

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
Present

CAPTURE THE MAGIC

A Standard Flower Show – February 24 – 27, 2011

At the 30th Annual
Connecticut Flower & Garden Show™

Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT



Thursday, February 24, 2011 – 10 AM to 8 PM, Friday February 25, 2011 – 10 AM to 8 PM
Saturday, February 26, 2011 – 10 AM to 8 PM, Sunday, February 27, 2011 – 10 AM to 6 PM

WORK SHIFTS: Thursday: 10:00 -12:00, 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00, 4:00 - 6:00, and 6:00 - 8:00
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 -12:00, 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00, 4:00 - 6:00

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Judges Clerks assist Judges on Wednesday, February 23 from 12:30 AM to 4 PM

Flower Show admission is \$14.00.

Children's tickets must be purchased from North East Expos, Inc.

Ages 6 and under FREE, Ages 7-14 are \$2.00.

Advance ticket orders for Garden Club members are \$9.00 if ordered by February 9.

Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check and request to:

The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, PO Box 854, Branford, CT 06405

FGCCT website: www.ctgardenclubs.org

North East Expos website: www.ctflowershow.com

A copy of "Capture the Magic" schedule may be found on both websites.

DIRECTIONS TO CT CONVENTION CENTER:

Take I-91 or I-84 to Hartford.

From I-84 Westbound: 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 Eastbound: 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 Northbound: Take EXIT 29A (Capital Area/CTCC). Then take first exit on right (Columbus Blvd /CTCC). Parking garage and CTCC are immediately on the right.

General Rules - Lure of The Garden

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. Judging will begin promptly at **12:30 PM on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.**
2. All page references are in the 2007 Edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows.
3. Show hours are listed on the Back Page. All entries must be removed between **6 PM and 7 PM on Sunday, February 27, 2011.** 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Horticulture Rules - Whodunit!

Horticulture classes are open to all amateur gardeners. Advance registration is requested. Please enter everything you think might be ready at show time. There is no penalty for withdrawing material that is not show ready. Entries may be registered no later than Saturday, February 12, 2011. Send advance entries to Ronnie Schoelzel. Address, Phone and Email below.

1. Horticulture entries will be accepted at the CT Convention Center on **Tuesday, February 22, 12 PM -7 PM and Wednesday, February 23, 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 (11/22/10), except for multiple plantings in Class 1 that 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. 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, 42, 43 and 44 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. **Collections and Displays:** See HB pp.114-117.
5. **Horticulture Scales of Points:** See HB pp. 297-302.
6. Please review General Rules for more guidelines.

Please enter any horticulture you think may be ready at show time. Enter by February 12, 2011 to:
Ronnie Schoelzel, 194 Chestnut Hill Road, Litchfield, CT 06759. PHONE: 860-567-8518. Email: spots@snet.net
Please email, phone, or mail your entry information and include: **NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL, CLASS AND SECTION NUMBERS, and BOTANICAL AND COMMON NAMES OF SPECIMEN.**

Horticulture Top Awards Offered

- **The Award of Horticultural Excellence: Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.** One may be offered to the NAMED exhibit judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. Only one may be awarded.
- **The Award of Merit: Rosette of orange ribbons.** As many as five may be offered at the discretion of the judges to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in each of Sections B, C, D, G, and J. Only one may be awarded in each Section.
- **The Collectors Showcase Award: Rosette of brown and green ribbons.** One may be offered to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section I. Only one may be awarded.
- **The Arboreal Award: Rosette of green ribbons in two shades.** One may be offered to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section H. Only one may be awarded.
- **Grower's Choice Award: Rosette of dark green ribbons.** Two may be offered and awarded to container-grown plants and/or combination plantings in Sections E and F.
- **The Connecticut Group Horticultural Award: Rosette hunter green and gold ribbons.** One may be given in Section A for a blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above. Only one may be awarded.
- **The Elisabeth Swain Memorial Propagation Award: Rosette of green and lime green ribbons.** One may be given to an outstanding NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above, propagated by an exhibitor, in the Horticulture division. Only one may be awarded.

Division I ~ Horticulture ~ "Nature's Charm"

Section A Levitate Through the Garden Gate

Eligible for The Connecticut Group Horticulture Award

Consultant: Kathrine Neville (203-874-4752) Email: kgardens@optonline.net

4 Entries

Class 1. A garden of predominantly native plants staged in a 4' square frame on the floor, each to be viewed through a garden arch and placed around a focal-point fountain. Key card (4" x 6") with plant material required.

