

*The Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Inc.
of Westfield Presents*

*A National Garden Club
Standard Flower Show*

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Saturday, April 26, 2025

1 PM – 6 PM

Free Admission and Open to the Public

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Division I
Design
People of Greatness

“Inspiration can come from many sources, including nature, art, people, and personal experiences. It can motivate us to achieve our goals, think creatively, and make a positive impact on the world around us.”

Consultant: Nina Sylvester

SECTION A “People Who Fulfill Our Lives”

Eligible for the DESIGNER’S CHOICE AWARD (Classes 2, 3, and 4)

Eligible for the KAY CROSS AWARD (Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5)

CLASS 1 Educator – “Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire”~ *William Butler Yeats* (4 entries)

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops” ~ Henry Adams

Select a specific design type from the Handbook, pgs. 73-79. Class reserved for judges only, exhibitor to create one of many types of designs which inspires them. Staged on a 16” square top x 41”H pedestal. Viewed from the front. Height not restricted. Designer’s choice of plant material and components. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with a description of this design type for the public to learn about it. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 2 Leader - “One Person Can Make a Difference.” (4 entries)

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value”

~ Albert Einstein

A Creative Design staged on a black mesh, cylindrical pedestal 12”diameter x 42”H provided by the committee. Height not restricted. Underlay permitted. Viewed from the front. Designer’s choice of plant material. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with the person who you think had a great impact on the world and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 3 Special Person - "When I'm with You, I'm Right Where I Want to Be." (4 entries)

"A special person is like a rare gem, treasured for their unique sparkle."
~ Anonymous

A Traditional Design, staged on a black pedestal 16" square top x 41"H provided by committee. Underlay permitted. Height not restricted. Viewed from the front. Designer's choice of plant material. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with your favorite person noted and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 4 Artist – "Art, Undeniably, is Conducive to Happiness." (4 entries)
~ Anonymous

"A True artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others."
~ Salvador Dali

A Design, Freedom of Style, inspired by your favorite work of art. Design staged on 36"W x 30"D space of a 6ft. table covered with white tablecloth adjacent to the artwork. Choice of plant materials and other components. Overlay permitted. Submit digital piece of artwork to consultant which will then be printed in 8"x10" size and staged in an easel by committee. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with your favorite artist and why. Typed by the committee and placed with the design.

SECTION B "People Who Give Us Joy"

CLASS 5 Musician – "Music is the Divine Way to Tell Beautiful, Poetic Things to the Heart" ~Pablo Casals (4 entries)

"I've always said music should make you laugh, make you cry or make you think." ~Kenny Rogers

A Petite Design, freedom of style, to be staged in a light grey, mini shadow box, 6 1/2"W x 6"D x 7"H. Exhibitor to provide background and underlay. Designer's choice of plant material. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with your favorite musician and why. Typed by the committee and placed with the design.

SECTION C “People Who Ignite Our Passions”

Eligible for the TABLE ARTISTRY AWARD (Classes 6, 7 and 8)

CLASS 6 Writer – “You Can’t Wait for Inspiration.”

~Jack London (4 entries)

“Writers and artists know that ethereal moment, when just one, fleeting something – a chill, an echo, the click of a lamp, a question – ignites the flame of an entire work that blazes suddenly into consciousness.”

~Nadine C. Keels

A Functional Table Design for two, sitting across from each other on a 36” diameter table provided. White tablecloth to the floor provided by committee. Overlay permitted. Designer’s choice of plant materials and other components. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with the author with whom you would most enjoy dining and why. Typed by the committee and placed with the design.

CLASS 7 Veteran – “Never was so much owed by so many to so few” –Winston Churchill. (4 entries)

“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it ... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.”~ Unknown

A Tray Table for one. Novice class, exhibitor may not have won a blue ribbon in a flower show Design Division previously. Staged on a tray for one person on a quarter of a 5 ft. round table covered with a white tablecloth provided by the committee. Designer’s choice of plant material and style of tray. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with your favorite veteran and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 8 Dancer – “...I only try to dance better than myself.” ~Mikhail Baryshnikov (4 entries)

“Dance is the purest expression of every emotion, earthly and spiritual.” ~ Anna Pavlova

A Tray Table for one. Staged on a tray for one person on a quarter of a 5 ft. round table covered with a white tablecloth provided by the committee. Designer’s choice of plant material and style of tray. Provide information in advance to the consultant by April 7th with your favorite dancer and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

Division II
Horticulture
Beauty in Bloom

Consultants: Inge Bossert, Irene Greenstein and Adah Levin
Eligible for AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE
Eligible for the NANCY WALLACE AWARD
Please pre-register pots over 10 inch size. All horticulture staged on
tables covered with off-white tablecloths by Committee.

