



Somerset Hills Spring

A Club Horticulture Show
Presented by The Garden Club of Somerset Hills
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Lamington Presbyterian Church
300 Lamington Road
Bedminster, NJ 07921

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12-1PM**

The purpose of The Garden Club of America
is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share
the advantage of association by means of educational meetings,
conferences, correspondence, and publications; and to restore, improve and protect
the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the
fields of conservation and civic improvement.

The purpose of a flower show is threefold: to set standards of artistic and
horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design,
conservation, photography, and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a
show with fellow club members and with the public.

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TIMETABLE FOR EXHIBITORS

October 17, 2023 Horticulture - Six-month ownership deadline

January 17, 2024 Horticulture - Three-month ownership deadline

Wednesday April 17, 2024

7:30- 9:15 AM Horticulture entries accepted and passed

9:45 AM Judges briefing

10AM Judging begins

12-1 PM Show open to members (and guests , Public, ect...)

1:15 PM Show closes

1:30 PM All entries must be removed

FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

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Schedule

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Show Photographer

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Kim Mell

Staging

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GCA RULES

1. Please carefully read and follow GCA Flower Show Rules, General Information, and Division Guidelines. All rules as stated in *The Garden Club of America Flower Show and Judging Guide (FS & JG)*, 2023 edition, shall apply.
2. All plant material must be correctly identified with the botanical and common names, if possible. Accepted references for nomenclature are:
 - a. Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder at <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>
 - b. Royal Horticultural Society - Find a Plant at <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/search-Form>
3. The Garden Club of America expects all exhibitors to be aware of the need to promote the conservation of endangered and threatened plants. Plants collected in the wild and listed by the New Jersey Natural Heritage Program may not be exhibited in any flower show sponsored by a GCA club. Cultivated plant material listed by New Jersey Natural Heritage Program may be exhibited if accompanied by a typed card stating that it has not been collected from the wild or that it was collected out-of-state and giving information concerning its cultural requirements and methods of propagation. Natural Heritage Program lists of endangered plant material will be available before and during the show from the division chair and are available online at <https://plants.usda.gov/home/raritySearch>
4. Plant material showing evidence of insects or disease must be removed immediately from the exhibition area. This rule will be enforced at any time during the show, whenever the problem is identified.
5. Fresh plant material must be in water or conditioned in such a way as to remain in pristine form while on exhibition. An entry not maintained in show condition may have its award removed.
6. Use of the following items is not permitted in Horticulture: locally invasive plants, diseased plant material, artificial plant material, live animals of any kind, taxidermy, natural birds' nests, feathers of any kind, coral, hooves, horns, fur, hair (except wool), shells (sea, turtle, egg, etc.) Information on invasive plants is available online at <https://plants.usda.gov/home/noxiousInvasiveSearch>

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Entries are open to all Garden Club of Somerset Hills members including Provisionals, and professionals in their disciplines.
2. No registration is required for all classes.
3. Entering a show constitutes permission to use images of the exhibitor's work in all GCA channels of communication.
4. While The Garden Club of America, Garden Club of Somerset Hills, and Lamington Church will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits, responsibility for damage, loss, or personal injury cannot be assumed.
5. Any clarification or change in the rules, as originally stated in the schedule, shall be communicated promptly in writing by the division chairs to all exhibitors in the class and, at the show, to the judges and the passing committee.
6. An entry card must accompany each entry. Entry cards will be available at the show and or may be printed from the GCA website. Information required on the entry card can be printed or completed in black waterproof medium.
7. ***The passing committee must pass each entry before the exhibitor(s) may leave the show area.*** The passing committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not conform to the rules of the schedule. The exhibitor has the option of correcting the entry if time permits. If not corrected, the entry cannot be judged but may remain in place, marked "For Exhibit Only" with a brief, constructively worded statement explaining why it was not judged. Judges may not disqualify any entry passed by the passing committee unless insect infestation or disease is evident.
8. Once an entry is passed, the exhibitor(s) must immediately leave the show floor. The only exception will be the flower show committee members who have entered and been passed according to the timetable. A passed entry may not be touched again by the exhibitor until after judging and then only to carry out necessary maintenance.
9. Only participating judges and clerks will be allowed on the show floor during judging. Flower Show and Division chairs should remain nearby but off the show floor until needed.
10. Containers and accessories should be inconspicuously labeled with the exhibitor's name.
11. A novice for a club show is an exhibitor who has never won first place or a GCA Special Award in Horticulture at a Club Show, GCA Flower Show (including GCA Zone and Annual Meeting Flower Shows), GCA Major Flower Show, or Sanctioned non-GCA Major Flower Show. An exhibitor who has won first place or a Special Award in a division is still a novice in the other divisions. Novice award eligibility is marked on the entry card and confirmed at passing.
12. All Judges' decisions are final.
13. All exhibits must remain in place and in show condition until fifteen minutes following the closing time of the show.

