

Flower Show Committee

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- General Chairman, Schedule Lori Krinsky
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General Rules

1. Judging will be Thursday, October 5th at 9:30 am. The decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
2. The general, staging, horticulture and design classification chairs will be present during judging.
3. The classification chairmen in all divisions check for conformity to the schedule.
4. Flower Show Committee will endeavor to protect all exhibits but cannot be responsible for loss or damage to Exhibitor’s property.
5. Wild collected plants of species listed by the Mass Natural Heritage program may not be used in Standard Flower Shows of the GCFMA or its member clubs. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list may be used if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it has not be wild collected.
6. Plants of species listed on the Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources Prohibited Plant List (February 2017) are discouraged from being exhibited in any division of this flower show.

Awards

1. The NGC Standard System of Awards will be used for judging with one first place (blue-90 points or more), one second place (red-85 points or more), one third (yellow-80 points or more), and one or more honorable mention (white-75 points or more) ribbons being awarded per class or sub-class. Judges should consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ recognition.
2. The Award of Horticultural Excellence (Division Award) may be awarded to a named (includes genus and species) blue ribbon winner of plant material judged as the finest in the entire Horticulture Division.
3. The Award of Merit (Section Award) may be given to the named blue ribbon winners scoring 95 or over in Horticulture Sections B, C, and D. (3 awards)
4. The Arboreal Award (Section Award) may be given to a named blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or over in Horticulture Section A. (1 award)
5. The Award of Design Excellence (Division Award) may be awarded to the highest point scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division.
6. See pages 39-48 of “The Handbook for Flower Shows” 2017 edition for additional award information.

The Acton Garden Club

Presents a NGC

Small Standard Flower Show

2017



Acton Outdoors

*Many thanks
to the Acton Memorial Library Staff
and all those who helped to make this show a success.*

Thursday, October 5th, 2017 9am - 9pm
 Friday, October 6th, 2017 9am - 5pm
 Saturday, October 7th, 2017 9am - 3pm

Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main St. Acton, MA

Open to the Public - Free Admission

The Acton Garden Club is a member of:
 The National Garden Clubs, Inc. (*Nancy Hargroves, President*)
 New England Region (*Susan Hinkel, Director*)
 The Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc. (*Suzanne McCance, President*)
 Central North District (*Joyce Frickle, District Director*)

Division I - Horticulture: Around Acton

SECTION A: Branches – “The Acton Arboretum” (1 cut branch not to exceed 30” in length) *Eligible for Arboreal Award*

- Class 1 Shrubs – dwarf, semi-dwarf or miniature needled evergreens
 - a. *Chamaecyparis*
 - b. *Juniperus*
 - c. *Picea*
 - d. *Pinus*
 - e. Gardener’s Choice
- Class 2 Shrubs – flowering branches
 - a. *Buddleia*
 - b. *Hydrangea*
 - c. Gardener’s Choice
- Class 3 Shrubs – berried branches
 - a. *Callicarpa*
 - b. *Ilex*
 - c. Gardener’s Choice

SECTION B: Perennials – “Sue Whitcomb’s Summer St. Garden” *Eligible for Award of Merit*

- Class 4 *Anemone*
- Class 5 *Aster*
- Class 6 *Cimicifuga*
- Class 7 *Eupatorium*
- Class 8 *Phlox*
- Class 9 *Rudbeckia*
- Class 10 *Sedum*
- Class 11 Gardener’s Choice

SECTION C: Grasses – “Grassy Pond” (1 cut specimen of fresh material must include leaves and inflorescence) *Eligible for Award of Merit*

- Class 12 *Miscanthus*
- Class 13 *Pennisetum*
- Class 14 Gardener’s Choice

SECTION D: Vegetables – “Morrison Farm” (1 specimen, if miniature 3 specimens, or as otherwise stated) *Eligible for Award of Merit*

- Class 15 *Allium* (Onions/Garlic)
- Class 16 *Capsicum* (Peppers)
- Class 17 *Curcubita* (Squash)
 - a. Winter
 - b. Pumpkins
 - c. Gourds
- Class 18 *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* (Tomato)
- Class 19 *Solanum melongena* (Eggplant)
- Class 20 Gardener’s Choice

Horticulture Division Rules

1. All classes are open to members of the Acton Garden Club.
2. All plant material must be fresh.
3. All specimens MUST have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in his/her possession for no fewer than 90 days.
4. Maximum length is not to exceed 30” from tip of specimen to cut end.
5. All entry cards, obtained from Dorothy Marquis-Omer, must be filled out in advance and printed in pencil.