SECTION A “Flowers don’t tell, they show”

~ Stephanie Skeem

Herbaceous Flowering Perennials. One cut stem with at least one leaf
attached. May provide 3 flowering stems in one container for small
specimens.

Eligible for AWARD OF MERIT

- CLASS 1 *Aquilegia* - Columbine
- CLASS 2 *Dicentra* – Bleeding Heart
- CLASS 3 *Primula* – Primrose
- CLASS 4 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION B “Where flowers bloom so does hope”

~ Lady Bird Johnson

Bulbs, corms, rhizomes. One cut stem, with two leaves attached for
Class 8 *Tulipa*. Small specimens may provide 3 stems in one container.

Eligible for AWARD OF MERIT

- CLASS 5 *Hyacinth* – Hyacinth
- CLASS 6 *Iris* – Iris
- CLASS 7 *Narcissus* – Daffodil
- CLASS 8 *Tulipa* - Tulip
- CLASS 9 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION C “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”

~ **Audrey Hepburn**

Herbaceous Foliage Perennials. One cut stem with at least one leaf attached. May provide 3 stems in one container for small specimens. Flower, if available, is allowed, however, leaf is conforming to class. Eligible for AWARD OF MERIT

- CLASS 10 *Brunnera* – Siberian Bugloss
- CLASS 11 *Heuchera* – Coral Bells
- CLASS 12 *Polypodiopsida* – Ferns
- CLASS 13 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION D “A thing of beauty is a joy forever”

~ **John Yeats**

Flowering Tree Branch. One branch 10” to 26” in length. Apical tip present with several nodes. Branch may be forced. Eligible for ARBOREAL AWARD

- CLASS 14 *Cornus* – Dogwood
- CLASS 15 *Magnolia* - Magnolia
- CLASS 16 *Malus sylvestris* – Crab apple
- CLASS 17 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION E “Daddy, it’s raining petals” ~ Anonymous

Flowering Shrub Branch. One branch 8” to 16” in length. Apical tip present with several nodes. Branch may be forced. Eligible for ARBOREAL AWARD

- CLASS 18 *Forsythia*– Forsythia
- CLASS 19 *Rhododendron* – Azalea
- CLASS 20 *Viburnum* - Viburnum
- CLASS 21 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION F “Earth laughs in flowers”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Container-grown Flowering or Fruited Plants.

Eligible for GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD

- CLASS 22 *Orchidaceae* - Orchid
- CLASS 23 *Saintpaulia* - African Violet
- CLASS 24 *Spathiphyllum* – Peace Lily
- CLASS 25 Any other worthy named specimen

SECTION G “A chaplet of leaves crowns the victor” ~Virgil

Container-grown Foliage Plants.

Eligible for GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD

- CLASS 26 *Begonia* – Begonia
- CLASS 27 *Chlorophytum* – Spider plant
- CLASS 28 *Dracaena*– Dracaena
- CLASS 29 Any other worthy named specimen

Division III

Botanical Arts

Nature’s Wonders

SECTION A ARTISTIC CRAFTS

"All Creatures Great and Small"

Animals have no voice. They can’t ask for help. They can’t ask for freedom. They can’t ask for protection. Humanity must be their voice.

~ AD Williams

Consultant: Nancy Smith

Eligible for BOTANICAL ARTS ARTISTIC CRAFT AWARD

Eligible for JUDY KAMPE AWARD by PUBLIC POPULAR VOTE

CLASS 1 "Be Kind to Animals" (min. 4 entries)

"Building a better world for all of us begins with a few simple actions and American Humane, the country's first national humane organization, is challenging people to commit to protecting and improving the lives of millions of animals during "Be Kind to Animals Week®", the oldest commemorative week in U.S. history, and the nation's longest-running humane education campaign." Celebrate first week of May. <https://www.americanhumane.org>

A dried flower postcard, depicting a representation of an animal composed of plant material mounted on a rectangular piece of cardstock. Writing permitted on the front, nothing need be written on the back. Committee will stage on an easel. Designer's choice of plant materials and other natural accessories permitted. Staged by committee on table covered with gray tablecloth. Provide card of plant materials used. (Handbook, pg. 95)

CLASS 2 "Protecting Wildlife" (min. 4 entries)

"The service aims to protect species from extinction, restore habitats, and foster biological diversity.