Section B Desert Magic ~ Cacti and 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 Tropical Shazam ~ 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 Spring Hat Trick ~ Forced Bulbs, Corms, and Tubers

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 Shady Sorcery ~ Container Grown Foliage Plants

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

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

Class 27. Herbs

Class 28. Ferns

Class 29. Begonias

Class 30. Any other foliage plant

Section F Budding Mysteries ~ Container Grown Flowering or Fruited Plants

Plants must be in fruit or flower. May be subdivided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6". *Eligible for Grower's Choice Award*

Class 31. Gesneriads

Class 32. Pelargoniums

Class 33. Any other flowering or fruited plant

Section G Leafy Illusions ~ Trained Plants

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 34. Standards

Class 35. Trained on a frame

Class 36. Grown on a stuffed form

Class 37. Espalier

Section H Woody Wizardry ~ Arboreal Specimens

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Maximum length 30"

Class 38. Needled Evergreens

Class 39. Broadleaf Evergreens

Class 40. Dwarf Evergreens

Class 41. Other (forced branches or winter blooming)

Section I Cauldron Concoctions ~ Collections and Displays

Eligible for Collectors Showcase Award

Consultant: Kathrine Neville (203-874-4752) kgardens@optonline.net

4 Entries in each Class

Additional staging may be provided by exhibitor in each class.

Class 42. Arboreal **Collection** of 5 to 8 cut specimens in individual containers, not to exceed 30" in length, to be staged in a space 36" x 30". Underlay provided by committee; exhibitors may use their own containers. Key card (4" x 6") listing specimens required.

Class 43. Botanical Family **Display** of 5 to 8 plants from one botanical family staged in a space 36" x 30". Key card (4" x 6") identifying plant material required.

Class 44. Window Sill **Display** of at least 5 to 8 different container-grown plants suitable for a window having a specific directional exposure, staged in a space 36" x 30". Key card (4" x 6") with plant material and exposure required.

Section J Ancient Potions ~ Heritage Plants

Class 45. Plant must be over 5 years old.

Eligible for Award of Merit

Section K Witches Brew ~ Judges Challenge

Class 46. *Solenostemon scutellarioides* - Coleus propagation

Class 47. *Hippeastrum* 'Gervase' - Amaryllis



Design Division Rules ~ Hocus Pocus

1. Advance registration is required in all classes, by contacting the Class Consultant. Entries **must be registered by Tuesday, February 1, 2011**. 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 22, 3 PM - 7 PM and Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8 AM - 10 AM**. 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.
3. 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 – Club Competition, Section D, Classes 10 & 11.
4. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted.
5. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Treated or otherwise embellished dried plant material is permitted.
6. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. American flags may not be used in any design.
10. 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.
11. For specific Design information please refer to the HB pp.196-222.
12. **Design Scale of Points:** See HB page 303, for specific Design type. Top awards must score 95 or above.
13. Please review General Rules for more guidelines.

Design Top Awards Offered

- **Award of Design Excellence: Rosette of gold ribbons.** Awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by a single exhibitor. Section D, Club Competition is not eligible.
- **Club Competition Award: Rosette of light blue ribbons.** One is offered in Section D, Classes 10 & 11.
- **Table Artistry Award: Rosette of burgundy ribbons.** Designer's choice of fresh and/or dried plant material and other components. One is offered in Section C, Classes 7, 8, & 9.
- **Petite Award: Small rosette of blue and white ribbons.** Designer's Choice of Plant Material in all classes. One is offered in Section B, Classes 4, 5, & 6.
- **Designer's Choice Award: Rosette of purple ribbons.** Designer has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components. Two are offered – one in Section A, Classes 1, 2, & 3 and one in Section E, Classes 12, 13, & 14.
- **CT Judges Design Award: Rosette of old gold ribbons.** This award may be given to an outstanding exhibit, scoring 95 or more, in a design class which is ineligible for a National Award. One is offered in Section F, Classes 15 & 16.
- **The Nell McGuinness Award:** A Certificate may be given to the most outstanding exhibit in the Design Division. A traveling tray is presented at the October Awards Meeting.
- **The Terry Stoleson Creative Design Award: Rosette of purple and orange ribbons.** Awarded to the design that best represents the creativity, imagination, and originality essential in Creative Design.

**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 - Design - "Enchanting Designs"

Section A - Wave a Magic Wand

Consultant: Leslie Martino (203-389-4434) Email: lcmartino@yahoo.com



Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

4 Entries in each Class

Class 1. Mystic Force

A Creative Design staged on a 24" square x 36" H pedestal painted black. To be viewed in the round and judged from the front.

Class 2. Razzle-Dazzle

A Creative Design incorporating a 6' H x 28" W x 4-1/2" D frame on a 12" H x 36" square base both painted black. To be viewed in the round and judged from the front.

Class 3. Crystal Ball

A Reflective Design staged on a 12" square x 42" H pedestal painted black. To be viewed in the round and judged from the front.

Section B - Wee Miracles

Consultant: Anne Harrigan (203-744-2057) Email: JONANNOLLY@aol.com

Eligible for Petite Award

4 Entries in each Class

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 cream (Behr "Powdered Snow" W-D-700). Exhibitors must provide background and underlay.



Class 4. Garden Fairies.....A Small Design not to exceed 8" in all dimensions.

