

Get Inspired!! **SEPTEMBER Draft reving**

“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.”

Division I

Design

People of Greatness

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Eligible for AWARD OF DESIGN EXCELLENCE

SECTION A “People Who Fulfill Our Lives”

Eligible for the DESIGNER’S CHOICE AWARD (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

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 in a xxxxxx foyer space.** Height not restricted. Designer’s choice of plant material and components. Provide information in advance to the consultant April 7 with a description of this design type for the public to learn about it. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 2 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 GCNJ** 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 April 7 with your favorite person noted and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 3 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 GCNJ** provided by the committee. Height not restricted. Underlay permitted. **Viewed from all sides.** Designer’s choice of plant material. Provide information in advance to the consultant April 7 with the person who you think had a great impact on the world and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

CLASS 4 Artist - "Art, Undeniably, is Conducive to Happiness." ~Unknown

(4 entries)

“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 45”W x 30”D space of an 8ft. table** adjacent to the artwork. Height not restricted. **Submit digital piece of artwork to consultant which will then be printed in standard size by committee.** Underlay may be permitted. Viewed from the front. Designer’s

choice of plant materials and other components. Provide information in advance to the consultant April 7 with your favorite artist and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

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 *Miniature Design, freedom of style*, not to exceed 5”W x 5”H x 5”L, to be staged in a light gray, mini shadow box, 6 ½”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 7 with your favorite musician and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

SECTION B “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. (Contact consultant for further details) **Color tablecloth to the floor** underlayment provided by committee. Overlay permitted. Designer’s choice of plant materials and other components. Provide information in advance to the consultant April 7 with the author with whom you would most enjoy dining and why. Typed by the committee and placed with 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 previously. Staged on a tray for one person in a **space w x d on a table covered with a xxxx tablecloth provided by the Committee**. Designer’s choice of plant material and style of tray. Provide information in advance to the **consultant** April 7 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*. Novice class, exhibitor may not have won a blue ribbon in a flower show previously. Staged on a tray for one person in a **space w x d on a table covered with a xxxx tablecloth provided by the Committee**. Designer’s choice of plant material and style of tray. Provide information in advance to the **consultant** April 7 with your favorite dancer and why. Typed by the committee and placed with design.

Division II
Horticulture
Beauty in Bloom

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Eligible for AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE

Eligible for the NANCY WALLACE AWARD (Sections A, B and C)

Please pre-register pots over 14 inch size. All horticulture staged on tables covered with **light green tablecloths** by **Committee**.

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

Herbaceous Perennials. Cut stem with at least one leaf attached. Small specimens may provide 3 stems in one container.

Eligible for AWARD OF MERIT

- CLASS 1 *Aquilegia* - Columbine
- CLASS 2 *Dicentra* - Bleeding Heart
- CLASS 3 *Heuchera* – Coral Bells
- CLASS 4 Any Other Herbaceous Perennials

SECTION B “A thing of beauty is a joy forever” ~ John Yeats

Flowering Branches. One branch 10” to 30” in length.

Apical tip present.

Eligible for ARBOREAL AWARD

- CLASS 5 *Cornus* – Dogwood
- CLASS 6 *Magnolia* - Magnolia
- CLASS 7 *Malus* – Crab apple
- CLASS 8 Any Other Flowering Tree or Shrub Branch

SECTION C “Where flowers bloom so does hope” ~ Lady Bird Johnson

Bulbs, corms, rhizomes. Cut stem with at least one leaf attached for tulips. Small specimens may provide 3 stems in one container.

Eligible for AWARD OF MERIT

- CLASS 9 *Iris* - Iris
- CLASS 10 *Tulipa* – Tulip
- CLASS 11 *Convallaria majalis* – Lily of the Valley
- CLASS 12 *Paeonia* - Peony
- CLASS 13 Any other bulb, corm or rhizome

SECTION D “Earth laughs in flowers” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Container-grown Flowering or Fruited Plants. Pot not to exceed 14” in diameter unless pre-registered.
Eligible for GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD

- CLASS 14 *Begonia* - Begonia
- CLASS 15 *Orchidaceae* - Orchid
- CLASS 16 *Saintpaulia* - African Violet
- CLASS 17 Any Other Flowering /Fruited Container Grown Plant

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

Container-grown Foliage Plants. Pot not to exceed 14” in diameter unless pre-registered.
Eligible for GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD

- CLASS 18 *Hedera* - Ivy
- CLASS 19 *Pteridophyta* – Fern
- CLASS 20 *Coleus* - Coleus
- CLASS 21 Any Other Container-grown Foliage Plant

SECTION F “Old-growth forests met no needs. They simply were....” ~Steve Olson

Container-Grown Primitive Native Plants. Pot not to exceed 14” in diameter unless pre-registered.
Eligible for GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD

- CLASS 22 *Equisetum* – Horsetail
- CLASS 23 *Bryophyta* – Moss
- CLASS 24 *Cycadales* – Cycads
- CLASS 25 Any other Container-Grown Primitive Native plant

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

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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." <https://www.americanhumane.org>

*A dried flower picture, depicting an animal in its habitat, organized in a naturalistic manner composed of plant material and other optional components attached to a background panel serving as the frame of reference, no larger than 11x14. **Staged upright in a wxd space.** Exhibitor to provide easel for display. Designer's choice of plant materials and other components. (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 naturalistic animal, composed of dried and/or fresh plant material. Designer's choice of plant materials and other components. **Size not to exceed xxxx staged on a blank in a space wxd.***

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 to be created using fresh and/or dried plant material. A brooch, bracelet or necklace having natural size limitations **staged in a space wxd.** Metal clasp may used. **Staged on black velvet provided by committee.***

SECTION B PHOTOGRAPHY**"Capturing Nature and Wildlife"**

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

Consultant: Margot Partridge 908-233-9634, partridgem@navpoint.com

Eligible for the BOTANICAL ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Eligible for PUBLIC POPULAR VOTE

No larger than 8" x 10" print, matted by exhibitor and staged by committee. Indicate direction for viewing and write name on back of mat for entry. One 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 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. Plant material must be part of the composition.

Division IV
Youth
Creative Kids' Powers

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Eligible for YOUTH TOP EXHIBITOR AWARD (12) Subdivision by ages 8 and 9 years old; 10 and 11 years old and 12 and above. Committee reserves the right to alter these categories based on entries received.

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, maximum 15"W and 15"D, 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 HORTICULTURE

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

CLASS 1 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.

SECTION C 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 1 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 in a standing frame provided by the exhibitor.

CLASS 2 Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts - Give the Birds a Home

A Decorated birdhouse, supplied by committee size **wxhxd** to be adorned with fresh/and or dried plant material. A card listing plant materials must be included.