

# *September Interlude*

**AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW**

Presented by

**BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT**



Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs  
3640 Colonial Ave., SW  
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**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Open and free to the public

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows (HB)*, 2017 edition, with any revisions printed in *The National Gardener (TNG)* and on online at the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule which is the Law of the Show.

1. All classes in all divisions are open to any member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs.
2. Entry cards are available from the Show Chairman, Janice Clem (540.977.1713). Entry cards are to be filled out in pencil, waterproof ink, typed or with labels.
3. Exhibitors are required to bring a list of all entries with the required entry tag information on Thursday, September 12 when entries are received.
4. Entries will be received at Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs at 3640 Colonial Avenue in Roanoke on Thursday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Entries brought in after 10:30 a.m. on September 12 will be exhibited but marked "Not in Competition."
5. Entries must be removed between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12.
6. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12.
7. The Classification Chairmen for each division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
8. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman for each division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
9. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. All entry cards are to be signed by an NGC Accredited Judge. Judges will mark all non-blue ribbon winners with 90+ points where appropriate.
10. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
11. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each is a different specimen, variety, cultivar, type or color.
12. Blue Ridge District will strive to ensure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
13. The use of Virginia Native Plants on Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs' Conservation List may not be used unless grown by exhibitor, obtained in a legal manner and must be labeled (See VFGC website). List available upon request to Janice Clem, 540.977.1713. Noxious plants are not allowed.

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## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS SYSTEM OF AWARDS

The **NGC Standard System of Awards** is used in all divisions. (HB, p. 5 and p. 39)

- a. Only one (1) first place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more
- b. Only one (1) second place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more
- c. Only one (1) third place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more
- d. One (1) or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or above.

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS DIVISION AND SECTION TOP AWARDS OFFERED

### DIVISION I – DESIGN AWARD

In order for the division award to be offered there must be at least two or more sections.

The **Award of Design Excellence** may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, in the entire Design Division. It is a rosette of gold ribbons. (HB. P. 42)

In order to present a section award, all three classes must have the required 4 exhibits in each class.

The **Petite Award** may be offered to the highest scoring 95 points or above blue ribbon winner in the Design Division Section A, Classes 1-3. (HB p.43)

The **Designer's Choice Award** may be offered to the highest scoring 95 points or above blue ribbon winner in the Design Division, Section B. Classes 4-6. It is a rosette of purple ribbons. (HB p. 42.)

### DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE AWARDS

In order for these awards to be offered, there must be as many or more classes in the Horticulture Division as in the Design Division with a total of twenty (20) exhibits in the division. In order for the division award to be offered there must be a minimum of two sections in the division. There must be a minimum of three classes in a section for a section award to be offered although there is no minimum number of exhibits required per class. Exhibits must score 95 points or more to be eligible to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award.

The **Award of Horticultural Excellence** may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division. It is a rosette of green, orange, and blue ribbons. (HB, p. 40)

The **Award of Merit** may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in each of the following sections: Section A, Classes 1-4; Section B, Classes 5-8; Section D, Classes 13-16 and Section E, Classes 17-20. It is a rosette of orange ribbons. (HB, p. 41)

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## **NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS DIVISION AND SECTION TOP AWARDS OFFERED**

### **DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE AWARDS, Continued**

The **Arboreal Award** may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon and correctly named exhibit in Section C, Classes 9-12. It is a rosette of green ribbons. (HB, p. 40 & 41)

The **Grower's Choice Award** may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in each of the following sections: Section F, Classes 21-24 and Section G, 25-28. It is a rosette of dark green ribbons. (HB, p. 41)

### **DIVISION III – EDUCATION AWARD**

The **Educational Top Exhibitor Award** may be awarded to a blue ribbon winning exhibit scoring 95 or above in Section A, Exhibits 1 and 2. The purpose of Educational Exhibits is to instruct and inform the public on the goals and objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is a rosette of brown and white ribbons. (HB, p. 43.)

