

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Presents

BACKYARD PARADISE

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A Standard Flower Show - February 20-23, 2014
At the 33rd Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show TM
Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT
Thursday, February 20, 2014 - 10 AM to 7 PM
Friday, February 21, 2014 - 10 AM to 8 PM
Saturday, February 22, 2014 - 10 AM to 8 PM
Sunday, February 23, 2014 - 10 AM to 5 PM

Welcome to our Backyard Paradise

"Bee Kind to Pollinators, Plant Natives, Create Backyard Habitats"

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. (FGCCT)
is proud to present its 33rd annual State Flower Show in conjunction with the
Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show presented by North East Expos, Inc.

Welcome to our own special *"Backyard Paradise"* where
'The Comfort of a Garden Path' will lead from *'The Cool of Seaside Gardens'* to
'The Fun of Outdoor Entertaining'.

Tour our horticulture *'Garden Getaway'* while
viewing *'Succulent Delights'*, *'Budding Beauties'* and *'Petite Wonders'*.
Learn to *"Bee Kind to Pollinators, Plant Natives, Create Backyard Habitats"*
as you view our Educational Exhibits.

"New Beginnings" can be found in our exciting new
Photography Display of *'Moon Gardens'* and *'Fields of Happiness'*.

Congratulations to Chairman Rebecca Paul and her committee
for brightening our winter with this beautiful show.

The show never fails to make us believers that spring is indeed just around the corner.

--Jacqueline Connell, FGCCT State President

DIRECTIONS TO CT CONVENTION CENTER: Take 1-91 or I-84 to Hartford.

From 1-84 W: Take EXIT 54 onto the Founders Bridge. Stay in left lane.

At bottom of bridge turn left onto Columbus Blvd. Parking garage & CTCC are on left.
From Route 2W: Follow Downtown Hartford Sign onto Founders Bridge, then as above.

From I-84 E: Take EXIT 52 onto I-91S. Then: Take EXIT 29A (Capital Area/CTCC).
Then take first exit on right (Columbus Blvd /CTCC).

Parking garage and CTCC are immediately on the right.

From I-91 N and I-91 S: Take EXIT 29A. Follow as above.

Public Admission
North East Expos, Inc.

ADULTS - \$16.00

SENIORS - \$14.00

(Thurs. & Fri. only)

Children 6-14 - \$4.00

Children Ages 5 and under - FREE

North East Expos website: www.ctflowershow.com

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WORK SHIFTS: Thursday: 10:00 -12:15, 12:15 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:45, and 4:45 - 7:00

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 -12:00, 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00, 4:00 - 6:00, 6:00 - 8:00

Sunday: 10:00 -11:45, 11:45 - 1:30, 1:30 - 3:15, 3:15 - 5:00

WORKERS: Contact Chairman, identified by the word Contact, from the Flower Show Committee.

Judges Clerks assist Judges on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 from 12:30 PM to 4 PM.

Please contact Leslie Martino.

Advance ticket orders for Garden Club members will be available for \$11.00 through the office of Kristie Gonsalves, President of North East Expos, Inc. (NEE). Anyone using a credit card will incur a processing fee. Garden Club Presidents will be contacted by NEE with information.

Parking for February 20-23, 2014

Beginning on Thursday, February 20, and continuing through Sunday, February 23, discounted parking will be available for exhibitors and volunteers at the Front Street Garage South. Front Street Garage South may be reached by turning onto Arch Street from Columbus Boulevard.

Take an immediate right onto Front Street Crossing.

Another immediate right will access the Front Street Garage South.

General Rules – A Distant View

1. This is a Standard Flower Show according to the requirements of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The Standard System of Awarding will be used, see HB pp. 5-7. Decisions of the Judges are final; awards may be withheld if not merited. Non-blue ribbon winners scoring 90 points or more will be indicated by 90+ along with an accredited judge's signature. Photography judging will begin on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM. Other judging will begin promptly at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. Chairmen allowed on the floor during judging are: General Chairman, Horticulture Coordinator, Horticulture Classification, Horticulture Entries, Judges, Judges Clerks, Awards, and Design Classification.
2. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit with the exception of Photography. While it is not mandatory that plant material be included in all Educational Exhibits, NGC encourages the use of plant material in exhibits whenever appropriate, especially fresh plant material.
3. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Treated or otherwise embellished dried plant material is permitted. Contrived flowers and/or plant forms constructed of recognizable plant material are permitted in all classes as long as specific plant material requirements are met.
4. All page references are to pages in the 2007 Edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows.
5. Show hours are listed on the Front Page. All entries must be removed between 5 PM and 6 PM on Sunday, February 23, 2014. There will be no access to the Loading Dock until 6:00 PM. You must park in the CTCC parking garage before 6:00 PM.
6. Although care will be taken, The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc., the CT Convention Center and North East Expos, Inc., cannot be responsible for loss or damage. All properties should be marked with the name and telephone number of the exhibitor.
7. Plant material listed in The Preservation List of CT Wild Plants, 2004 Edition, and on The List of CT Invasive Plants may NOT be used in any division.
8. A copy of "Backyard Paradise" schedule may be found at The FGCT, Inc. Website www.ctgardenclubs.org.

