

# SPICE of LIFE

## Division I – Horticulture ~ The Spice Of A Gardener's Life

### **Section A "A Window Box Of Pansies Is Such A Happy Thing"**

*Eligible for The Connecticut Group Horticulture Award*

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4 Entries

Class 1. A window box, 23" long x 6" deep x 7 ¼" wide at top, planted with annuals and/or perennials, to include at least one fragrant genus. To be staged hanging on a railing of a gazebo, about 4' from the ground. A 4" x 6" key card listing plant material and exposure (North, South, East, West) is required.

### **Section B "As Bitter As Aloes" ~ 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 Lemon Balm To Calm ~ Orchids**

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

*May be sub-divided 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 Hail To The Garlic Bulb ~ Forced bulbs, corms, 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 "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme" ~ Container-grown foliage plants**

*Eligible for Grower's Choice Award*

*May be sub-divided 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 "Laid Up In Lavender" ~ Container-grown flowering or fruited plants**

*Eligible for Grower's Choice Award*

*Plants must be in fruit or flower. May be sub-divided by pots up to 6" and pots over 6".*

- Class 31. Gesneriads
- Class 32. Pelargoniums
- Class 33. Any other flowering or fruited plant

### **Section G Spicy Savories ~ 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 Joyful Germander ~ 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 Mint Medley ~ Collections and Displays**

*Eligible for Collectors Showcase Award*

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

*Limited to four entries in each class*

*Additional staging may be provided by exhibitor in each class.*

Class 42. Arboreal Collection of at least 5 cut specimens in separate containers, not to exceed 30" in length, to be staged in a space 36" x 30". A 4" x 6" key card listing specimens is required.

Class 43. Botanical Family Collection of at least 5 or more plants from one botanical family, staged in a space 36" x 30". A 4" x 6" key card identifying plant material is required.

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

**Section J Rosemary For Remembrance ~ Heritage Plants**

Class 45. Plant must be over 5 years old.

**Section K Sweet Cicely For The Faint-Hearted ~ Judges Challenge**

*Eligible for Award of Merit*

Class 46. *Hippeastrum* 'Exotica' - Exotica Amaryllis

Class 47. *Pelargonium graveolens* var. - Scented Geranium Grey Lady Plymouth

Class 48. *Pelargonium* 'Torento' - Scented Geranium Ginger

**Horticulture Rules ~ Herb Lore**

1. 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 13, 2010. Send advance entries to Ronnie Schoelzel (address, phone and Email below)**
2. Horticulture entries will be accepted at the CT Convention Center on **Tuesday, February 16, 12 pm -7 pm and Wednesday, February 17, 8 am – 11 am. Late entries will not be accepted.**
3. 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 (11/18/09), 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.
4. 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.
5. Refer to the 2007 edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows pp. 270-271 for the appropriate scale of points when selecting your entries.

**Horticulture Top Awards Offered**

- **The Award of Horticultural Excellence** may be given to the NAMED exhibit judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division. Only one may be awarded.
- **Grower's Choice Award** may be awarded to container-grown plants and/or combination plantings in Sections E and F. Two may be awarded.
- **The Award of Merit** 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, G, and K. A total of 5 may be given, only one in each Section.
- **The Collectors Showcase Award** may be given to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section I. Only one may be awarded.
- **The Arboreal Award** may be given to the NAMED blue-ribbon winner scoring 95 or above in Section H. Only one may be given.
- **The Connecticut Group Horticultural Award** 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** 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.

Please enter any horticulture you think may be ready at show time. Enter by February 13, 2010 to:

Ronnie Schoelzel, 194 Chestnut Hill Road, Litchfield, CT 06759. PH: 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, BOTANICAL AND COMMON NAMES OF SPECIMEN.

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## Division II – DESIGN – PART I – “Designs for Home”

### Section A Entertaining

Eligible for Table Artistry Award

Consultant: Tracy Cugini - 203-744-0549 - tracycugini@comcast.net

#### Class 1. **NIFTY NEIGHBORS**

4 Entries

Informal functional coffee for three. Staged on a 32" card table provided by the exhibitor.  
Exhibitor must provide overlay.

#### Class 2. **BABES and BIRTHDAYS**

4 Entries

A Child's themed functional table for four. Staged on a 29"H x 36" diameter table, skirted in white. Exhibitor must provide overlay.

#### Class 3. **MIDNIGHT MERRIMENT**

4 Entries

Cocktails for two. Staged in a 4'W x 8'L floor space. Committee to provide cocktail table (sketch and size to be provided upon entering). Exhibitor to provide other innovative staging.

