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National Garden Clubs - Horticulture Specialty Show

In Honor of
The Garden Club of Indiana President Jayne Kesler
Central Region Director Lynne Ehnert



April 16, 2024 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
April 17, 2024 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Free – open to all visitors attending TGCI convention

**Turkey Run Inn – Turkey Run State Park
8102 Park Road, Marshall, IN 47859**

Co-sponsored by the Hendricks County Garden Club and
Indiana Association of Flower Show Judges

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Show Committee

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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 (TNG) is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is the law of the show.
2. Only members of TGCI and invited guests may enter the show.
3. Horticulture entry cards will be available from James Pavelka on 1-1-24, or you may call the chairman at 219-629-2358, or horticulture entry cards will be available the day of the show.
4. Each Exhibitor is limited to **one** entry per class in the Horticulture Division.
5. All exhibits will be accepted from 5:00 -7:00 pm April 15 and 8:00 to 10:00 on April 16, 2024.
6. All exhibits will be removed after 2:00 pm on April 17, 2024.
7. Judging will begin at 10:30 on April 16,2024. Only the General Chairman, the Classification Chairmen, Judges and the 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 Chairmen for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges' responsibility.
9. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen 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 plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in any division.
12. The TGCI 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. Use of Endangered, Threatened, and Extirpated Plants of Indiana, noxious plants, and those on the state's conservations are not allowed. See full list www.in.gov/dnr/nature-preserves/files/np-etrplants.pdf

AWARDS

The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.

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.

Use of award stickers will be used for this show. (Regular NGC ribbons available by request)

All non-blue ribbon exhibits scoring 90+ points must be signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel. The winning exhibits must be the highest scoring blue ribbon winners scoring 90 or above, and the winning horticulture exhibit must be correctly named according to schedule specifications.

Award of Horticultural Excellence Only one (1) award may be offered to the highest scoring blue-ribbon exhibit, scoring 95 or more, entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division. Rosette of green, blue and orange ribbons. Division 1 – classes 1-17

Arboreal Award For cut or container-grown trees and/or shrubs. Cut specimens must be no more than 20” in length, include an apical tip, central leader and several nodes. Rosette of green ribbons. Division 1 - classes 1-7 must score 95 or more.

Growers Choice Award a. For all container-grown plants (single, multiple, self-multiple and combination plantings) b. Combination plantings never compete with single, multiple, or self-multiple container-grown specimens in the same section. c. Includes foliage, flowering, fruit or vegetable specimens d. Rosette of dark green ribbons Division 1 – classes 8-12. Must score 95 or more.

Special Choice Award -Friends of Tree Award-for best exhibit in classes 13-15.

Special Choice Award -Tree Sapling Award- for best exhibit in class 16.

Special Choice Award – Judges Award - for best exhibit in class 17.

All 3 awards must score 90 or better – Rosette of yellow ribbons.

Award of Appreciation 1. No restrictions on the number offered 2. Determined by the Show Committee 3. For non-judged exhibits only 4. Rosette of orchid ribbons – classes 18,19

Botanical Arts Horticulture Award Each section must consist of at least three (3) classes; at least twelve (12) exhibits are required in all classes combined. 2. The exhibit must be the work of one (1) individual. 3. Rosette of light brown ribbons - classes 23-26.

Botanical Arts Photography Award 1. Each section must consist of at least three (3) classes with at least four (4) exhibits in each class. 2. The exhibit must be the work of one individual. 3. Photographs must relate to NGC goals and objectives. 4. Rosette of black and white ribbons. Classes 27-30 and class 31 (youth)

Sweepstakes Award Awarded for the most points in classes 1-17 Special award 5 pts., 1st 4 pts., 2nd 3pts., 3rd 2pts., & HM 1pt. Rosette of green and white ribbons. Classes 1- 31

Youth Top Exhibitor Award for horticulture. Must score 90 or more Classes 21-23: Rosette of red, white and blue.

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The NGC polices are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
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. 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 plant if they are grown for their leaves.
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. Arboreal and troughs require ownership of 6 months. Refer to the chart on HB p. 55 for specifics.
7. Entry cards must be filled out in advance if possible and in pencil or waterproof ink. See HB p. 57.
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 size and stability or cut specimens must be displayed in clear transparent bottles provided by the committee of suitable size and suitability. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line (exception, Gladiolus).
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 pp. 53-54) Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be listed in the "any other worthy" class.
11. An exhibitor may enter only one entry per class.
12. Wedging, a small, inconspicuous "plug" 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 may be provided by exhibitor or may be provided by the committee.
13. Double potting is permitted, but the inner pot must not be visible.
14. The Classification Chairman and/or General Chairman have the authority to subdivide classes by color, form, size, variety, cultivar, or other distinguishing characteristics. HB pp. 3-4.

1. The entry tag is used to properly identify the exhibit and is one of the best methods to educate the public.
2. Exhibitors should provide as much of the botanical binomial or current scientific designation as possible. Common names, enclosed in parentheses, can be included below the scientific designation.