Division I - Horticulture Rules – Emerald Buds

Horticulture classes are open to all amateur gardeners. Advance registration is requested. There is no penalty for withdrawing material that is not show ready. Please enter any horticulture you think may be ready at show time.

Enter by Friday, February 14, 2014 to: Ronnie Schoelzel, PHONE: 860-567-8518, Email: spots@snet.net.

Information to include: Name, Address, Phone, Email, Class, Section Numbers, Botanical and Common Names of Specimen.

1. Horticulture entries will be accepted at the CT Convention Center on **Tuesday, February 18, 12 PM -7 PM and Wednesday, February 19, 8 AM - 10 AM. Late entries will not be accepted.**
2. All entries must be well groomed. Diseased or infected plant material will not be accepted. All entries must be fresh and have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least ninety (90) days (**11/19/13**) except for Combination Plantings in Class 1 which must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six (6) weeks. Water thoroughly before bringing entries to the show. TLC will be given to all specimens. Clean, neutral colored pots, with saucers, are preferred for container-grown plants. Clear bottles and wedging will be provided for cut specimens. All entries must be botanically named, with variety if possible. Top Awards cannot be given to improperly named entries. Classes 1, 45, 46 and 47 must be accompanied by a typed or printed key card correctly identifying all plant material.
3. More than one entry per class may be made by exhibitors provided each is of a different cultivar, color, or type. Classes will be subdivided by cultivar, color, and type if it aids in judging.
4. **Horticulture Scales of Points:** See HB pp. 297-302.

Division I - NGC Horticulture Top Awards Offered-

The award-winning exhibit must be a blue ribbon winner, properly named, scoring 95 or above in a designated Section of at least 3 classes with no minimum number of exhibits required.

- **The Award of Horticultural Excellence: Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to the NAMED exhibit judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division.
- **The Award of Merit: Rosette of orange ribbons.** Five are offered and may be given at the discretion of the judges to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in each of **Sections B, C, D, H, and L.** Only one may be awarded in each Section.
- **The Collectors Showcase Award: Rosette of brown and green ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in **Section J.**
- **The Arboreal Award: Rosette of green ribbons in two shades.** One is offered and may be given to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in **Section I.**
- **Grower's Choice Award: Rosette of dark green ribbons.** Two are offered and may be given to the NAMED blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or above for container-grown plants and/or combination plantings in **Sections E and F.**
- **The Elfin Award: Small rosette of purple and chartreuse ribbons.** One is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit/s to plants/specimens designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries or plant societies and/or plants with naturally small growth in **Section G.**

Division I - FGCT Horticulture Top Awards Offered

- **The Connecticut Group Horticulture Award: Rosette of hunter green and gold ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to a group or club of FGCT members for garden design or other horticultural effort for an exhibit scoring 95 or above in **Section A.**
- **The Elisabeth Swain Memorial Propagation Award: Rosette of green and lime green ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to an outstanding NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above, propagated by an exhibitor in the Horticulture Division.



DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE – “Garden Getaway”

Section A – Green Thumb

Eligible for the Connecticut Group Horticulture Award

Consultant: Ronnie Schoelzel (860-567-8518) Email: spots@snet.net

4 Entries

Class 1. A garden of predominately native plants staged in a 4' x 4' x 5 1/2" high black square box provided by committee. The gardens will be placed around a fire pit on a 15' x 15' square grass patio backed by arborvitae. A 4" x 6" key card listing specimens must accompany exhibit.