Horticulture Guidelines

1. Please carefully read and follow the GCA Rules, General Information, and Timetable for Exhibitors.
2. An exhibitor may submit multiple entries per class, provided each is a different species or cultivar.
3. Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
4. All rooted entries propagated by the exhibitor must be identified with details of the method and relevant date(s) on an accompanying [propagation card](#)
5. Mats, stands, saucers, stakes, ties, etc., are not allowed.
6. Classes may be subdivided, and entries moved and/or reclassified at the discretion of the show committee and/or the judges.
7. Containers are measured at the diameter or the diagonal of the widest point on the inside of the rim at the soil line.
8. A key card (diagram or plant list) is required when multiple species or cultivars are exhibited in the same container and/or propagation information is applicable. Key card must be a 4" x 6" white unlined card completed in black waterproof medium. A 4" x 6" photograph with identifying numbers may be used.
9. Container-grown plants must be exhibited in containers that are clean, unobtrusive, and compatible with the exhibit. Terracotta clay pots are preferred except for the propagated plants classes 22-26 where GCA square plastic pots are acceptable.
10. The exhibitor will provide clear glass containers and wedging materials for all cut specimens. (Cork is the preferred wedging material. No Boxwood or plastic allowed)
11. Scale of points by which the classes are to be judged: (as per *FS & JG Book 4: Judging at Flower Shows, 2023 edition*).

Refer to *FS & JG Book 4: Judging at Flower Shows, 2023 edition*, for applicable scales of points. Scales may be listed here or in the class descriptions.

Horticulture Classes

A minimum of 8 entries in 2 classes are required in a GCA Club Flower Show, with at least 4 entries per class.

Section A. CUT SPECIMENS

Classes 1 - 20

Section description: One stem not to exceed _ 24 _" in length from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem (*lip-to-tip rule*).

Perennials

A perennial is a plant that lives for more than two growing seasons; in Horticulture, usually applied to non-woody plants. A-Z p. 1076.

Classes 1 - 7 Flowering

Class description: One flowering stem - Any foliage must be attached to the stem

1. *Aquilegia*
2. *Helleborus*
3. *Lamprocapnos spectabilis* formerly *Dicentra spectabilis*
4. *Mertensia*
5. *Podophyllum peltatum*
6. *Polygonatum biflorum*
7. Other

Scale of Points for Cut Flowers

Foliage and Stem	15
Flower Form	15
Size	15
Substance	15
Balance and Proportion	10
Color	10
Conditioning and Grooming	100

Cut Flowers – Spike, Stalk, or multi-flower stem

Flower Spacing	15
Number	15
Stem length & strength	15
Substance	15
Color	10
Condition & Grooming	10
Foliage	10
Size	20
	100

Classes 8- 11 Foliage

Class description: One stem

8. *Ferns*
9. *Hosta*
10. *Helleborus*
11. Other

Scale of Points for Foliage Plants

Cultural perfection	45
Form	15
Grooming	15
Distinction	15
Color effect	10

Scale of points for Ferns

Cultural perfection	50
Foliage	25
Difficulty of cultivation	15
Distinction	10
	100

Scale of Points for Hosta

Color and Pattern	25
Condition and grooming	15
Form	15
Size	15
Substance	15
Texture	<u>15</u>
	100

Bulbs & Corms

A bulb is a modified, subterranean bud, with a short, thick stem and fleshy scale leaves or leaf bases. A-Z p. 1072. A corm is a subterranean storage organ consisting of a solid stem or stem base, often enclosed in a tunic. A-Z p. 1073.

Classes 12 – 16 Flowering

Class description: One flowering stem - Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

- 12. Hyacinthus
- 13. Narcissus
- 14. Muscari
- 15. Tulipa
- 16. Other

Scale of Points Narcissus

Form	25
Condition	20
Color	15
Pose and Stem	15
Substance and Texture	15
Size	<u>10</u>
	100

Woody Plants

Classes 17- 20 Flowering or Fruiting branch

Class description: One stem - Any foliage must be attached to the stem.

- 17. *Cercis Canadensis*
- 18. *Benthamidia* formerly *Cornus*
- 19. *Rhododendron*
- 20. Other

Scale of Points Branches flowering or fruiting

Amount of flowers or fruit	25
Quality of flowers or fruit	25
Condition	20
Grooming	15
Form of branch	10
Distinction	<u>5</u>
	100

Class 21 Collection of three blooming stems – key card required/

A collection of three different species or cultivar stems shown in a clear glass container provided by entrant not to exceed 24" from lip to tip.

Class 22-25 Challenge Class – a narcissus bulb provided by GCSH and grown by exhibitor.

Class 22 Narcissus Marieke 1Y-GYY

Class 23 Narcissus Tete a Tete 12Y-Y

Class 24 Narcissus Barret Browning 3WWY-O

Class 25 Narcissus Golden Bells 10Y-Y

Class 26 Propagated plant

One rooted plant propagated either by cutting or seed – propagation card required.

Class 27 PAR

Class description: An exhibit of exceptional horticultural merit, which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Horticulture Division. Entries in the Par class must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of one year. Cut specimens and hanging baskets are discouraged/not permitted. Containers may not exceed 14" diameter/diagonal.

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CLUB FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Best in Show, selected from among the first-place winners, may be awarded in each division.

Judges' Commendation(s) may be given to an entry, class, section, special exhibit, or other aspect of the show that is of exceptional merit.

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