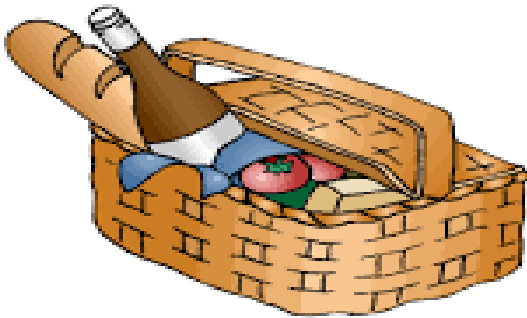


Norristown Garden Club  
presents

*Picnics and Tailgates*

An NGC Standard Flower Show



**Saturday, September 16, 2023**  
**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Christ United Methodist Church  
1020 S. Valley Forge Road  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Open and Free to the Public

***Picnics and Tailgates* is a standard Flower Show with many different kinds of exhibits. There will be many examples of more than 60 different classes of plants to see in the Horticulture Division along with floral Designs, Educational exhibits, Youth exhibits, Botanical Arts exhibits and Photography.**

**You do not need to be associated with the Norristown Garden Club to enter the Horticulture Division of the show. (The other divisions have a limited number of entries and require prior registration.) If you would like to enter specimens of plants you have grown, please see the Rules for entering the show and the list of classes in the Horticulture Division, which follow. If you have questions, please email [info@norristowngardenclub.org](mailto:info@norristowngardenclub.org).**

## General Rules and Information

1. All members and non-members are invited to exhibit in this Standard Flower Show.
2. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The 2022 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 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.
3. **Entries will be received on Friday, September 15, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.**
4. Each entry must have an entry card and be passed by the Classification and Placement Committees before the exhibitor leaves the show area. Entry cards are available at Club meetings prior to the Show and will also be available Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Entry cards should be filled out in advance if possible (example on Inside Back Cover [IBC]).**
5. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division.
6. The Classification Chairmen for each division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
7. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
8. Plants on the state conservation list and invasive and noxious plants may not be entered in the Show. For further information, see also [www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants).
9. **Judging will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, and will be by the NGC Standard System of Awarding, 2022 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, p.5, and any additions found in *The National Gardener*. Judges will consider non-blue-ribbon winners for 90+ recognition. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
10. The Show Chairmen and Classification Chairmen will be available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the show floor during judging.
11. The Norristown Garden Club will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

12. **All exhibits must remain in place until the end of the show.** All exhibits must be removed between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Division I – Horticulture**

### *Garden to Table*

#### **Horticulture Rules**

1. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the 2022 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, pp. 55-57.
2. All exhibits must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
3. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc., that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
4. Only foliage and/or flowers naturally grown and still attached to the specimen are permitted. Unattached foliage is never included with a cut bloom specimen.
5. All plant material must have been in the possession of the exhibitor the appropriate number of days as noted below:
  - a. 90 days (60 days for Youth) for cut specimens (annuals/perennials), bulbs, container-grown plants, vegetables and fruits
  - b. 6 weeks (3 weeks for Youth) for combination plantings
  - c. 6 months for arboreals (woody ornamentals) and troughs
6. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the 2022 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
7. 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. (Consult the 2022 *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Classification, pp. 53-54.)
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 a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.

9. Specimens with a class designation in the Schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other' classes.
10. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Cards may be typed, written in waterproof ink or pencil, or use labels. But note: The binomial name should be underlined if handwritten. Refer to the *2022 Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, p. 57, for a correctly filled out entry card. Also see inside back cover of this Schedule.
11. More than one entry per class may be made by an exhibitor provided each is of a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.
12. Containers and bubble-wrap wedging for cut specimens will be provided by the Club. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.
13. Pot size for container-grown plants is determined by measuring across the inside diameter of the pot. Double potting (placing pot having drainage hole inside another) is permitted.
14. Specimens should be well groomed with all debris, dirt, and damage removed by the exhibitor.
15. The Horticulture Classification Chairmen and/or Show Chairmen are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
16. Judging will be based on the NGC Standard System of Awarding (see p. 5) using the Scale of Points for Horticulture located in Chapter 14, p. 129 of the *2022 Handbook for Flower Shows*.

<u>Scale of Points for All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections</u>	
(Arboreal, Flowering, Foliage, Fruit/Vegetable/Nuts)	
Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
Grooming/Staging	
Grooming	10
Staging	5
TOTAL	100

# Horticulture Sections and Classes

All classes are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

## Section A : Annuals

*Late Bloomers*

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 1. *Celosia*, 1 stalk, with at least 3 leaves
- Class 2. *Cleome*, 1 bloom
- Class 3. *Coleus*, 1 stem
- Class 4. *Cosmos*, 1 bloom
- Class 5. *Salvia*, 3 spikes, 1 cultivar
- Class 6. *Tagetes* (Marigold), 1 stem
- Class 7. *Zinnia*
  - a. Small, 1 bloom, 2" or less, 1 cultivar
  - b. Large, 1 bloom, over 2"
- Class 8. Any other annual, 1 stem

## Section B: Perennials in bloom

*Coming Up Daisies*

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 9. *Aster*, 1 stem with foliage
- Class 10. *Echinacea* (Coneflower), 1 stem with foliage
- Class 11. *Eupatorium purpureum* (Joe Pye Weed)
- Class 12. *Rudbeckia*, 1 stem with foliage
- Class 13. *Sedum*
  - a. 'Autumn Joy', 1 stalk
  - b. *Sedum spectabile*, 1 stalk
  - c. Any other sedum, 1 stalk
- Class 14. Any other perennial in bloom, 1 stem