Section B – Succulent Delight (cacti & succulents)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 2. Globular Cacti

Class 3. Columnar Cacti

Class 4. Epiphytic Cacti

Class 5. Anomalies-variegated, crested or monstrous cacti

Class 6. Miniature Cacti-pot less than 3"

Class 7. Other Cacti

Class 8. Crassulaceae

Class 9. Mesembryanthemaceae

Class 10. Euphorbiaceae

Class 11. Genera formerly classified within Liliaceae

Class 12. Anomalies-variegated, crested or monstrous succulents

Class 13. Miniature succulents-pot less than 3"

Class 14. Other non-cacti succulents

Section C – Painted Ladies (orchids)

Eligible for Award of Merit

May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".

Class 15. Cattleya

Class 16. Cypripedium

Class 17. Cymbidium

Class 18. Dendrobium

Class 19. Phalaenopsis

Class 20. Oncidium includes Miltonia/Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum & intergeneric hybrids

Class 21. Any other not listed

Section D – Budding Beauties (forced bulbs, tubers, rhizomes)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 22. Narcissi

Class 23. Tulipa

Class 24. Hyacinthus

Class 25. Hippeastrum (Amaryllis)

Class 26. Any other (Muscari, crocus, etc.)

Section E – Into The Shade (container grown – foliage)

May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".

Class 27. Herbs

Class 28. Ferns

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Class 29. Begonias

Class 30. Any other foliage plant

Section F – All Decked Out (container grown – flowering)

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Plants must be in fruit or flower. May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".

Class 31. Gesneriads

Class 32. Pelargoniums *Need to renumber*

Class 33. Any other flowering or fruited plant

Section G – La Petite Wonders (dwarf or miniature plants)

Eligible for Elfin Award

Class 34. Ivy

Class 35. Begonia

Class 36. Any other container-grown foliage plant

Section H – Covering New Ground (trained plants)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 37. Standards

Class 38. Trained on a frame

Class 39. Grown on a stuffed form

Class 40. Espalier

Section I – Winter Gardens (arboreals)

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Maximum length 30"

Class 41. Needled Evergreens

Class 42. Broadleaf Evergreens

Class 43. Dwarf Evergreens

Class 44. Forced or winter blooming branches

Section J – Down To Earth (arboreal displays)

Eligible for Collectors Showcase Award

Consultant: Ronnie Schoelzel (860-567-8518) Email: spots@snet.net

4 Entries in each Class

Displays must consist of a minimum of 5 specimens (HB p. 117) to be exhibited on a table space 36" wide x 30" deep.

Exhibitor may use own artistic staging to enhance exhibit.

A 4" x 6" key card listing specimens must accompany exhibit.

Class 45. Needled evergreens

Class 47. Forced or winter-blooming branches

Class 46. Broadleaved evergreens

Section K – Nature's Allure

Class 48. Plant must be over 5 years old.

Section L – Sparkling Dew – Judges Challenge

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 49. Judges Only - *Hippeastrum* 'Ice Queen', distributed in November, 2013.

Class 50. Judges Only - *Hippeastrum* 'Splash', distributed in November, 2013.

Class 51. Judges Only - *Lupinus perennis* - Lupine seeds distributed September, 2013, to be exhibited in an appropriate-sized pot with saucer.

Division II – Design Rules – A Garden is for all

1. Advance registration is required in all classes by contacting the Class Consultant. Entries **must be registered by Monday, February 3, 2014**. Design classes are open to all members of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Design Exhibitors **MUST** find a replacement if unable to exhibit and notify Class Consultant of replacement.
2. **Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, February 18, 3 PM - 7 PM and Wednesday, Feb. 19, 8 AM - 10 AM.**
3. A printed list of plant material **MUST** accompany the exhibit. Exhibitors **MAY** print a brief comment and/or interpretation on a 3" x 5" card.
4. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but only one exhibit per class. Designs must be the work of only one exhibitor whose name appears on the entry card. Exception: In the Club Competition, Section F, the name of the Club President will appear.
5. **Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Treated or otherwise embellished dried plant material is permitted. Contrived flowers and/or plant forms constructed of recognizable plant material are permitted in all classes as long as specific plant material requirements are met.**
6. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted. American flags may not be used in any design.
7. No mammals, fish, birds, insects, reptiles, alive or preserved, are permitted. Please see HB p.189, N. for list of items permitted in an exhibit. No fresh CUT fruit or vegetables will be allowed even if sealed. Whole fruit and vegetables are allowed where permitted.
8. All pedestals may be incorporated into designs. To incorporate is "to blend, combine or include, to form one harmonious whole". Exhibitors may not cover completely or alter size of pedestal.
9. For specific Design information please refer to the HB pp.196-222.
10. **Design Scales of Points:** See HB p 303, for specific Design type. Top awards must score 95 or above.
11. Please review General Rules for more guidelines.
12. The Consultants will mail a detailed sketch to all exhibitors on their specific class. Consultants will also have information on backdrops behind designs.

