

The Guilford Garden Club
Member of The Garden Club of America
Presents
May Flowers
A Club Horticulture Show

Cylburn Arboretum Classroom
4915 Greenspring Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

May 16, 2023
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share the advantage of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications; and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

The purpose of a flower show is threefold: to set standards of artistic and horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation, photography and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and with the public.

TIMETABLE FOR EXHIBITORS

- 11.16.2022** Six-month ownership deadline
2.16.2023 Three-month ownership deadline
5.16.2023 Day of Show
8:30-10:00 am Horticulture entries accepted and passed
10:30 Judges briefing
10:45 Judging begins

GCA RULES

1. Please carefully read and follow GCA flower show rules, general information and division guidelines. All rules as stated in *The Garden Club of America Flower Show and Judging Guide, July 2022 edition*, shall apply.
2. All plant material must be correctly identified with the botanical and common names, if possible. Accepted references for nomenclature are:
 - a. Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder at <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>
 - b. Royal Horticultural Society - Find a Plant at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-Form>
3. The Garden Club of America expects all exhibitors to be aware of the need to promote conservation of endangered and threatened plants. Plants collected in the wild and listed by the Maryland Natural Heritage Program may not be exhibited in any flower show sponsored by a GCA club. Cultivated plant material listed by Maryland's Natural Heritage Program may be exhibited if accompanied by a typed card stating that it has not been collected from the wild or that it was collected out-of-state and giving information concerning its cultural requirements and methods of propagation. Natural Heritage Program lists of endangered plant material will be available before and during the show from the division chairmen and are available online at <https://plants.usda.gov/home/raritySearch>
4. Plant material showing evidence of insects or disease must be removed immediately from the exhibition area. This rule will be enforced at any time during the show, whenever the problem is identified.
5. Fresh plant material must be in water or conditioned in such a way as to remain in pristine condition while on exhibition. An entry not maintained in show condition may have its award removed.

HORTICULTURE GUIDELINES

1. Please carefully read and follow the GCA Rules, General Information and Timetable for Exhibitors.
2. An exhibitor may submit 3 entries per class, provided each is a different species or cultivar.
3. All rooted entries propagated by the exhibitor must be identified with details of the method and relevant date(s) on an accompanying [propagation card](#). These entries will be eligible for the **Horticulture Propagation Award**.
4. One key card (diagram or plant list) is required when multiple species or cultivars are exhibited in the same container.
5. Specimens will be exhibited in clear, non-colored glass containers. The committee will provide some containers and wedging materials for cut specimens. The exhibitor may also provide containers and wedging materials. Sustainable wedging material is preferred. No plastic wrap is allowed.

CLUB FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Best in Show, selected from among the first-place winners, may be awarded in each division.

Judges' Commendation(s) may be given to an entry, class, section, special exhibit or other aspect of the show that is of exceptional merit.

Club Flower Show Novice Awards may be given to an individual exhibitor who has not won a first-place ribbon or a GCA Special Award in the division entered at a GCA Flower Show.

Guilford Garden Club Native Plant Award may be given for an entry displaying a plant native to the Mid-Atlantic.

HORTICULTURE CLASSES

SECTION A: CUT SPECIMENS (Classes 1-56)

Description: One stem not to exceed 24" in length from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem (*lip to tip rule*). Any foliage must be attached to the stem

Perennials

Classes 1-3: *Paeonia*

1. Herbaceous
2. Tree
3. ITOH

Classes 4 - 14 **Blooming Herbaceous Perennials, Native:**

4. *Amsonia*
5. *Aquilegia*
6. *Baptisia*
7. *Dicentra*
8. *Heuchera*
9. *Mertensia*
10. *Phlox*
11. *Polygonatum*
12. *Tiarella*
13. *Trillium*
14. Other

Classes 15 - 21 **Blooming Herbaceous Perennials, Non-Native:**

15. *Brunnera*
16. *Dianthus*
17. *Epimedium*
18. *Myosotis*
19. *Primula*
20. *Viola*
21. Other

Classes 22-23 **Ferns**

22. Native,
23. Non-native

Bulbs, Rhizomes & Corms

Classes 24 - 26 One blooming stem - Any foliage must be attached to the stem

- 24. *Allium*
- 25. *Iris*
- 26. Other

Woody Plants in Bloom

Classes 27-31: Blooming Vines, Native

- 27. *Clematis*
- 28. *Gelsimia*
- 29. *Lonicera*
- 30. *Passiflora*
- 31. Other

Classes 32-37: Blooming Vines, Non-Native

- 32. *Clematis*
- 33. *Gelsimia*
- 34. *Lonicera*
- 35. *Passiflora*
- 36. *Trachlopermum*
- 37. Other

Classes 38-56: Trees and Shrubs One stem - Any foliage must be attached to the stem

- 38. *Azalea*
- 39. *Calycanthus*
- 40. *Camellia*
- 41. *Chaenomeles*
- 42. *Chionanthus*
- 43. *Cornus*
- 44. *Daphne*
- 45. *Deutzia*
- 46. *Hydrangea*
- 47. *Magnolia*
- 48. *Mahonia*
- 49. *Malus*
- 50. *Pieris*
- 51. *Prunus*
- 52. *Rhododendron* (shown as a single truss)
- 53. *Rosa*
- 54. *Syringa*
- 55. *Viburnum*
- 56. Other

SECTION B. CHALLENGE CLASS

Senecio 'Kilimanjaro'

Owner propagated from similar sized cuttings distributed and planted at club meeting in October 2022. Eventual goal is to train specimen into topiary form. To be judged on form, size, and condition. Container should be terra cotta clay and appropriate to size of plant.

SECTION C. FLAG COLLECTION

A Flag Collection is a collection of 3 or more stems or branches from different species or cultivars reflecting the colors of the flags. Plant material to be shown in a container of the exhibitor's choice with a maximum container height of 14". Exhibits will be judged on quality of plant material and design of arrangement.

1. Maryland Flag:

Colors: Yellow, Red, White, Black

2. United States Flag:

Colors: Red, White, Blue