## Section C: Perennials – Grown for Foliage

*A Deer's Picnic*

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 15. Fern, 1 frond
- Class 16. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells), 1 stem, foliage only
- Class 17. *Hosta*, 1 leaf
  - a. Small, 2" to 4" at widest part
  - b. Medium, over 4" to 6" at widest part
  - c. Large, over 6" to 9" at widest part
  - d. Extra Large, over 9" at widest part
- Class 18. Any other perennial grown for foliage, 1 stem

## **Section D: Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes & Tubers**

*Tiptoe through the Tubers*

### **Eligible for Award of Merit**

**Class 19.** *Caladium*, 1 leaf

**Class 20.** *Canna*, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves

**Class 21.** *Dahlia*

a. 4" and under, 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves.

b. Over 4", 1 bloom with at least 1 set of leaves

**Class 22.** Any other bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber, 1 stem

## **Section E: Cut Broadleaf Evergreen Branches**

*Eagle's Green*

### **Eligible for Arboreal Award**

1 branch at least 8" but no longer than 30", with apical tip, several leaders and nodes

**Class 23.** *Aucuba japonica*

**Class 24.** *Buxus* (Boxwood)

**Class 25.** *Ilex crenata* (Japanese holly)

**Class 26.** *Ilex opaca* (American holly)

**Class 27.** *Magnolia*

**Class 28.** *Nandina*

**Class 29.** Any other broadleaf evergreen

## **Section F: Cut Broadleaf Deciduous Branches**

*Berry-Licious for the Birds*

### **Eligible for Arboreal Award**

1 branch at least 8" but no longer than 30", with apical tip, several leaders and nodes

**Class 30.** *Callicarpa* (Beautyberry), with berries

**Class 31.** *Ilex verticillata* (Winterberry), with berries

**Class 32.** Any other fruited or berried tree or shrub

**Class 33.** *Caryopteris*, in bloom

**Class 34.** *Hydrangea*, in bloom

**Class 35.** Any other flowering shrub, in bloom

## **Section G: Cut Needled Evergreen Branches**

*Needle in a Haystack*

### **Eligible for Arboreal Award**

1 branch at least 8" but no longer than 30", with apical tip, several leaders and nodes

**Class 36.** *Cedrus* (Cedar)

**Class 37.** *Cupressus* (Cypress)

**Class 38.** *Juniperus* (Juniper)

**Class 39.** *Pinus* (Pine)

**Class 40.** Any other needled evergreen

## **Section H: Container-Grown Flowering Plants**

*Pretty Potluck*

### **Eligible for Grower's Choice Award**

Container must be 10" across or less

**Class 41.** *Begonia*, in bloom

**Class 42.** Orchid

a. *Phalaenopsis*

b. Any other Orchid

**Class 43.** *Saintpaulia* (African Violet), in bloom

**Class 44.** Plant in Hanging container, pot not to exceed 12" diameter

**Class 45.** Any other container-grown flowering plant

## **Section I: Container-Grown Foliage Plants**

*Prickly Potluck*

### **Eligible for Grower's Choice Award**

Container must be 10" across or less

**Class 46.** *Begonia*, grown for foliage

a. *B. rex-cultorum*

b. Any other begonia grown for foliage

**Class 47.** Cactus, 1 variety

**Class 48.** Succulent, 1 variety

**Class 49.** Any other container-grown foliage plant



## Section J: Fruits and Vegetables

*Feed Me Now*

### Eligible for Award of Merit

**Class 50.** *Capsicum annuum* (Pepper), 3 specimens, 1 cultivar

**Class 51.** *Cucurbita* (Squash, Pumpkin), 1 large or 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

**Class 52.** *Lycopersicum esculentum* (Tomato), 3 specimens, 1 cultivar

**Class 53.** *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Yellow or Green Beans), 3 specimens, 1 cultivar

**Class 54.** Any other fruit or vegetable not listed above, 1 large specimen

**Class 55.** Any other fruit or vegetable not listed above, 3 small specimens, 1 cultivar

## Section K: Herbs

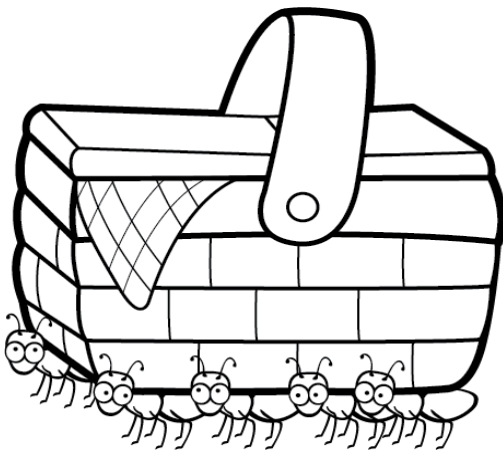
*Spice Things Up*

### Eligible for Award of Merit

**Class 56.** Annual, 1 cut specimen without flowers

**Class 57.** Perennial, 1 cut specimen without flowers

**Class 58.** Collection, minimum of 5 cultivars, 1 cut specimen each, individually identified, exhibited without flowers in separate containers



# Sample Entry Card

Note: "ENTRY No." Box should be left blank.

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FLOWER SHOW	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.

VARIETY OR CLASS NAME

**Horticulture entries:**  
Binomial name of specimen  
e.g., *Zinnia elegans* 'Purity'

**Design entries:**  
Title of class

EXHIBITOR  
ADDRESS  
CLUB

1st 2nd 3rd Honorable Mention  
EXHIBIT SCORED 90+

EXHIBITOR  
ADDRESS  
CLUB

DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.

VARIETY OR CLASS NAME

**Section Letter**  
A, B, C, etc.

**I. (Horticulture) or**  
**II. (Design) or**  
**III. (Education)**  
etc.

**Class Number**  
1, 2, 3, etc.

**Address labels work**  
**well here.**

**Repeat information**  
**from above.**