Division II – NGC Design Top Awards Offered

The award winning exhibit must be a blue ribbon winner, in either creative or traditional style, scoring 95 or higher, in designated Sections containing at least 3 Classes per Section. There must be at least 4 exhibits in each Class as specified in the schedule.

- **Award of Design Excellence: Rosette of gold ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by a single exhibitor. **Section F, Club Competition is not eligible.**
- **Club Competition Award: Rosette of light blue ribbons.** One is offered and may be given in **Section F.**
- **Table Artistry Award: Rosette of burgundy ribbons.** One is offered and may be given in a Section with Functional and/or Exhibition Table Designs. **Section B is eligible.** Designer's choice of fresh and/or dried plant material and other components.
- **Petite Award: Small rosette of blue and white ribbons.** One is offered and may be given in a Section of Miniature and/or Small Designs. **Section E is eligible.** Designer's choice of plant material in all classes.
- **Designer's Choice Award: Rosette of purple ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to one Design in **Section C.** Designer has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components.
- **Tricolor Award: Rosette of red, blue and yellow ribbons.** One is offered and may be given in **Section D.** All plant material used in the design must be fresh. Other non-plant material may be included and may dominate.

Division II – FGCT Design Top Awards Offered

- **The Nell McGuinness Award: A Certificate** is offered and may be given to the most outstanding exhibit in the Design Division. A **Traveling tray** is presented at the Federation Awards Meeting in October, 2014.
- **The Terry Stoleson Creative Design Award: Rosette of purple and orange ribbons and Certificate.** One is offered and given to the design that best represents the creativity, imagination, and originality essential in Creative Design.
- **CT Judges Design Award: Rosette of yellow ribbons:** One is offered and may be given in a Section not eligible for a NGC Award. **Section A** is eligible.



DIVISION II – DESIGN – “Welcome to My Paradise”

Section A – The Comfort of a Garden Path *Eligible for CT Judges Design Award*

Consultant: Cathy Ritch (203-452-5918) Email: cathy.ritch.ct@gmail.com **4 Entries in each Class**

Class 1. The Garden Gate - A Parallel Design (HB p.206) staged on a 12" square x 42" H black pedestal base with a 24" square black top.

Class 2. A Quiet Spot – Novice Class -A Design staged on a 12" square x 42" H black pedestal. Novice is defined as never having won a Blue Ribbon in a State Standard Flower Show.

Class 3. The Fire Pit – A Design using weathered wood, staged on a 24" square x 36" H black pedestal. Designs will be placed in four corners around an actual fire pit on a 15' x 15' square grass patio.

Section B – The Fun of Outdoor Entertaining *Eligible for Table Artistry Award*

Consultant: Beth Montgelas (860-521-4947) Email: montgelas3@aol.com **4 Entries in each Class**

Class 4. Relaxing On The Patio – A Functional Table (HB pp.215-216) for 2 staged on a 36" diameter x 29" H table, skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor to provide overlay.

Class 5. Under The Arbor -A Capsule Functional Table (HB p. 216) for 1. Design must be in proportion and scale to the small table. Staged on a 24" diameter x 29" H table skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor to provide overlay.

Class 6. On The Porch – Refreshments for two. A Design staged on a coffee table, 42"W x 26"D x 19"H, in a functional manner within a 4' W x 8' L floor space. Exhibitor to provide other staging.

Section C – The Joy of Nature’s Gardens *Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award*

Consultants: Melinda Wolcott (203-761-0633) Email: mcw185@aol.com **4 Entries in each Class**
Jerre Dawson (203-762-0038) Email: jerredawson@mac.com

Class 7. Birds in Flight – A Creative Design incorporating a 5' H x 28" W x 4 ½" D black frame on a 12" H x 36" square black base.

Class 8. Field of Greens – A Design staged on a 16" square top and base x 42" H black pedestal with a 2" x 2" connecting column.

Class 9. Wonder of Woods – A Vertical Design staged on a 30" diameter x 4" H black base.