### Section B Home

Eligible for CT Judges' Design Award

Consultant: Lois Nichols - 203-245-9815 - dogalpha@comcast.net

#### Class 4. **MARVELOUS MATCH**

4 Entries

A Design to harmonize with a length of printed fabric, chosen by the exhibitor, draped on a holder from a folding screen provided by committee. Exhibitor to provide other staging.

#### Class 5. **HEARTY HARVEST – Novice Class**

4 Entries

A Traditional Arrangement incorporating fruit and/or vegetables staged on half of an 8' L x 30" W x 29" H table with a background panel provided by the committee.

#### Class 6. **WINNING WORKSHOP – For Men Only**

4 Entries

A Design incorporating wood project scraps. Staged on half a plank bench, 8' L x 24" W.

### Section C Decorating

Eligible for Club Competition Award

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

#### Class 7. **SECLUDED SPACES**

4 Entries

A Vignette inviting relaxation and/or meditation. Staged in ¼ of an 8' circle with 4' W x 8' H solid walls.

## Division II – DESIGN – PART II – “Designs for Show”

### Section D Recreation

Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

Consultant: Evelyn Shapiro – 203-372-5363

#### Class 8. **TWO TICKETS TO...**

4 Entries

Exhibitor to name where or what. A floor design staged within a 40" diameter area.

#### Class 9. **PLAYTIME WITH PALS**

A Creative Design incorporating a 6' H x 28" W x 4 ½ D frame, sitting on a 12" H x 36" square base.

4 Entries

#### Class 10. **TITILLATING TANGO**

A Creative Design staged on a 24" square x 36" H pedestal.

### Section E Nature

Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

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

#### Class 11. **SUNSHINE AND SPRING**

4 Entries

A creative design staged on a 42" H tubular pedestal with a 30" diameter top.

#### Class 12. **FIELDS AND FOREST**

4 Entries

A creative 3-D design on a panel (minimum 36"; maximum 40"), to be hung at eye level on a 4' W x 8' H panel provided by committee.

#### Class 13. **WONDROUS WILDLIFE**

4 Entries

A creative design inspired by the color and pattern of one of nature's creations. Staged on a 20" square x 34" H pedestal. Exhibitor to display a 9"x 12" matted copy of inspiration.

### Section F Surprises

Eligible for Petite Award

Consultant: Cordalie Benoit - 203-624-6737 - cordalie.benoit@aya.yale.edu

#### Class 14. **SCENT AND SPICE**

4 Entries

A Small Creative Design.

#### Class 15. **BERRY BONANZA**

4 Entries

A Small Creative Design.

#### Class 16. **SAND AND SEASHELLS**

4 Entries

A Small 3-D Design on a 9" W x 10" H panel furnished by exhibitor.

### General Rules

1. This is a Standard Flower Show according to the requirements of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The NGC Standard System of Awarding will be used, see HB pp. 5-7. Decisions of the Judges are final. Judging will begin promptly at **1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.**
2. All Horticulture classes are open to any amateur gardener. All Design classes are open only to NGC members. The Special Exhibits Division is open to garden club members, Youth and Education –oriented groups, in keeping with NGC goals.
3. Plants named on the *CT Preservation List of Wild Plants 2004* ed. may not be used in any division.
4. No artificial flower, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted in any division. The emphasis must be on fresh plant material.
5. Only Classification Chairs and other authorized personnel will be allowed in the exhibition room during judging.
6. The Show will open to the public at 10 am to 8 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> through February 20, and Sunday, February 21, the show will be open from 10 am until 6 pm.
7. All entries must be removed between **6 pm and 7 pm on Sunday, February 21, 2010.** There will be no access to the Loading Dock until 6:00. You must park in the CTCC parking garage before 6:00.
8. Although care will be taken, The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, the CT Convention Center and North East Expos, cannot be responsible for loss or damage. All properties should be marked with the name and telephone number of the exhibitor.
9. **NGC Special Award:** One or more may be awarded in recognition of individual effort or contribution to the success of an Advanced-Standard Flower Show.