U.S. Conservation laws, such as the Endangered Species Act (ESA), help define the United States' stance on conservation." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <https://www.fws.gov/initiative/protecting-wildlife>

A 3 dimensional animal, composed of dried and/or fresh plant material. Mechanics of any sort may be used provided they are covered with plant material. Designer's choice of plant materials and other natural accessories permitted. Staged by committee on a six foot table covered with gray tablecloth. Provide card of plant materials used.

CLASS 3 "Animal Elegance" (min. 4 entries)

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." ~ Anatole France

Botanical Animal Jewelry created using fresh and/or dried plant material. Any representation of an animal is permitted in creating a brooch, bracelet, earrings or necklace, staged by committee. Metal clasps or hooks may be used for ready to wear item. Accessories such as shells or feathers are permitted as well as mechanics for shaping which are to be covered with plant material. Provide a card of plant materials used.

SECTION B PHOTOGRAPHY
“Capturing Nature and Wildlife”

“If you truly love Nature, you will find beauty everywhere.”
~ Van Gogh

Consultant: Margot Partridge
Eligible for the BOTANICAL ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD
Eligible for PUBLIC POPULAR VOTE

No larger than 8” x 10” print, matted in a 11” x 14” board by exhibitor and staged by committee. Indicate direction for viewing and write name on back of mat for entry. One entry only per exhibitor.

CLASS 4 “Four Elements of Nature – Earth, Wind, Fire and Water”

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”
~ Albert Einstein

Photograph of any element of nature. Plant material must be part of the composition.

CLASS 5 “Four Seasons of Nature – Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall”

“... every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.” ~ Martin Luther

Photograph of anything in nature during a specific season. Plant material must be part of the composition.

CLASS 6 “Majestic Wildlife”

“Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit”
~ Edward Abbey

Photograph of any wildlife which exudes elegance or majesty. Plant material must be part of the composition.

CLASS 7 “Awe-Inspiring”

“Keep your love of nature, for that is the true way to understand art more and more.”
~ Van Gogh

Photograph of any other object of nature which inspires greatness including water, sky, architecture or other subjects suggested by NGC in the Handbook, page 95.

Division IV
Youth
Creative Kids' Powers

Consultants: Alice Cowell and Joan Barna
Eligible for YOUTH TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

SECTION A DESIGN

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." ~ A.A. Milne

CLASS 1 The Design Power of Kids

A Design, Freedom of Style, staged in a space 14"W and 14"L, with no height restriction, staged on an appropriate space of a covered table top. Underlay permitted. Designer's choice of plant material and components. Title of "power" represented on index card with names of plant materials. Created solely by exhibitor.

SECTION B BOTANICAL ARTS

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." ~ Dr. Seuss

CLASS 2 Botanical Arts Design - Butterfly Flutter

A Pressed Plant Material Plaque with fresh and/or dried plant material, no larger than 8"x10" attached to a background panel serving as the frame of reference. Staged on an easel provided by the committee. Accessories permitted ie. shells, feathers. A card listing plant materials must be included.

CLASS 3 Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts - Give the Birds a Home

A Decorated Birdhouse, supplied by committee with fresh and/or dried plant material, size serving as the frame of reference. Accessories permitted ie. shells, feathers. Staged in a 12"W x 12"L space. A card listing plant materials must be included.

SECTION C HORTICULTURE

“You have to be unique and different and shine in your own way.” ~ Lady Gaga

CLASS 4 Container- grown plant

A Container grown plant, in a 4”-6” pot. Must be in possession of exhibitor and grown for a minimum of 60 days.

Division V

Education

Inspirational Learning

Consultants: Beth Siano and Sharon Shiraga

ELIGIBLE for the AWARD OF APPRECIATION

EXHIBIT 1 The Importance of Native Plants in Your Garden

Using native plants in your garden is crucial because they are naturally adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, providing a vital food source and habitat for native wildlife like birds, insects, and small mammals, while requiring less water and maintenance compared to non-native plants, thus promoting biodiversity and helping to conserve the environment.

Many thanks to the dedicated team who contributed to the making of this schedule, including all of the chair people and the expert judges’ team. Also, to the Chair of the show who designed a beautiful cover which captured the essence of the theme.

~ Diana Kazazis

Thank you also to Westfield TAPinto for providing publicity for the flower show.

Thank you to the Shady Rest Country Club of Scotch Plains for graciously hosting our Flower Show.