Section D – The Cool of Seaside Gardens *Eligible for Tri-Color Award*

All Plant Material Must Be Fresh **4 Entries in each Class**

Consultant: Jeanette Barrows (203-263-6390) Email: jeanette.barrows@gmail.com

Class 10. Gale Winds - A Design staged on a 12" square x 42" H black pedestal.

Class 11. Ebb Tide - A Design staged with a Trifold Room Divider, to be incorporated. Each panel is 18" W, 5' 8" H. Design to be placed on a 20" square x 34" black pedestal.

Class 12. Down The Shore – An Underwater Design (HB p. 212) staged on an 18" square x 42" H black pedestal.

Section E – The Surprise in Secret Gardens *Eligible for Petite Award*

4 Entries in each Class



Consultant: Jessica Fischer (203-272-8315) Email: jjfischer@cox.net

Designs in this section will be staged in a lighted box raised 48" from the floor. The interior of each lighted box will be painted ivory. Exhibitors must provide background and underlay that compliments the design.

Class 13. Hummingbirds – A Small Design (HB p.208) not to exceed 8" in all directions.

Class 14. Jewels of the Sun – A Small Reflective (HB p.207). Design not to exceed 8" in all directions.

Class 15. Busy As a Bee – A Small Hanging Design (HB p. 202) not to exceed 8" in all directions.

Section F – The Potting Shed *Eligible for Club Competition Award*

Consultant: Carol Steiner (203-762-1327) Email: cjs645@icloud.com **4 Entries in each Class**

Class 16. Planting Party – A vignette (HB p. 213) staged in one fourth of an 8' circle with 4' W x 8' H solid linen white colored walls.

DIVISION III – SPECIAL EXHIBITS – “EARTHLY JOYS”



Division III - Special Exhibits - Educational Rules -Gardens of Contentment

1. Advance registration with Consultant is required in Sections A, B and C by February 1, 2014.
2. Entries may be placed **Tuesday, February 18, 12 PM-7PM and Wednesday, February 19, 8AM-10AM.**
3. Educational Exhibits must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet of surface area. Educational Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual. However, if a Student or Accredited Judge is seeking credit, it must be the work of that individual alone and entered accordingly.
4. Only members of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc. are eligible to enter Section A, Class 1.
5. **Section A, Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5** are by invitation.
6. **Important, please see General Rules for the use of plant material.**
7. Handout materials add to the educational value but are not required.
8. Each part of the exhibit should contribute to the distinctive overall effect.
9. Exhibits will be judged by the NGC Standard System of Awarding.
10. Special Exhibits Scale of Points for judging is on p. 304 of the Handbook.



Division III - NGC Special Exhibits Top Awards Offered

- **Educational Top Exhibitor Award: Rosette of brown & white ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to the highest scoring exhibit in Class 1 which scores 95 or above and meets all other requirements as outlined in the HB pp. 49-50. **Section A, Class 1 is eligible.**
- **Artistic Craft Award: Rosette of navy ribbons with gold lettering.** One is offered and may be given in Section B to the highest scoring craft with 95 or above. **Section B is eligible.**
- **Award of Appreciation: Rosette of orchid ribbons.** One or more are offered and may be given to invitational and commercial non-competitive exhibits, if merited, which are not to be judged. **Section A, Class 5 is eligible.**

Division III - FGCT Special Exhibits Top Awards Offered

- **CT Judges Special Award: Rosette of yellow and white ribbons.** One is offered and may be given to one Educational scoring 94 or more which awakens interest in a subject and stimulates the viewer to learn more. **Section A, Classes 2, 3, and 4** are eligible.
- **CT Silver & Blue Award: Rosette of silver and blue ribbons.** One or more are offered and may be given to Educational exhibits scoring 90 or above but not receiving other Top Awards. **Section A, Classes 1-4** are eligible.