### Design Division Rules ~ How Sweet It Is

1. Advance registration is required in all classes, made by contacting the Class Consultant. Entries **must be registered by February 1, 2010.** All Design Exhibitors **MUST** find a replacement if unable to exhibit.
2. Entries will be accepted on **Tuesday, February, 16, 3 pm - 7 pm and Wednesday, February 17, 8 am – 11 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.
4. No fresh CUT fruit or vegetables will be allowed. Whole fruit and vegetables are allowed where permitted.
5. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner.
6. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit.
7. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted.
8. Treated or otherwise embellished dried plant material is permitted.
9. 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.
10. No mammals, fish, birds, insects, reptiles, alive or preserved, are permitted.
11. American flags may not be incorporated into any design nor be used as underlays, swags or the like.
12. 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.
13. Consultants will have information on backdrops behind designs.
14. Please refer to the **2007** edition of the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows for specific Design information.

### Design Top Awards Offered

- **Award of Design Excellence:** Awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by a single exhibitor. Section C, Club Competition Section, is not eligible.
- **Club Competition Award:** One is offered in Section C, class 7.
- **Table Artistry Award:** Designer's choice of fresh and/or dried plant material and other components. Pattern and maker of china, etc. should be listed on entry card. One is offered in Section A.
- **Petite Award:** Designer's Choice of Plant Material in all classes. One is offered in Section F.
- **Designer's Choice Award:** Designer has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components. Do not use anything on Preservation List Categories I and II. Two are offered-one in Section D and one in Section E.
- **CT Judges Design Award:** This award may be given to an outstanding exhibit, scoring 95 or more, in a design class which is ineligible for an NGC Award. One is offered in Section B.
- **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 Award:** Awarded to the design that best represents the creativity, imagination, and originality in Creative Design.
- **Scale of Points for Designs:** See Handbook Page 303, for scale for specific Design Type. Top Awards must score 95 or above.

**THE CONSULTANTS WILL MAIL A DETAILED SKETCH TO ALL EXHIBITORS ON THEIR SPECIFIC CLASS.**

### Division III ~ Special Exhibits

Section A ~ Youth Special Exhibit ~ "What We Do"

Eligible for Youth Educational Exhibits Award  
Up to 4 Entries

## Section B ~ Artistic Crafts

*Eligible for Artistic Crafts Award*

Consultant: Katherine Kosiba 860-267-4471 kmk178@att.net

4 Entries per Class

All exhibits to be created and/or decorated wholly or in part with dried plant material.

Each Craft will be staged at various heights on a box related in size to design, on a table.

Class 1. **BRIGHT BLING** ~ A piece of jewelry, staged on a box covered in black by committee.

Class 2. **COLLECTABLE CANDLESTICKS** ~ A candleholder created of recycled materials, minimum size 15" H, staged on a box, covered in black by Committee

Class 3. **PICTURE PERFECT** - A picture frame, minimum size 12"x15", staged on a box covered in black by Committee.

## Section C ~ Educational Exhibits

### Special Exhibits Rules

1. Advance registration with Consultant is required in all Sections of this Division by February 6, 2010.
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 Awards.

### Special Exhibits Top Awards Offered

- **Educational Award:** One is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring exhibit in the Educational Section which scores 95 or above. Must meet space requirements.
- **Youth Educational Exhibits Award:** One may be given to the exhibit scoring 90 or above. Section A is eligible.
- **Artistic Craft Award:** One may be given to the highest scoring craft with 95 or above in Section B.
- **Award of Appreciation:** One or more may be given to Invitational and Commercial Exhibits.
- **CT Judges Special Award:** One may be given to an Educational or Special Exhibit scoring 94 or more which awakens interest in a subject and stimulates the viewer to learn more.
- **CT Silver & Blue Award:** One or more may be given to Educational Exhibits scoring 90 or more but not receiving an NGC Educational Award or the CT Judges Special Award. Section C is Eligible.

### FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE ~ 2010

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A Standard Flower Show - February 18 - 21, 2010

Connecticut Convention Center  
100 Columbus Boulevard  
Hartford, CT

Thursday, February 18, 2010 – 10 am to 8 pm  
Friday, February 19, 2010 – 10 am to 8 pm  
Saturday, February 20, 2010 – 10 am to 8 pm  
Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 10 am to 6 pm

**WORK SHIFTS:** Thursday: 10:00 – 12:00, 12:00 – 2:00, 2:00 – 4:00, 4:00 – 6:00, 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 17 from 1:30 pm to 5 pm

Flower Show admission is \$14.00. Children's tickets are: Ages 6 and under FREE, Ages 7-14 -\$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

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

From 1-84 Westbound, take EXIT 54; stay in left lane, at bottom of Founders Bridge turn left on 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 I-91 South (Exit 52), then: From 1-91, take EXIT 29A (Capital Area/CTCC). Then take first exit on right (Columbus Blvd /CTCC). Parking garage and CTCC are immediately on the right.