



*Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn, a mosaic of them all.*  
---Stanley Horowitz

## A National Garden Clubs Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Held in conjunction with a  
Horticulture Seminar  
presented by Darlene Newell

**September 14, 2021 1:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Holiday Inn, Boise Airport  
2970 W. Elder St., Boise, Idaho**

**Free and Open to the Public  
Fee for seminar**

Presented by  
Treasure Valley Arrangers Guild ([tvag.wildapricot.org](http://tvag.wildapricot.org))  
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### Show Committee

Show Chair: .....Pat Baker  
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 Publicity: .....Lisa Artiga  
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## General Rules

This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (revised 2017), with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine. The Handbook is the authority for all issues not covered by this Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.

- **Eligibility:** Any adult member or friend of GCII may enter any class or subclass in the show. All entries are to be the work of one exhibitor.
- **Pre-registration** is not required.
- **Entry Cards:** Entry cards will be available in advance by contacting the Show Chair and will also be available during check-in and placement.
- **Entry Time & Location:** Exhibits will be accepted on Tuesday, September 14 between 8:30am and 10am.
- **Plant Material:** All plant material must be fresh. Plants listed by the Idaho Department of Agriculture as noxious or invasive will not be accepted for competition (list provided upon request or from <http://www.agri.state.id.us>).
- **Conformity:** The Classification Chairs will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
- **Judging** will begin at 10:15am on Tuesday, September 14. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. The Show Chair and the Classification Chairs will be available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
- TVAG will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
- **Removal Time: All exhibits must be picked up between 6:00pm and 6:30pm on September 14.** Any exhibits left at the site after 6:30pm will be recycled.

Exhibitors are advised to contact Consultant with any questions about referenced rules, requirements, award descriptions, terminology, scale of points, etc.

## Awards

### NGC Standard Awards

- The NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.
- **First Place** - Blue ribbon. Only one award may be awarded in each class or subclass; exhibit must score 90 points or more.
  - **Second Place** - Red ribbon. Only one award may be awarded in each class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.
  - **Third Place** - Yellow ribbon. Only one award may be awarded in each class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.
  - **Honorable Mention** - White ribbon. One or more may be awarded as merited; must score 75 points or more.

### NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

**Award descriptions and rules can be found in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (revised 2017) pp. 40-43, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine.**

**Division I Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards:** At least 3 classes required in each Section, but no minimum number of exhibits per class.

- The Award of Horticultural Excellence is offered in Division I to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner and correctly named exhibit in the entire Horticulture Division.
- All exhibits eligible for a specified Section Award must be judged by the same Scale of Points.
- The Award of Merit is offered in Sections A, B, C, D, E.
- The Grower's Choice Award is offered in Section F and G.
- The Arboreal Award is offered in Section H.

**Division II Educational Exhibits Awards:**

- An Educational Top Exhibitor Award is offered.

### Division I – Horticulture “Mosaic of Color”

#### Horticulture Rules

- Cut annuals, biennials, bulbous blooms must have been in exhibitor's possession from seed, cuttings or immature plants for at least 90 days; combination plantings must have been growing together and in exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks. *Handbook for Flower Shows*, page 5
- Each exhibitor may enter more than once in a class provided each entry is a different cultivar or variety.
- The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
- 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*.
- 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 Division, Chapter 6). NGC's recognized authority is [www.plantsoftheworldonline.org](http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org).
- Entry cards, written in waterproof ink, are to be filled out in advance if possible. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry tag. Tags will be available from the Show Chair prior to the show or during check-in.
- Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
- 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.
- Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” class.
- The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
- The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.
- The exhibitor must provide a clean, clear container for horticulture entries.
- The exhibitor may provide inconspicuous wedging consisting of plastic wrap or Styrofoam peanuts.

### Horticulture Sections and Classes

All sections eligible for the *Award of Horticultural Excellence*.

#### Section A: Perennial Foliage “Subtle Shades”

Cut specimen. **All classes eligible for Award of Merit.**

Class 1. *Arum italicum* 1 leaf

Class 2. *Brunnera* 1 stem

Class 3. *Heuchera* (Coral Bells) 1 leaf

Class 4. *Hosta* small up to 4” 1 leaf

Class 5: *Hosta* medium 4”-6” 1 leaf

Class 6. *Hosta* large over 6” 1 leaf

Class 7. Any other worthy specimen 1 stem

#### Section B: Flowering Perennials/Biennials “Rainbow”

Cut specimen. **All classes eligible for Award of Merit.**

Class 8. *Coreopsis* (Tickseed) 1 stem

Class 9. *Monarda* (Bee Balm) 1 stem

Class 10. *Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan) 1 stem

Class 11. *Sedum* (flowering) 1 stem

Class 12. Any other worthy perennial/biennial 1 stem

#### Section C: Roses “Kaleidoscope”

Cut specimen. **All classes eligible for Award of Merit.**

Class 13. *Hybrid Tea* 1 bloom

Class 14. *Floribunda* 1 bloom or 1 spray

Class 15. *Grandiflora* 1 bloom

Class 16. Miniature 1 bloom or 1 spray

Class 17: Any other large flowered 1 bloom or 1 spray

#### Section D: Dahlias “Dah-lightful Splash of Colors”

Cut specimen. One bloom per stem, disbudded (remove side buds).

