

FLORICULTURE, FLOWERS – Division L

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RULES FOR ALL CLASSES

1. The number of stems or sprays required are shown in parentheses () after each type as listed below. **(A spray is a number of flowers of leaves on one stem or branch, a stem has a single bloom with foliage.)**
2. Exhibitors will bring their clear glass jar to exhibit entry. Clear glass is desirable.
3. **Flowers must be grown and selected by the exhibitor.**
4. Exhibitors will enter in one of the four age groups (S, A, T, J) listed in the General Rules.
5. Cut your flowers in late afternoon or evening the day before they are exhibited. Place them in lukewarm water, keeping them in a dark place overnight. It is highly recommended and would be to the exhibitor's advantage to use a floral preservative powder in your water at the time of picking and arranging. There are several brands available and you can obtain them from a seed company (i.e. Springhill, etc. or online.) By using a preservative you can easily cut your flowers 2 days ahead, particularly beneficial to those who have many entries to cut.
6. Select material in its prime, pest free, cutting stems as long as possible but proportion to the flower.
7. Flowers must carry own attached, healthy foliage.
8. Name variety of flower when possible.
9. **Roses-** Try to name your rose. Select rose with healthy stem and foliage. Blooms should be 1/2 to 2/3 open. Hybrid tea roses should be grown disbudded.
10. **Gladiolas-** Should have 1/3 open, 1/3 part open and 1/3 closed florets on long, straight stiff stem with 1 leaf. Remove side shoots.
11. **Dahlias-** Each stem should have 2 leaves, no buds, and centers showing only in single or collarette varieties. For large decorative (dinner plate) varieties, no foliage required. Be sure to disbud close to the selected bloom to assure foliage (except on dinner plate variety.)
12. Judging will be done on a competitive basis, determining first and second places. When in the opinion of the judge an exhibit does not merit an award, none will be given. **The decision of the judge will be final.**

ANNUALS CLASS 1

Lot 1 Ageratum (3 sprays); **Lot 2** Asters-Single (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 3** Asters-Double (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 4** Begonia-fibrous, wax or tuberous (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 5** Bells of Ireland (3 stems); **Lot 6** Calendulas (3 stems); **Lot 7** Celosia (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 8** Cosmos-Single (3 sprays); **Lot 9** Cosmos-Double (3 sprays); **Lot 10** Four o'clock (2 stems with foliage); **Lot 11** Heliotrope (2 stems with foliage); **Lot 12** Impatiens-Single or Double (3 stems); **Lot 13** Marigolds-Dwarf French (3 blooms); **Lot 14** Marigolds-Large yellow or orange, 4" or larger (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 15** Marigolds-Common, 2-4" (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 16** Nasturtiums-Single or Double (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 17** Nicotianan-(3 stems with foliage); **Lot 18** Petunia- Double (3 sprays); **Lot 19** Petunia-Single (3 sprays); **Lot 20** Mini Petunias (3 sprays); **Lot 21** Salvia (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 22** Snapdragons-Single or Double (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 23** Statice (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 24** Sunflowers, hybrid type (1 stem, you can have multiple blooms); **Lot 25** Sweet Pea (3 stems no foliage required); **Lot 26** Verbena (3 stems); **Lot 27** Zinnias-Large varieties, same color (3 stems); **Lot 28** Zinnias-Cactus flowered, any color (3 stems); **Lot 29** Zinnias-Miniature, any color (5 stems); **Lot 30** Zinnias-Collection, large varieties, same color or mixed colors (5 stems); **Lot 31** Other annuals, any color with stems or sprays depending on species. Other annuals must be a different annual species than listed in Class 1 of the premium book.

PERENNIALS Class 2

Lot 1 Achillea (domestic yarrow) (3 stems); **Lot 2** Aster (1 spray); **Lot 3** Chrysanthemum (3 stems, same color of one variety); **Lot 4** Coreopsis (3 stems); **Lot 5** Dahlia-Formal Decorative ("Dinner plate" Dahlia, 1 stem, over 8", foliage optional); **Lot 6** Dahlia-Formal Decorative (1 stem, 4 to 8" with foliage); **Lot 7** Dahlia-Miniature (1 stem, under 4", with foliage); **Lot 8** Dahlia-Cactus (1 stem with foliage); **Lot 9** Dahlia-Pompom or Ball (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 10** Dahlia-Bedding (3 stems with foliage); **Lot 11** Echinacea (3 stems); **Lot 12** Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed) (1 stem); **Lot 13** Feverfew (3 stems); **Lot 14** Daisy-Gloriosa (3 stems); **Lot 15** Daisy-Gaillardia (3 stems); **Lot 16** Dianthus (Pinks)-(3 stems); **Lot 17** Geranium-Single or Double (3 stems no foliage required); **Lot 18** Gladiolas-Large, 4 1/2" to 5 1/2" florets (1 spike); **Lot 19** Gladiolas-Average, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2" florets (1 spike); **Lot 20** Gladiolas-Miniature, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2" florets (1 spike); **Lot 21** Golden Glow-- (3 stems); **Lot 22** Lobelia (3 stems); **Lot 23** Phlox-(3 stems); **Lot 24** Pansy-Large (3 stems); **Lot 25** Pansy-Average (3 stems); **Lot 26** Pansy-Viola or Johnny Jump-Up (3 stems); **Lot 27** Roses-Hybrid tea bi-color (1 stem); **Lot 28** Roses-Hybrid tea solid color (1 stem); **Lot 29** Roses-Floribunda (1 spray); **Lot 30** Roses-Miniature (1 stem); **Lot 31** Other perennials, any color with stems or sprays depending on species. Other perennials must be a different perennial species than listed in Class 2 of this premium book. No woody, flowering shrubs to be included.

SHRUBS CLASS 3

Lot 1 Butterfly Bush (Buddleia); **Lot 2** Hydrangea; **Lot 3** Lavatera (tree mallow); **Lot 4** Other

ARRANGEMENTS Class 4

Floral arrangements **must be the work of the exhibitor**. Accessories are permitted but not to predominate. All containers and accessories must be labeled on the bottom with name and address of exhibitor.

Lot 1- Celebrating 250 Years! Medium to large sized arrangement using your best combination of red, white and blue flowers.

Lot 2- Holiday Fireworks: Medium to large sized arrangement using colorful bursts of fresh flowers.

Lot 3- Yellow Fields: A tall, layered arrangement using yellow flowers and green foliage accents.

Lot 4- Country Patchwork Quilt: Medium to large sized arrangement using a mix of all of the fresh flowers in your gardens.

Lot 5- Herbs! The essence of life: Medium to large sized arrangement of fresh garden herbs including any edible plants found in nature.

Lot 6- Small Gems: Miniature arrangement of fresh flowers, no larger than 8" overall in size.

PATIO GARDENS Class 5

Lot 1: Hanging baskets; **Lot 2:** Potted Arrangements of annuals or perennials; **Lot 3:** Potted Geraniums; **Lot 4:** Herbal Arrangements/Combination Plantings with other annuals or perennials, but 75% must be herbs; **Lot 5:** Other Potted

Entries judged on attractiveness of flower combinations and overall plant health and condition.