

HORTICULTURE RULES

Horticulture Chair: Leona Brownell 518 692-7465

HORTICULTURE ENTRIES will be accepted at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall (12 Spring St., Schuylerville, NY) on **Friday, July 10, 2026 only between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. No new entries will be accepted on Saturday.

All Horticulture entries must register at the registration/classification desk at Town Hall on **Friday, July 10, 2026 only between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.

Exhibits are placed by the Horticulture Placement Committee.

Judging will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026 prior to the opening of the show.

All Exhibits are not to be removed **until after 4:00 pm Sunday, July 12, 2026**.

The Classification Chairman for each Division checks the exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges' responsibility.

For exhibitor to enter more than one entry in the Horticulture Division, each entry must be a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.

All exhibits and displays must comply with New York State policy regarding invasive species and protected native plants. A list of plant materials can be found on FGCNYS.com, or on www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2359.html, or on govt.westlaw.com.

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State (FGCNYS) policy states that plants named on New York State list, "Protected Native Plants" CANNOT be exhibited in competitive classes except as an Educational Exhibit. Such plants must have been acquired in a lawful manner and may be cut specimens and or potted plants.

AWARDS

National Garden Club Inc., Standard System of Awarding Only one (1) first place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass.

Must score 90 points or more.

Only one (1) second place (red) ribbon per class or subclass.

Must score 85 points or more.

Only one (1) third place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass.

Must score 80 points or more

One (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited.

Must score 75 points or more.

National Garden Club Inc., Top Exhibitor Awards

Award of Horticultural Excellence

One is offered to the highest scoring and correctly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95+ in the entire Horticulture Division. Rosette of green, orange, and blue.

Arboreal Award

One is offered to the highest scoring and correctly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95+ in Division I, Section H, Classes 34-37. Rosette of green ribbons in two shades.

Award of Merit

Four are offered, to the highest scoring and correctly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95+, in Division I, one in Section C, Classes 7-10, one in Section D, Classes 11-20, one in Section G, Classes 29-33, one in Section I, Classes 38-56. Rosette of orange ribbons.

Grower's Choice Award

Three are offered, to the highest scoring and correctly named blue ribbon winner scoring 95+, in Division I, one in Section B, Classes 4-6, one in Section E, Classes 21-24, one in Section F, Classes 25-28. Rosette of dark green ribbons.

Division I Horticulture "Land of Plenty"

Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

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Horticulture Rules

1. All plant material must be fresh. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
2. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
3. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimens are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement, *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
4. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the entry card(s) of the exhibitor must identify his/her entry by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific designation, consult *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, Chapter 6.
5. Entry cards are available at the Town Hall on Friday, July 10, 2026 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Cards are to be written using waterproof ink, labels, or pencil.
6. Exhibitors are asked to bring a list of their entries to the registration desk at the show.
7. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *gladiolus*.
8. 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 foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves.
9. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy' class.
10. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics.
11. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.
12. The committee will furnish clear, green glass bottles and plastic wedging for cut specimens.
13. No wiring of plant material is permitted.
14. Double potting is allowed. Inner pot may not be visible.
15. See chart HB Pg. 55 for ownership exhibiting information.

Section A "Homesteading"

Red, White and Blue Planting Challenge

NOTE: Section A is open to Schuylerville Garden Club Members only

The following plants are supplied by the committee.

Group 1

Petunia x Calibrachoa (Petchoa) 'Royal Red'

Euphorbia hypericifolia (White euphorbia) 'Starburst
Snowdrift'

Lobelia siphilitica (Blue cardinal flower)

Group 2

Angelonia 'Big Blue'

Begonia solenia 'Red'

Calibrachoa calitastic 'White'

Class 1. One single container grown plant from those supplied by committee, container not to exceed 8" in diameter.

Class 2. A combination planter containing three or more plants supplied by committee, not to exceed 15" diameter.

Class 3. A combination planter containing any three or more flowering plants, at least one red, one white, and one blue; at least one must be committee supplied plant. Container not exceed 15" diameter.

Section B "Melting Pot"

Combination Plantings

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Grouping of 3 or more botanically different plants. Only natural accessories permitted.

Container not to exceed 15" in diameter. Require diagram to show placement in container.

Class 4. Planters

Class 5. Dish Gardens

Class 6. Terrariums

Section C "From the Earth"

Bulbs, Tubers, Rhizomes, Corms

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut specimen

Class 7. *Dahlia* Disbudded bloom, one set of leaves

Class 8. *Liatrus* (Gay Feather)

Class 9. *Lilium* (Lily) three open blooms

Class 10. Any other worthy named bulb, tuber, rhizome, corm.

Section D "Seasonal Beauties"

Flowering Annuals

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut specimen

Class 11. *Calendula* (Pot Marigold)

Class 12. *Centaurea cyanus* (Bachelor's Button)

- Class 13. *Cleome hassleriana* (Spider Flower)
Class 14. *Cosmos bipinnatus*
Class 15. *Petunia x hybrida*, three blooms, two sets of leaves.
Class 16. *Salvia*
Class 17. *Tagetes* (Marigold) no side shoots, three leaves
Class 18. *Verbena*
Class 19. *Zinnia*, no side shoots, one to two sets of leaves
Class 20. Any other worthy named flowering annual.

Section E "Windowsill"

Flowering Container Grown Plants

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container not to exceed 10" diameter

Class 21. *Begonia*

Class 22. Orchid

Class 23. *Streptocarpus* (African violet)

Class 24. Any other worthy named container grown flowering plant.

Section F "Patio"

Foliage Grown Container Plants

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container not to exceed 10" diameter

Class 25. *Coleus*

Class 26. Ferns

Class 27. Succulents

Class 28. Any other worthy named container grown foliage plant.

Section G "Nature's Medicine"

Herbs

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut specimen

Class 29. *Anethem graveolens* (Dill)

Class 30. *Mentha* (Mint)

Class 31. *Ocimum basilicum* (Basil)

Class 32. *Petroselinum crispum* (Parsley)

Class 33. Any other worthy named herb.

Section H “Into the Woods”

Trees and Shrubs

Eligible for Arboreal Award

One cut specimen, not to exceed 30” length, with apical tip, central leader, several nodes .

Class 34. Berried or fruited

Class 35. Broadleaf evergreen

Class 36. Needled evergreen

Class 37. Flowering Branch

Section I “Old Faithful”

Perennials

Eligible for Award of Merit

One cut specimen

Class 38. *Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow)

Class 39. *Astilbe* (False Spirea)

Class 40. *Campanula* (Bell Flower)

Class 41. *Chrysanthemum* (Shasta Daisy)

Class 42. *Coreopsis* (Tickseed)

Class 43. *Echinacea* (Coneflower)

Class 44. *Echinops* (Globe Thistle)

Class 45. *Eryngium* (Sea Holly)

Class 46. *Filipendula ulmaria* (Meadowsweet)

Class 47. *Gaillardia* (Blanket Flower)

Class 48. *Heliopsis helianthoides* (False Sunflower)

Class 49. *Hemerocallis* (Day Lily) single scape, not to exceed 36”L

Class 50. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells)

Class 51. *Hosta* (Plantain Lily) single leaf

Class 52. *Lychnis coronaria* (Rose Campion)

Class 53. *Phlox*

Class 54. *Platycodon grandiflorus* (Balloon Flower)

Class 55. *Rudbeckia hirta* (Gloriosa Daisy, Black-eyed Susan)

Class 56. Any other worthy named perennial.

END OF SECTION