6. Entries must be marked with exhibitor’s name and labeled with correct genus, species and, if known, cultivar/variety or current scientific identification. Common name may be added.
7. Entries will be accepted from 5:00-7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 4th at the Acton Memorial Library. They must be removed at 3:00pm on Saturday, October 7th.
8. More than one entry per class may be made by the exhibitor, provided EACH is of a different cultivar, type or color.
9. Cut specimens should not have any foliage below the water line.
10. Committee will provide all staging including wedging.
11. Specimens that are diseased or have insects will be denied entrance to the show.
12. Classification Committee has the authority to sub-divide classes as necessary. Classes may be deleted, added, or subdivided at the discretion of the committee.
13. At the discretion of the committee, a specimen may be removed.
14. All entries must be checked with the classification committee and must receive an entry card before being placed.
15. Exhibits will be judged by the appropriate scale of points listed on pages 129-131 of "The Handbook for Flower Shows" 2017 edition.
16. Our final reference source is: [American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants, 2004.](#)

Division II - Design: Go Outside

Class 1 **“An Autumn Amble in Jenks Meadow”** - This conservation land features a broad sweeping meadow, popular for bird watching. A Creative or Traditional Design using fresh plant and/or dried material Designs staged on top of a shelf unit 25” deep and 44” high. A tan background panel 30” high by 20” wide provided by the committee may be enhanced. *Eligible for the Award of Design Excellence.*

Class 2 **“Spring Meditation in the Meeting House Hill Wildflower Garden”** The garden, tended by the Acton Garden Club, invites you to take a moment to experience the quiet beauty and peacefulness of nature. A Creative or Traditional Design using all fresh plant materials in pastel colors *NOVICE CLASS open to anyone who has not won a blue ribbon in a judged flower show.* Designs staged on the oak octagon in the center of the turret area. Each space is trapezoidal, 30” wide narrowing to 11”. It is 25” deep and 30” high. A clear glass and steel pyramid is in the center. *Eligible for the Award of Design Excellence.*

Class 3 **“A Snowy Winter Hike in the Woods on Great Hill”** - Blazed trails through the conservation area show visitors the way through the winter landscape. A Creative or Traditional Design using all fresh plant materials Designs staged on a pedestal 36” high with a 16” square top. Frame of reference is 30” high x 20” wide. Pedestal placed against column 20” wide. Background color is gray and may not be enhanced. *Eligible for the Award of Design Excellence.*

Class 4 **“A Summer Bike Ride Begins at NARA Park”** - In the midst of the activity and bright colors at the park, cyclists take to the paved trail. A Creative Design using all fresh plant materials incorporating an object related to cycling provided by the designer Designs staged on top of a shelf unit 26½” deep and 43½” high. A 36” high by 48”wide white tri-fold background panel provided by committee may be enhanced. *Eligible for the Award of Design Excellence.*

Design Division Rules

1. Classes open to Acton Garden Club members. To enter, contact Susanne Fuller, rellufs@verizon.net, 978-897-8397.
2. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired but only one exhibit per class.
3. Design must be the work of one exhibitor and the exhibitor’s name must appear on the entry card.
4. If the designer is unable to fulfill assignment, it is the designer’s responsibility to find a replacement.
5. Exhibitor’s meeting will be held 9:15-10:00 in the upstairs conference room at the library on Wednesday, September 6th. Complete show and staging information will be given at that time.
6. A preliminary list of plant material (botanical and common names required) should be sent to Susanne Fuller before September 27th. When the design is completed, the list may be updated and must be passed by the Classification Chair before the exhibitor may leave the show area.
7. Set Up: Designs should be placed on Wednesday, October 4th, 5:00-7:30 pm. Exhibits should be completed at home with just finishing touches at the library.
8. Removal: Designs should be removed at 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 7th.
9. All staging will be provided by the committee and may not be altered except as noted.
10. Any underlays may not hang down over the side of the shelf unit or pedestal.
11. Designs will be judged according to the scale of points listed on page 130 of “The Handbook for Flower Shows” 2017 edition.
12. Plant material used need not have been grown by exhibitor.
13. Fresh plant material may never be treated in any manner.
14. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted.
15. Landscapes are not permitted.
16. Items permitted not needing schedule approval are listed on page 80-81 of “The Handbook for Flower Shows” 2017 edition.
17. See pages 79-83 of “The Handbook for Flower Shows” 2017 edition for additional policies.

Division III - Special Exhibits: Take a Walk

Class 1 **“I Hiked Acton Trails”** An explanation of this program that encourages people to walk sixteen conservation areas in the town of Acton and earn a sticker or a patch. Staged in the area of a table 6’ wide by 30” deep by 29” high *This display will not be judged.*

Special Exhibits Division Rules

1. This display will not be judged.
2. The exhibit should be placed Wednesday, October 4th, 5:00-7:30 pm and removed Saturday, October 7th at 3:00 pm.