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## DIVISION I - DESIGN

### Sunny September

#### DESIGN DIVISION RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines, pages 79-80.
  - a. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. This includes fresh and/or dried plant material. Fresh plant material is never to be treated in any manner. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor.
  - b. Exhibitor may enter multiple classes within the Design Division, but only one (1) exhibit per class.
  - c. The exhibit entered into competition must be the work of only one (1) exhibitor and that exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card/tag with the following exceptions: Club Competition and Companion Design Class/es.
  - d. If the designer is unable to fulfill the assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to provide a substitute.
  - e. If the designer is unavailable to transport and/or set up the completed design, a substitute person may enter the exhibit for the designer. The designer may receive exhibiting credit if needed. (Permitted only for completed designs.)
  - f. A single flower is not a design. Container-grown plants are fresh plant material and are permitted in the Design Division where appropriate, but they are never considered floral designs.
  - g. Landscapes, scenes, or anything representing an actual item of clothing, person, animal, etc. are not considered acceptable in the Design Division.
  - h. Religious symbols used in a design must be displayed in a respectful manner.
  - i. When design techniques are required, they must be listed on a 3"x 5" card furnished by the exhibitor.
2. Advance registration with Janice Clem at 540.977.1713 or tchokie@aol.com is required by August 31, 2024.
3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, pages 80 & 81.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a 3"x 5" card, provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry tag.
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the design type if named in the class.
6. Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7.
7. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show.
8. The Scale of Points for Designs is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, page 130.

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## DIVISION I – DESIGN

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#### DESIGN SECTIONS AND CLASSES

The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative Style with any design listed.

#### Section A. September Magic

*Eligible for the Petite Award*

##### Class 1. Quiet Beauty

An 8 inch petite design staged on a mahogany sideboard. On the grey wall centered above the sideboard is a floral piece of art in a white frame that is 31 1/4" square. Staging panel and underlay are permitted. The walls are gray.

##### Class 2. Touch of Fall

An 8 inch petite design staged on a black 12-inch square shelf that is 6 inches tall. The black staging shelf will be placed on a dark wood credenza with a glass protector. On the grey wall centered above the credenza is 42" tall x 20" wide mirror. Staging panel and underlay are permitted. The walls are gray.

##### Class 3. September Fantasy

A 10 inch petite design to be staged on a black 12-inch square shelf that is 6 inches tall. The black staging shelf will be placed on a table covered with a green cloth. Staging panel and underlay are permitted. The walls are gray.

#### Section B. September Mysteries

*Eligible for the Designer's Choice Award*

##### Class 4. September Angles

A design staged on a table covered with a dark green cloth. Space allotted is 26 inches deep x 36 inches wide. Staging panel and underlay are permitted. The walls in the room are gray. The floor is various shades of brown.

##### Class 5. September Directions

A design using a gray pedestal. Pedestal has a 16" square top and is 40" tall. An underlay furnished by the exhibitor may be used but may not extend beyond the top of the pedestal. The design will be viewed from three sides. The walls in the room are gray. The floor is various shades of brown.

##### Class 6. September Kaleidoscope

A table centerpiece staged on a 40" inch square card table furnished by the committee. Exhibitor to furnish table covering/s. The walls in the room are gray. The floor is various shades of brown.

Any questions concerning the design schedule may be directed to the Design Consultant- Rita Leiser at 540.855.1306.



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## DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE

### September Wonders

#### HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The NCG Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
2. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
3. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. (Consult *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Section, Chapter 6.)
4. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. These cards may be typed, written in waterproof ink or pencil or labels may be used. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry tag.
5. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.
6. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower but should be exhibited as foliage plants if they are grown for their leaves.
7. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” class.
8. Horticulture exhibits will be staged on tables covered with green cloth.
9. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
10. The exhibitor must furnish clean, clear, glass containers without decoration for cut specimens. Marbles may be used to weight the containers for heavier specimens but cannot be used for anchoring when posing the specimens.
11. The exhibitor is to furnish wedging for the specimens. This may be plastic wrap, bubble wrap or cork.
12. The exhibitor is limited to five (5) specimens.
13. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*. (HB, pp. 129-130)

Any questions concerning the Horticulture Division schedule may be directed to the Horticulture Consultant Betsy Klein at 540.312.6769.