Class 5. Lilliputian Fun.....A Small Design not to exceed 8" in all dimensions.

Class 6. Pixie Dust.....A Small Design not to exceed 8" in all dimensions.

Section C - Abracadabra

Consultant: Jerre Dawson (203-762-0038) Email: jerredawson@mac.com

Eligible for Table Artistry Award

4 Entries in each Class

Pattern & maker of china should be listed on entry card.

Class 7. Magical Day

A functional luncheon for three staged on a 36" diameter x 29" H table, skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor must provide overlay.

Class 8. Sit a Spell

A Capsule Table for one with the decorative unit appropriate in size to the provided exhibition space. Staged on a 24" diameter x 29" H table skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor must provide overlay.

Class 9. Magic Chef

An Exhibition Table Type I (HB 216) staged on one half of an 8' table x 30" D x 29" H, skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor must provide overlay and may provide additional staging.

Section D - Enchanted

Consultant: Trish Manfredi (860-657-8157) Email: ptmanfredi@cox.net

Eligible for Club Competition Award

4 Entries in each Class

Class 10. Lotions and Potions

A Boudoir Vignette staged in one fourth of an 8' circle with 4' W x 8' H solid walls painted black.

Class 11. The Lure of Couture

A Design coordinated with a couture creation. The couture creation, on a dress form, to be supplied by design students of Sanford-Brown College. Sketches, photos, and fabric samples will be available. Staged within a 5' floor space. If desired, 12" W x 42" H black pedestals are available. Additional staging and components may be used. To be viewed in the round and judged from the front.

Section E - Night's Magic

Consultant: Mori Zeltner (203-263-3361) Email: Mcz1013@aol.com

Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

4 Entries in each Class

Class 12. Night and....

A Duo Design staged on a 20" square x 34" H pedestal painted black.

Class 13. Day

A Duo Design staged on a 20" square x 34" H pedestal painted black.

Class 14: Twilight

A Design staged on a 30" diameter x 4" H base painted black, staged against a rosewood finished, three panel room divider, 5' 8" H x 54" W. Each panel is 18" wide. Exhibitors may add any additional staging to enhance their entry.



Section F - Marvels of Design

Consultant: Rebecca Paul (203-453-5203) Email: r.r.paul@att.net

Eligible for CT Judge's Design Award

4 Entries in each Class

Class 15. Change of Season

A Mass Design staged on a 42" H pedestal with a 16" square top and base connected by a 4" square column painted black. Staged against 4' W x 8' H panels painted grey.

Class 16. Sorcerer's Apprentice-Novice

A Design staged on one half of an 8' table x 30" W x 29" H skirted to the floor in white. Exhibitor to provide background and underlay.

Special Exhibits Rules - Ala Kazam



1. Advance registration with Consultant is required in all Sections of this Division by **Tuesday, February 1, 2011.**
2. Artistic Crafts must be the work of one exhibitor. Educational Exhibits may be the work of a group.
3. All exhibits must contain some plant material. Only dried material may be treated to alter its external appearance.
4. Artificial plant material is not permitted.
5. Educational Exhibits must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet of surface area.
6. **Special Exhibits Scales of Points:** See HB p.304. Exhibits will be judged by NGC Standard System of Awarding.

Special Exhibits Top Awards Offered

- **Educational Top Exhibitor Award: Rosette of brown & white ribbons.** Score of 95 or above. Must meet space requirements to be eligible for the Educational Award.
- **Artistic Craft Award: Rosette of navy ribbons with gold lettering.** Offered in Section A, Classes 1, 2 & 3.
- **Award of Appreciation: Rosette of orchid ribbons.** For invitational and commercial non-competitive exhibits.
- **CT Judges Special Award: Rosette of yellow and white ribbons.** May be given to one Educational or Special Exhibit scoring 94 or more that awakens interest in a subject and stimulates the viewer to learn more.
- **CT Silver & Blue Award: Rosette of silver and blue ribbons.** May be given to Educational or Special Exhibits scoring 90 or more. Multiple rosettes may be awarded.

Division III ~ Special Exhibits ~ "Open Sesame"

Section A Artistic Crafts ~ Wizard's Workshop

Eligible for Artistic Craft Award

Consultant: Margareta Kotch (203-426-5426) Email: mkotch@charter.net

4 Entries in each Class

Each entry to be staged on one fourth of an 8' table x 30" D x 29" H, covered in black fabric.

- Class 1. Moonstone- A piece of jewelry created from natural material. Designer to provide display staging at desired height, covered in fabric of designers choice.
- Class 2. No Place Like Gnome - A home for a gnome covered with designer's choice of natural materials not to exceed 20" H x 20" W.
- Class 3. A Gift - Designer's choice of natural embellishments on the exterior of a box not to exceed 12" in any dimension. Designer to provide display staging at desired height, covered in fabric of designers choice.

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