible.

ARBOREAL AWARD - A rosette of green ribbons in two shades.
Section E is eligible.

GROWERS CHOICE AWARD - A rosette of dark green ribbons.
Section F is eligible.

Division Award

AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE - A rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons. Awarded to the highest scoring exhibit entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division

DESIGN DIVISION TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

All Design Division blue ribbon winners must score 95 points or more to be eligible. For complete requirements refer to HB pages 42.

Section Award

DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD - A rosette of purple ribbons. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated and/or fresh.
Section A is eligible.

Division Awards

BEST OF SHOW AWARD - A rosette of blue ribbons may be awarded to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by an individual. Winners of the Section A, and B are eligible.

THE JINI AWARD - A Plymouth Garden Club Award named in honor of Past President and wonderful designer Jini Barke presented to a high scoring design by a Plymouth GC member. Exhibit need not be a blue ribbon winner. To be determined by a panel chosen by show chair.

THE BETTY AWARD - Established by PGC to honor the memory of Betty Hawthaway, distinguished floral designer, presented to a high scoring exhibit judged to be the most creative interpretation of the schedule. Need not be a blue ribbon winner. To be determined by a panel chosen by show chair.

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

"PLYMOUTH'S BOUNTIFUL LAND"

Horticulture Division Rules

1. The NGC Horticulture Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 6 with revisions in *The National Gardener* magazine, and the supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
2. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the Exhibitor.
3. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen/s are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
4. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.
5. Entry cards are available at the Exhibitors' meeting, at the Plymouth Garden Club September meeting and at the show. The cards should be completed in advance, if possible, preferably in pencil or waterproof ink. Refer to *the Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry tag.
6. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower, but should be exhibited as a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy' class.
8. Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.

9. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition pages 129-130.
10. All staging materials for cut specimens (bottles, wedging material and white paper plates) will be provided by the Committee.
11. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or subclass if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size or color.
12. All entries must be approved for conformance to the schedule and show worthiness by the Classification Chairs before placement by the Committee

Section A: 'COLORFUL BLOOMS BRIGHTEN OUR GARDENS'

Flowering Annuals, cut specimen, 1 flowering stem, maximum length of 36"

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 1: *Cosmos*
- Class 2: *Helianthus*, Sunflowers
- Class 3: *Zinnia*
- Class 4: Any other worthy specimen

Section B: 'LONG LASTING BEAUTY'

Flowering Perennials, cut specimen, 1 flowering stem

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 5: *Chrysanthemum*
- Class 6: *Rudbeckia*
- Class 7: *Sedum*
- Class 8: Any other worthy specimen

Section C: 'GREEN IS LOVELY TOO'

Perennial grown for foliage, 1 stem

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 9: Fern
- Class 10: Herb
- Class 11: *Heuchera*
- Class 12: Any other worthy specimen

Section D: 'BEAUTY WORTH THE EFFORT'

Bulbs, corm tubers and rhizome, cut specimen, 1 flowering stem

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 13: *Large Dahlia* – larger than 6 inch bloom
- Class 14: *Medium Dahlia* – 4-6 inch bloom
- Class 15: *Small Dahlia* – 2-3 inch bloom
- Class 16: Any other worthy specimen

Section E: 'GREEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR'

Evergreen Branches, 1 cut specimen no longer than 30 inches

Eligible for Arboreal Award

- Class 17: *Euonymus*
- Class 18: *Ilex*, Holly
- Class 19: *Pinus*
- Class 20: Any other worthy specimen

Section F: 'ENHANCING OUR HOMES ALL YEAR'

Container Plant, pot no larger than 8 inch diameter by 8 inch tall

Eligible for the Growers Choice Award

- Class 21: *Begonia*
- Class 22: *Crassulaceae*, succulents
- Class 23: *Saintpaulia*, African violet
- Class 24: Any other worthy specimen

Section G: 'OUR GARDENS SUSTAIN US'

Vegetables

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 25: *Capsicum annum*, Pepper, 1 specimen, with stem, on a white paper plate
- Class 26: *Curcubita*, Squash, 1 specimen with stem
- Class 27: *Lycopersium*, Tomatoes, 1 specimen of 2" or larger, 3 specimens of smaller than 2", with stems, on a white paper plate
- Class 28: *Phaesolis vulgaris*, Beans, 8 beans with stems, on a white paper plate
- Class 29: Any other worthy specimen

"PILGRIM HERBS KEPT THEM HEALTHY"

- Class 30: A planter with herbs. Planter provided by committee. Must have a 5"x7" key card with herbs identified by binomial name

DIVISION II - DESIGN
“OUR HERITAGE INSPIRES OUR DESIGNS”

Design Division Rules

1. The NGC Design Policies/Rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 7, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine.
2. Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman, Judy Brown 508-888-3638 or judyatthepond25@gmail.com is required.
3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition Chapter 7, pages 80-81.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card by common name, provided by the exhibitor and given to the classification person.
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitation of the Design Type if named in the class.
6. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 7.
7. The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 14, page 130.
8. Design Sections A and B will be staged in front of the beige walls of the Fehlow room.
9. Exhibits may be completed at home or in the Show area.

Section A ‘WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE’
4 entries per class
Eligible for the Designers Choice Award

Class 1: ‘Town Brook Running Free’

A Cascade Design, including at least one plant native to New England. (Resource list: ag.umass.edu North American Plants for New England Gardens) Staged on a 40” high white pedestal with a 14” square top.

Class 2: ‘The Ocean’s Moods and Colors Inspire’

A Traditional Mass Arrangement. Staged on a 36” tall white pedestal with a 14” square top.

Class 3: ‘Plymouth Beach is a Natural Gem’

A Creative Design incorporating local shells, starfish or sand dollars. Staged on a 36” tall white pedestal with a 14” square top.

Section B ‘PLYMOUTH, AMERICA’S HOME TOWN’
4 entries per class

Class 4: ‘Thanksgiving Traditions’

A Functional Table setting for two, floral design to include a vegetable or fruit typically associated with Thanksgiving. Staged on a 33 1/2” square card table covered to the floor with a white tablecloth, overlay permitted. This is a novice class – only exhibitors who have never won a blue ribbon in a Standard Flower Show are eligible to enter.