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## DIVISION II – HORTICULTURE

### September Wonders

*Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence*

#### HORTICULTURE SECTIONS AND CLASSES

##### Section A. Annuals

###### Adios Friends of the Summer

Eligible for Award of Merit

Exhibit of one cut stem

Class 1. *Celosia*

Class 2. *Tagetes* (marigold)

Class 3. *Zinnia*

Class 4. Any other worthy named annual

##### Section B. Herbaceous Perennials

Eligible for Award of Merit

###### We Will See You Again Next Year

Exhibit of one cut stem

Class 5. *Chrysanthemum*

a. Disbudded with one bloom per stem and at least three leaves

b. Spray with many flowers per stem and at least five open blooms; maximum length of 15"

Class 6. *Dahlia*

Class 7. *Rudbeckia* (cone flower)

Class 8. Any other worthy named herbaceous perennial

##### Section C. Woody Perennials

Eligible for Arboreal Award

###### Survivors

Exhibit of one cut stem of maximum length 30" from cut end to apical tip which must be present

Class 9. *Hydrangea*

Class 10. *Nandina*

Class 11. *Pyracantha*

Class 12. Any other worthy named woody perennial

##### Section D. Herbs

Eligible for Award of Merit

###### In the Kitchen with Herb

Exhibit of one pot no more than 6" in diameter.

Class 13. *Ocimum basilicum* (Basil)

Class 14. *Rosmarinus officinalis* (Rosemary)

Class 15. *Thymus* (Thyme)

Class 16. Any other worthy named herb

**Section E. Bulbs, Corms and Tubers**

Eligible for Award of Merit

**From the Ground Up**

Exhibit of one cut stem

Class 17. *Begonia tuberhybrida*

Class 18. *Caladium*

Class 19. *Gladiolus*

Class 20. Any other worthy named bulb, corm or tuber

**Section F. Container Grown Flowering Plants**

Eligible for Growers Choice Award

**Sunshine Through the Winter**

Container must have no larger than a 10" diameter. Double potting is permitted with inside container not showing above the outside container.

Class 21. *Begonia semperflorens*

Class 22. Orchids (many genera)

Class 23. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet)

Class 24. Any other worthy named container grown flowering plant

**Section G. Container Grown Foliage Plants**

Eligible for Growers Choice Award

**A Pot of Greens**

Container must have no larger than a 10" diameter. Double potting is permitted with inside container not showing above the outside container.

Class 25. Ferns – many genera

Class 26. *Philodendron*

Class 27. Succulents – many genera

Class 28. Any other worthy named container grown foliage plant

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## DIVISION III – EDUCATION September Splendor

*Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award*

### EDUCATION DIVISION RULES

Educational exhibits are designed to instruct the public on the goals and the objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

1. Education Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an education exhibit.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet surface area.
3. A space of 29" wide by 72" long will be provided by the committee. The table will be covered with a green cloth, but the exhibitor may opt to furnish the covering. The wall behind the allotted space is grey. The floor is various shades of brown.
4. Some plant material is encouraged in every exhibit but is not required.
5. Exhibits are in competition and are judged by The Scale of Points for Education Exhibits as listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.

Any questions concerning the Education Division schedule may be directed to the Education Consultant, Anne Robinson at 540.320.9192.

### EDUCATION EXHIBITS September Splendor

#### Section A. The Lessons of September

*Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award*

##### Exhibit 1. Save the Monarch

The life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly and ways we can help save it from extinction.

##### Exhibit 2. Take a Walk on the Wild Side

An exhibit showing how to identify types of trees by the shape of the leaves.