

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION -2-

The Standard Flower Show conforms to the standards and objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The rules are from the updated *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017 edition* (NGCFSHBRUD) that will be available at the Show. The Show will be judged by NGC approved judging panels. Their decisions shall be final. Read the schedule carefully to avoid errors. The schedule is the “Law of the Show,” and all entries MUST conform to the schedule.

1. Competition is open to all amateur gardeners, designers, and youth through 6th grade. There is **NO FEE** to enter an exhibit.

2. EMPHASIS IS ON FRESH PLANT MATERIALS. NO ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL IS PERMITTED IN ANY DIVISION. NO MATERIAL on the CGCI CONSERVATION LIST may be used unless home grown.

3. More than one entry per class may be made in the HORTICULTURE DIVISION provided each is of a different cultivar, type or color and is correctly labeled. Horticultural classes may be subdivided for judging by cultivar, type, or color.

4. Exhibitors in DESIGN DIVISION II are permitted only one entry per class. ALL DESIGNS IN DIVISION II REQUIRE ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS (see Division II Rules).

5. Exhibitors shall sign in at the registration area and complete the official entry cards provided at the Show.

6. Only Designs, Container Grown entries and Special Exhibits may be placed by exhibitor. All other exhibits will be placed by Committee. Exhibits may be moved by Committee if necessary.

7. All exhibits/designs must remain in place until 4 pm Saturday. Exhibits not removed by 5 pm may be discarded.

8. AWARDS: The Standard System of Awarding (NGCFSHBRUD, pages 5-7) will be used. Ribbons may be awarded in each class or subclass, IF MERITED: one first (blue), one second (red), one third (yellow) and one or more Honorable Mention (white). JUDGES WILL RECOGNIZE EXHIBITS SCORING 90 AND ABOVE. The Scales of Points for judging shall be taken from the NGCFSHBRUD, pages 129-131.

9. NGC Top Awards (NGCFSHBRUD, pages 39-49), as noted in the show schedule, may be awarded to eligible sections and divisions. In horticultural classes, correct botanical names are required for NGC Top Awards. In design classes, four entries in each class must be filled for NGC Top Awards to be placed. Judges must withhold awards if these requirements are not met. Using a 3x5 card, all plant material in the design must be named.

10. Sponsoring Clubs, the Lawrence Hutton Community Center and the City of Colton will not be responsible for any damage or loss to show entries, nor injury to person or persons.

SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED -3-

Friday March 14th, 2025 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday March 15th, 2025 7:00 – 8:45 am

Judging starts promptly at 9:00 am.
Only authorized personnel will be allowed in the Show area during the judging.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All specimens in this division must be fresh and grown by or in the care of the exhibitor for at least 90 days. All container-grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for 90 days or longer. Combination plantings must have been growing together for at least 6 weeks.

2. All entry forms should include correct botanical names (genus and species); variety and common names are encouraged.

3. **EXHIBITORS** to provide clear colorless glass containers (no insignias) for cut horticultural specimens. Containers should be marked on the bottom with the exhibitor’s name. Plates will be provided for Section D – Eatables.

4. Only foliage growing on the stem is permitted (except citrus). Exhibits should not have any foliage below the waterline.

Unobtrusive assists (wedges) of fresh plant materials are permitted on cut specimens for optimum show presentation.

5. Double potting and top dressing are permitted. **CONTAINERS FOR ALL POTTED EXHIBITS, including those double potted, MAY NOT EXCEED 12 inches – inside diameter.** Reservations for container grown specimens are encouraged. Contact Linda Lang at 951-663-5237 or notarylinda@hotmail.com

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE CUT SPECIMENS

Section A: Rhizomes, Bulbs, Corms, and Tubers

“Sleeping Beauties”

*Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Class 1. <i>Iris</i> – Bearded	1 stem
Class 2. <i>Hollandica</i> Dutch Iris	1 stem
Class 3. <i>Narcissus</i> Daffodils, etc.	1 stem
Class 4. <i>Zantedeschia</i> Calla Lily	1 stem
Class 5. <i>Cyclamen</i>	3 stems
Class 6. Unscheduled	1 stem/stalk/scape

Section B: Garden Flowers

“Bursting with Joy”

Class 7. <i>Rosa</i> – Roses	1 stem with 3 sets of 5 leaves
Class 8. Annuals/Biennials	1 or 3 stems
Class 9. Perennials	1 or 3 stems
Class 10. Cut Foliage	1 or 3 stems
Class 11. Vines	1 stem
Class 12. Unscheduled	1 or 3 stems

Section C: Trees and Shrubs -4-

“Dappled Sunlight”

*Eligible for NGC Arboreal Award

(Must have several nodes, an apical tip, and be up to 30 inches long.)