Section A - Educational Exhibits – Garden Harmony

Consultant: Maureen Carson (203-324-2224) Email: maureenscarson@aol.com

Class 1. Sunrise in A Garden

- Exhibit 1. Humming Along With the Bees – Bumble Bee Preservation
- Exhibit 2. Call of the Wild – Backyard Habitats to Support Wildlife
- Exhibit 3. Making a World of Difference-Choices Matter

Eligible for Educational Top Exhibitor Award

Eligible for the CT Silver and Blue Award

Class 2. Shady Canopy

- Exhibit 4. Windsor African Violet Society
- Exhibit 5. CT Rhododendron Society
- Exhibit 6. CT Orchid Society

Eligible for the CT Judges Special Award

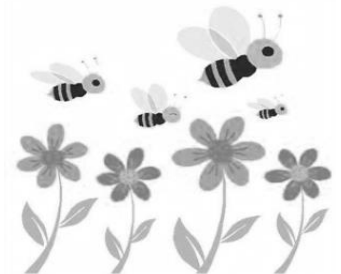
Eligible for the CT Silver and Blue Award

Class 3. Cool of the Day

- Exhibit 7. CT Daylily Society
- Exhibit 8. Greater Hartford Bonsai Society
- Exhibit 9. CT Cactus and Succulent Society

Class 4. Flowers in the Rain

- Exhibit 10. CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES)
- Exhibit 11. Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG)
- Exhibit 12. UCONN - How to Create a Rain Garden
- Exhibit 13. Environmental and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouse
- Exhibit 14. CT Museum of Natural History



Class 5. Under the Stars

- Exhibit 15. Growers at Greenbriar
- Exhibit 16. North East Horticultural Therapy Group

Eligible for Award of Appreciation

Division III - Special Exhibits Artistic Crafts Rules

1. Artistic Crafts are exhibits using plant materials to combine horticulture, design and craft work to add interest and beauty to a flower show.
2. **Important, please see General Rules for the use of plant material.** All Exhibits must contain some plant material. Only dried plant material may be treated to alter its external appearance. Artificial plant material is not permitted.
3. Each exhibit must be the work of one individual.
4. Artistic Crafts are not eligible for any other Exhibitor Award.
5. Artistic Crafts are judged by the Standard System of Awarding using the Scale of Points for Artistic Crafts, p. 304.

Section B - Artistic Crafts - A Little Garden to Walk In

Consultant: Carol Martens (860-663-2020) Telephone Calls Only

Eligible for Artistic Crafts Award
4 Entries in Each Class

Each entry in Class 7 & 8 to be staged on one fourth of an 8' table x 30" D x 29" H covered and skirted in black fabric. Refer to HB pp. 231-232. Designer's Choice of plant material in all classes. Key card of materials used required in all classes.

Class 6. The Perfect Spot - A Wreath, decorated with plant material, no greater than 30" in diameter. Two Wreaths each will be staged on a 6' long x 30" D x 29" H table covered and skirted to the floor in black. Photograph of 29 1/2" H black wreath stand available upon entry. Exhibitor may provide underlay and or backboard.

Class 7. Monarch Madness - A piece of jewelry created from natural plant material. Black velveteen busts will be available for staging.

Class 8. Picnic Accents - A decorated basket using natural plant material, no greater than 18" in width and depth. Basket provided by exhibitor.

Division III - Special Exhibits Photography Rules

1. Advance registration in the Photography Section is required by February 4, 2014. Send your registration to the listed Consultant.
2. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, February 18, 12 PM - 7 PM. Entries must be removed on Sunday, February 23, 2014 Between 5 PM and 6 PM.
3. **Judging will begin on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:30 AM.**
4. Photography images should relate to horticulture, gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility or other objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
5. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired but only one exhibit per Class.
6. Each photograph must be the work of the exhibitor under whose name it is registered.
7. Each entry must be labeled on the back of the mat with the exhibitor's name, phone number and class entered. The top of the photograph must be indicated.
8. Any use of creative techniques must be the work of the exhibitor. This includes color or clarity enhancement, removal of part of the image, cropping, combining images, or distorting the original subject. Mounting and printing may be done professionally.
9. All entries must be 8" by 10". They must be matted with a plain white 11" x 14" mat board only.
10. Photographs will be hung vertically on 38" W x 70" H panels with a dark charcoal gray fabric background.
11. Exhibitors are encouraged to identify plant material whenever possible. Please give botanical and common names on the back of the photograph and on the entry card. **The use of fresh plant material is not required in this Section.**
12. First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons may be awarded.

Section C - Photography - Painting a Rainbow

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Maximum of 6 Entries in Each Class

Class 9. Moon Gardens - A black and white photograph of a single flower.

Class 10. Flowers Are Our Constant Friends - A color photograph of single flower.

Class 11. Fields of Happiness - A landscape photograph.

Class 12. New Beginnings - A photograph that captures an early spring moment.