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<u>CITY LIGHTS</u>			<u>7/6/17</u>
<small>FLOWER SHOW</small>			<small>DATE</small>
DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.
I	A	2	1
<i>Liatris spicata</i> 'Alba'			
<small>VARIETY OR CLASS NAME</small>			
(White Blazing Star)			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>			
1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
EXHIBIT SCORED 90+			

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DIVISION	SECTION	CLASS No.	ENTRY No.
I	B	6	4
<i>Hosta</i> 'Francee'			
<small>VARIETY OR CLASS NAME</small>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>			
1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention
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Horticulture exhibits will staged on rectangular tables with white tablecloths. The class will be separated by ribbon and/or tree limbs/bark. Tags can be requested ahead of time. Tree specimens entries should be in an appropriate size sturdy clear container.

Division 1 – Horticulture

Section 1- “I Think I Shall Never See a More Beautiful Thing as a Tree”. Trees, evergreens & shrubs eligible for Arboreal Award no more than 20 ”

- class 1 – foliage trees
- class 2 – flowering trees
- class 3 – fruited/berried/coned trees
- class 4 – needled evergreens
- class 5 – broadleaf evergreens
- class 6 – foliage shrubs
- class 7 – flowering shrubs

Section 2 - Eligible for Grower's Choice Award. “Trees Grow Well and Compliment Other Horticulture”

- class 8 – container grown foliage, no more than 10" base
- class 9 – container grown flowering, no more than 10" base
- class 10 – violets, no more than 5" base
- class 11 – cacti, no more than 8" base
- class 12 – succulents, no more than 8" base

Section 3 - Eligible for Special Choice Award- Friends of a Tree (Local committee award) “Trees Allow Horticulture to Thrive in Their Shade and Between Them in the Sun”

- class 13 – annuals (may be subdivided by committee)
- class 14 – perennials (may be subdivided by committee)
- class 15 – ground cover no more than 12" (may be subdivided by committee)

Section 4 - Eligible for Special Choice Award - Tree Sapling Award (Local committee award). “Trees Start from a Seed as do Our Members Learn by Entering a Flower Show.”

- class 16 – **NOVICE** for anyone who has never won a blue ribbon.

enter **section 4- class 1 through 15** for entry (may be subdivided by committee)

Section 5 - Eligible for Judges Award (local committee award). “Beauty and Grace of Long-Lasting Mature Trees” – We Gain so Much From a Flower Show Judges Knowledge.

- class 17 – **JUDGES ONLY**

enter **section 5- class 1 through 15** for entry (may be subdivided by committee)

Division 2 – Educational

Section 5 - Eligible for award of Appreciation

class 18 – “Plant Trees for Hope - TGCI President’s Project”

class 19 – “A Tree Blooms with Knowledge Found in NGC Courses”

Division 3 – Youth

Rules For Youth Exhibits

All NGC policies and rules apply. All Horticulture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor, though plants could be part of a family garden or yard. Container-grown plants must have been in the possession of the youth exhibitor for a minimum of (60) days. The standard Scale of Points are used to judge each Youth exhibit. Youth Exhibits are judged by the NGC Standard System of Awarding. A minimum score of (90) is required to place an NGC Youth Top Exhibitor Award. Judges must consider ages and abilities of exhibitors when evaluating the exhibits.

Section 6 - Eligible for Youth Top Exhibitor Award. “Nurturing Our Little Seedlings to Become Strong Trees for the Future”

Eligible for Youth Top Exhibitor Award

class 20 – trees, evergreens & shrubs (may be sub-divided by committee)

class 21 – container grown (may be sub-divided by committee)

class 22 – annuals (may be subdivided by committee)

Division 4 – Botanical Arts

Rules for Botanical Arts

Exhibit must be correctly named by its binomial or currently accepted scientific designation. No additional embellishments permitted. schedule determines quantity and classes.

Section 5 - Eligible for Botanic Arts Horticulture Award. “Even Dried Parts of Trees and Horticulture Can be Beautiful.”

class 23 – dried grasses (3 stems)

class 24 – pressed dried foliage (no more than 5” x 7”)

class 25 – dried flowers

class 26 – cones (3) exhibited on a round paper plate. Supplied by committee

Section 6 - Eligible for Botanical Arts Horticulture Photography Award(s). “Beauty Seen in All Seasons of a Tree”

class 27 – tree in full spring bloom, 4” x 6” or 5” x 7” matted picture or frame

class 28 – tree in full summer foliage, 4” x 6” or 5” x 7” matted picture or frame

class 29 – tree in fall foliage color, 4” x 6” or 5” x 7” matted picture or frame

class 30 – tree in winter rest, 4” x 6” or 5” x 7” matted picture or frame

class 31 – open to only youth – a tree in any season, 4” x 6” or 5” x 7” matted picture

Limited matted frames will be provided if needed.
(Displayed on a white board)

SCALES OF POINTS

All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections (Arboreal, Flowering, Foliage, Fruit/Vegetable/Nuts)

Criteria	Value (points)
Conformance: Adherence to Schedule requirements for plant type and how it is exhibited. (cut or container– grown).	5
Plant Identification	5
<u>Peak of Perfection</u>	
Form	20
Color	20
Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
<u>Grooming/Staging</u>	
Grooming	10
Staging	5
TOTAL	100

Photography

Criteria	Value (points)
Conformance	5
Interpretation of Class Title	10
Composition	25
Artistry/Creativity	25
Technical Achievement	25
Distinction/Impact (Wow! Factor)	10
TOTAL	100

NOTES