Class 13. Trees – Foliage only	1 branch
Class 14. Trees Flowering and/or Fruiting	1 branch
Class 15. Shrubs – Foliage only	1 branch
Class 16. Shrubs – Flowering and/or Fruiting	1 branch

Section D: Eatable (plates provided)

“Eat Your Heart Out”

*Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Class 17. Vegetables	1 large, 3 medium, 5 small
Class 18. Herbs	(cut, on plate or in clear vase)
Class 19. Fruits, Berries, Nuts	1 large, 3 medium, 5 small
Class 20. Unscheduled	1 large, 3 medium, 5 small

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

MAX CONTAINER SIZE – 12” INSIDE DIAMETER

Section E: Container Grown Flowering Plants (NIC

Orchids); One variety per pot

“Contained Elegance”

Class 21. <i>Gesneriads</i> – <i>Saintpaulia</i> – African Violets
Class 22. Miniature Roses
Class 23. Unscheduled

Section F: Container Grown Foliage Plants (One variety per pot)

“Leaves and Spines”

*Eligible for NGC Grower’s Choice Award

Class 24. Cactus
Class 25. Succulents
Class 26. Leafy plants (non-flowering)
Class 27. Unscheduled (any other leafy plants non-flowering)

Section G: Combination Plantings (NGC Standards)

“Elegant Ballroom”

Class 28. Dish Gardens
Class 29. Terrariums
Class 30. Unscheduled

Section H: Container Grown Orchids (One variety per pot)

“Jewels in the Crown”

*Eligible for NGC Grower’s Choice Award

Class 31. <i>Cattleya</i> Alliance
Class 32. <i>Cymbidium</i> Alliance
Class 33. <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance
Class 34. <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance
Class 35. <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance
Class 36. <i>Vanda</i> Alliance
Class 37. <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Alliance
Class 38. Unscheduled

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS -5-

NGC Top Awards (NGCFSHBRUD pages 39-48).

“Club Awards” may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibits scoring 95 points or more in eligible Sections and divisions.

DIVISION I AWARDS

NGC Arboreal Award – Section C

NGC Grower’s Choice Award – Sections F and H

NGC Award of Merit – Sections A and D

NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence

Division I: Classes 1 – 38

DIVISION II AWARDS

NGC Petite Award – Section A

Classes 101 – 103

NGC Award of Design Excellence – Section B

Classes 101 and 106

NGC Best in Design

Sections A and B

DIVISION III AWARDS

NGC Educational Award

Division III: Section B

DIVISION IV AWARDS

NGC Botanical Arts

Division IV: Section A – Photography

Section B – Fairy Gardens

Instructional Workshops

“How to Make Hypertufa Pots”

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

“Basic Canning Skills”

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

“Plant Your Own Fairy Garden or Combination Garden”

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Containers, soil, and plants will be supplied.
(Fairy garden accessories available for purchase.)

ALL DESIGNS REQUIRE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

Contact Design Consultant Linda Lang at 951-663-5237 or notarylinda@hotmail.com **by March 10, 2025**, to reserve spaces. *IF YOU ARE UNABLE* to place your design as reserved, **NOTIFY THE DESIGN CONSULTANT IMMEDIATELY.**

Section A entries are limited to 4 per class. Section B entries are limited to 4 per class. For Division II, Sections A & B, 4 entries in each class MUST be filled for NGC Top Awards to be placed.

1. All entries in Division II must be the work of one individual exhibitor. Exhibitors may enter more than one design, but only one per class.
2. Emphasis is on fresh plant material. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor. Each entry must contain some plant material: either fresh, dried, or fresh and dried. No artificial plant material OR material on the CGCI Conservation list may be used. Only dried materials may be painted or treated. Fruits or vegetables, if cut, must be properly sealed. Scientific and/or common names of plant materials used must be listed on a 3x5 card furnished by the exhibitor.
3. Class titles are intended to stimulate the imagination but are not to be taken literally.
4. Designs shall be placed by the exhibitor (NGCFSHBRUD, page 190), but may be moved by the Committee, if necessary.
5. Only backdrops and/or niches furnished by the Committee are permitted in classes 104 and 106. Drapes, coverings, and underlays are allowed but may not be attached to or behind any provided backdrop and may NOT extend beyond any table edge.
6. Creative staging is allowed within the space allotted. Man-made materials, accessories, featured objects and other items are permitted: see pages 79-83 of the NGC Handbook (NGCFSHBRUD).
7. Landscapes, scenes and living members of the Animal Kingdom are not permitted. Flags and religious symbols, if used, must be displayed in a respectful and proper manner.
8. Containers and accessories should be marked with the exhibitor's name. Expensive and/or irreplaceable items should not be used; if used, it is at the exhibitor's risk.

