

Overview of 2017 NGC Flower Show Exhibit Requirements

Small-Standard Flower Show

- Horticulture: at least 5 classes listed in the schedule; at least 20 exhibits in the overall division with no minimum number of exhibits required in each class
- Design: at least 3 classes with a minimum of 4 exhibits in each class; more classes may be included, each with any number of exhibits, but the maximum number of exhibits is 19.

Standard Flower Show

- Horticulture: Same as above, but the number of classes in the Horticulture Division must be the same or more than the number of classes in the Design Division.
- Design: at least 5 classes with a minimum of 4 exhibits; additional classes with a minimum of 4 designs each may be added.

Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

- At least 10 horticulture classes required with a minimum of 40 exhibits
- All NGC Top Exhibitor Horticulture Awards may be offered.
- Must include at least 2 exhibits of any combination of Education, Garden and/or Youth
- If Botanical Arts Division is included, Botanical Arts Horticulture and Photography exhibits are allowed.
- Eligible for NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show Achievement Award
- Design exhibits are not allowed.

Design Specialty Flower Show

- At least 10 design classes required with a minimum of 4 exhibits in each class
- All top NGC Top Exhibitor Design Awards may be offered.
- At least 2 exhibits in any combination of Education and/or Youth required
- If Botanical Arts Division is included, Artistic Crafts, Botanical Designs and/or Photography exhibits are allowed.
- Eligible for NGC Design Specialty Flower Show Achievement Award.
- Horticulture exhibits are not allowed.

Youth Small-Standard and Standard Flower Shows

- Require the same number of horticulture and design exhibits as an adult Small-Standard or Standard Flower Show

Design Types Now Included in Botanical Arts:

- Bonded Designs (Collage and Plaque, which do not have to be 2 dimensional)
- Hanging Designs (including wreaths, swags, garlands, mobiles)
- *Pot-et-fleur*
- Topiary
- Exploration-Freedom of Style (no restriction on what can be done to plant material; no exhibiting credits given)

2017 Handbook for Flower Shows: Some of the Changes

- NGC FLOWER SHOW is the official title for any flower show meeting NGC's standards.
- Small Standard, Standard, Horticulture Specialty and Design Specialty are types of NGC Flower Shows.
- There are now 5 possible divisions within an NGC Flower Show: Horticulture, Design, Education, Youth and Sponsored Groups and Botanical Arts.
- In the Horticulture Division, 3 or more appropriate exhibits are needed for subdividing a class. High quality can be rewarded with a 90+ designation.
- A Petite Design can range from 3"-12", depending on schedule requirements. The terms small and miniature are no longer used.
- A Standard Design is larger than 12".
- When point scoring, judges no longer deduct faults under distinction.
- If all conformance requirements are not met for a design, 7 points must be deducted.
- Unobtrusive glass marbles, pebbles, etc. may be used in containers to prevent top-heavy horticultural specimens from tipping over.
- For staging purposes, aisles between tables should be a minimum of 4' apart.
- Although a minimal amount of artificial plant material is now allowed in staging furnished by the show committee, no artificial plant material is allowed in an exhibit.
- When exhibits in a class are not staged in the same room they must be point scored.
- Only 1 section Top Exhibitor Award may be offered per section, but an unlimited amount of section Top Exhibitor Awards are available.
- Students must attend Course I first, but may then take the other 3 in any order.
- Students may attend up to 3 Flower Show Courses in a year. Passing grade is 75.
- Educational exhibits do not have to be staged near each other.
- The term Background Panels has been replaced by the term Staging Panels.
- Ribbons or seals may be offered in a flower show, but should be consistently used throughout all divisions. If ribbons are given for the Design division, they should be given for all other divisions as well.
- Judges are required to sign and date all blue ribbons, 90+ and Top Exhibitor Award ribbons. All other entry cards must be initialed.
- Changes in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* will go into effect at the beginning of each new NGC administration.
- The Capsule-Functional Table Design has been replaced by Table/Tray for One.
- New design types are Cascade, Featured Plant Material, Challenge, Grouped Mass and Low-Profile. Exhibition Tables I and II have been replaced by just one type.