**All classes eligible for Award of Merit.**

Class 18. Over 8” – Formal, Informal, Cactus, Laciniated

Class 19. 6”-8” – Formal, Informal, Cactus, Laciniated

Class 20. 4”-6” – Formal, Informal, Cactus, Laciniated

Class 21. Any other miscellaneous worthy specimen

## Division I – Horticulture (continued)

### Horticulture Sections and Classes (continued)

#### Section E: Chrysanthemum “Mellow Mums”

Cut specimen. **All classes eligible for Award of Merit.**

Class 22. Small poms to 2” 1 spray or 3 blooms

Class 23. Cushion mums 2”-4” 1 spray or 3 blooms

Class 24. 4” or over 1 bloom

Class 25. Collection 3 sprays, different varieties and/or size

#### Section F: Container Grown “Symphonic”

Container and plant not to exceed 12” at widest point. **All classes eligible for Grower’s Choice Award.**

Class 26. Grown for foliage

Class 27. Grown for flowers (must be in bloom)

Class 28. Cactus and other Succulents

#### Section G: Combination Plantings “Harmonious”

A grouping of 3 or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements. Container and plants not to exceed 18”.

**All classes eligible for the Grower’s Choice Award.**

Class 29. Dish gardens

Class 30. Terrariums

Class 31. Troughs

#### Section H: Arboreal “Nature’s Palette”

Cut branch not to exceed 30” measured from cut end to tip. **All classes eligible for the Arboreal Award.**

Class 32. Evergreen branch, needled

Class 33. Evergreen branch, broad-leaf

Class 34. Deciduous branch

Class 35. Any other worthy branch

## Division II – Educational Exhibits

### Division II – Education “Life’s a Garden...Dig It” Exhibits eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award.

#### Education Rules:

- Educational Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization. If a Student or Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit, the work must be done solely by the individual and entered accordingly.
- Names of exhibitors may appear in the schedule ONLY if the exhibit is not being judged.
- Educational Exhibits must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet of surface area if the Educational Top Exhibitor Award is being offered.
- While it is not mandatory that plant material be included in Educational Exhibits, NGC Inc. encourages the use of plant material in exhibits whenever appropriate, especially fresh plant material. Artificial plant material is never permitted.
- Handout materials add to the educational value but are not required. Each part of the exhibit should contribute to the distinctive overall effect.

#### Education Exhibits:

##### Exhibit 1: Common Weeds of the Treasure Valley

“Growing like a weed, OMG, it is a weed!”

##### Exhibit 2: Gardening with Youth

“Growing up together”

## Scales of Points

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All competitive exhibits will be judged according to the NGC Standard System of Awarding, explained on page 5 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (revised 2017) with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine.

#### Cut or container-grown specimens:

Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
Grooming/Staging	
Grooming	10
Staging	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	100

#### Combination Plantings:

Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Labeling	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form	10
Color	10
Condition	10
Show-worthy Size	5
Overall Effect	30
Creative/Distinctive	5
Grooming	10
Staging	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	100

## Seminar

### Seminar with Master Judge Darlene Newell

**Sponsored by Treasure Valley Flower Show Judges' Council, a member of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.**

12:30-3:30pm Tuesday, September 14  
Holiday Inn Boise Airport, 2970 W. Elder St., Boise, Idaho

Featured Plants: Dahlias, Chrysanthemum, Succulents, and combination plantings.

- understand the botany and botanical characteristics of the plants featured
- learn how to better grow each plant
- be able to select specimens from your garden to exhibit
- view and discuss the Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

\$25 per person Seminar fee

Special \$10 per person Garden Clubs of Idaho member

– registration required by emailing: [patbaker@live.com](mailto:patbaker@live.com) with your name, address, phone number, email address and garden club name if you are a member. **Registration cut-off September 12.** Seminar fee payable by cash or check at the door.

Darlene Newell is a National Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Master Gardener, Horticulture, Flower Show Procedure, and Symposium Instructor and Daffodil Judge. She has lectured in more than 20 states. She is a life member of West Virginia Garden Clubs and NGC, a member of the American Horticulture, Hosta, and Daffodil Societies. She serves on the NGC Board of Directors on the Flower Show Committee and on the state level as the WV Flower Show and Symposia Chairman.