DIVISION II – FLORAL DESIGN

Advanced Reservations Required (General Rule 4)

Section A: Petite Designs

“Under the Looking Glass”

White covered raised staging furnished. Designs will be displayed against a white background. Limited to 4 entries per class.

***For classes 101-103, size dimension limitations apply to any and all dimensions of the design.**

- Class 101: ***“Tiny Wonders”*** (Not to exceed 3 inches).
 Class 102: ***“Small Packages”*** (Not to exceed 5 inches).
 Class 103: ***“Expanding Our Horizons”*** (Not to exceed 8 inches).

Section B: Standard Designs

“Dawn Delights”

Staged on table 30 inches from the floor, 24 inches wide and 30 inches deep. Maximum design height limited to 36 inches. Limited to 4 designs per class.

Class 104: ***“Spring Lines”*** Parallel Design - staged on white table covering with white background.

Class 105: ***“Spring Awakens”*** Asian Style Design. Accessories permitted but no artificial plant materials allowed.

Class 106: ***“Jewels Amongst Us”*** Designer's Choice - staged on white table covering with white background.

DIVISION III – SPECIAL EXHIBITS

(NGCFSHBRUD p. 68, 223-228)

Section A: Youth Exhibits (Grades K-6)

“Hope Springs Eternal”

Class 201: ***“Refreshing Start”***

Horticulture Specimens – potted or cut.

Class 202: ***“Bright Futures”*** Youth Designs

Fresh and/or dried materials. Accessories permitted. Staged on brown covered tables. Space allowed 12 inches x 12 inches.

Section B: Educational Exhibits

“Come and Learn”

Competitive Exhibits. Space allotted: 3ft. wide x 6ft high

*Eligible for NGC Educational Award

Class 203: ***“Basic Canning Skills”***

Class 204: ***“The Indispensable Seed”***

Class 205: ***“Tall Bearded Iris 101”***

Section C: Special Floral Exhibit

“Refreshing Delights”

Class 206: Teacup (not a coffee cup) floral arrangements

Class 207: Coffee Mug floral arrangements

Class 208: *Unscheduled*

DIVISION IV – BOTANICAL ARTS

Photography Rules:

1. Photos must be taken by the exhibitor.
2. 8 x 10 photos only.
3. Photos must be mounted on a firm board (no frames, borders, or mats).
4. Minimal computer manipulation allowed, no photo shop enhancement.
5. One entry per exhibitor allowed in each class.
6. No previous entries allowed.
7. Titles not permitted for the individual photos.

Fairy Garden Rules:

1. Garden must be created by exhibitor.
2. Must contain at least one live plant.
3. Accessories allowed – gnomes, fairies, other figures, any decorative item.
4. 3 diameter sizes allowed: up to 6 inches, 7 to 12 inches, and 13 to 24 inches.

Section A: Photography

*Eligible for NGC Photography Award

Class 301: ***“Animal Kingdom”*** (animals including insects or pets)

Class 302: ***“Up Close”*** (Close-up)

Class 303: ***“Colors of the Garden”*** (Flowers)

Class 304: ***“Nature’s Vision”*** (Scenery)

Class 305: *Unscheduled – any other topic*

Section B: Fairy Gardens

“Life in Miniature”

Class 306: ***“Fairy Dust”*** (Up to 6 inches)

Class 307: ***“Magical World”*** (7 to 12 inches)

Class 308: ***“Enchanted Delights”*** (13 to 24 inches)

NGC Standard Show

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“Garden Elegance”

**An NGC
 Standard Flower Show
 and
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**SATURDAY MARCH 15TH, 2025
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Lawrence Hutton Community Center
 660 Colton Ave.
 Colton, CA 92324**

**Sponsored By:
 Colton's 50+ Garden Club
 Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society, Inc.
 Riverside Flower Show Association, Inc.**

**Entries are open to the public -
 (adult and youth).**

Free Admission and Free Parking

**Visit the Flower Show
 Attend the Instructional Workshops
 Opportunity Drawings
 Plant Sales
 Shop from Local Vendors**