



FLOWER SHOW RULES

- Entries to be in place by 6:45 p.m. Judging to commence at 7:00 p.m. sharp
- Bring your own containers; none will be supplied
- All horticultural material must be from your own garden
- House plants should be owned by you for at least 3 months
- Design materials may be obtained from any source and must be the work of the exhibitor
- Entry tags will be supplied upon arrival at the register's desk
- Judges decision is final

Points for the annual awards are based on the combined total earned in the 3 shows.

Prizes handed out at the December Pot Luck and Awards Night.

Horticulture:

- 1st place = 5 pts
- 2nd place = 3pts
- 3rd place = 2 pts
- Best in Show = 5 pts

Design:

- 1st place = 20 pts
- 2nd place = 15 pts
- 3rd place = 10 pts
- Best in Show = 20 pts

WHAT TO DO WHEN EXHIBITING AT FLOWER SHOWS

1. Read the show schedule well ahead of the show date. Plan what you might have in your garden to show on the date.
2. Cut the flowers early in the morning or the evening prior (coolest part of the day)
3. Take a pail of warm water and a sharp pair of pruning clippers to make clean cuts on the stems
4. Remove the leaves that will be under water, leaving the upper foliage attached
5. Choose specimens that are free from soil, pollen and insect damage.
6. Put your bucket with picked entries in a cool place until transporting to the show.

SPECIAL TREATMENTS:

- Roses, Dahlias and Marigolds should be disbudded before exhibiting
- Woody stems (lilacs, hydrangeas, shrub roses) should have a "T" cut in the end of the stems to allow more water absorption.
- Milky sap (poppies) should be burned or scalded immediately after being cut.
- Some plants wilt easily (Rudbeckias, Dahlias) so immerse the ends of stem in boiling water for 1-2 minutes protecting the leaves and flower head. Then return to pail of warm water.

IDEAL ENTRIES:

Spike Forms (delphiniums, gladiolus) should have 1/3 flowers fully open, 1/3 buds unfurling, 1/3 tight and green

Round Forms (roses, daisies) should have perfectly symmetrical shape. Double flowers should have a good depth to the layers of the petals.