

THE GARDEN CLUB OF AUSTIN

Presents

FALL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW

At

Zilker Botanical Garden

June 5 & 6, 2010

OPEN SHOW: The show is open to anyone; however competition is limited to amateur growers and club members with two exceptions. Entries in Division I, Section E & Division II, Section Y, are limited to the club cultivar, submitted by members of The Garden Club of Austin.

Entries will be accepted on **Friday, June 4, 4:00pm** until **7:00pm** and on **Saturday, June 5,** from **8am** until **9:30am**. It is best if container plants are accepted on Friday and the cut flowers, fruit & vegetables on Saturday.

Entries received after 9:30am Saturday will be considered late.

Late entries may be displayed in the show; they will be marked. “Not for Competition”

JUDGES will meet at **9:30am, Saturday** in the library of the Austin Area Garden Center, Judging will commence at **10am**.

CLERKS will meet in the Magnolia Greene Solarium at **9:30am, Saturday** for instructions and assignments.

SHOW TIMES:

SATURDAY – June 5, will be opened to the Public after the judging of the plant entries is completed. Opens to the public from approximately **Noon** until closing **5:00pm**.

SUNDAY – June 6, will open to the public from **10:00am** until **4:00pm**.

Closing of the show:

The show will close at **4:00pm, Sunday,** and all entries are to be picked up before **5:00pm**. **All club members and exhibitors are asked to help close down the show.**

GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOW

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ENTRIES

ACCEPTANCE: Entries will be accepted on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 to 9:30a.m. At the Austin Area Garden Center in Zilker Botanical Garden. Entries received later than 9:30a.m. on Saturday will be marked "not for competition". Entries may not be removed earlier than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, but must be removed before 5:00 p.m.

ENTRY CARD: an entry card showing the division, section and class in BOTH designated spaces according to the schedule must accompany each entry. The name of the genus and variety of ornamental plant, herb, fruit, nut or vegetable must be placed in BOTH designated spaces on the entry card. The exhibitor's name must be in BOTH of the spaces provided on the entry card; return address labels are helpful for this purpose. Please make sure that you have **filled out your entry card(s) completely prior to Check-In**. A pencil is preferred to allow changes. Help is available at the classification table if you have trouble with genus/variety. **A sample entry card is shown at** the end of this schedule. They are available at monthly meetings of The Garden Club of Austin (TGCA) and at the show.

ENTRY CHECK IN: The Classification and Placement Committees will be available to check entry cards for Divisions I and II to determine that they have been properly filled out and conform to the schedule and are properly identified as to division, section and class. If changes are necessary on an entry card, the Classification Committee Chair or the General Show Chairperson must make them.

CLASS/VARIETY: Each variety of a genus will be judged separately. The exhibitor may have more than one entry in a class but only one entry of each named variety. For example, under the class Begonias, an exhibitor may enter several varieties of Begonias like rex, Reiger and wax begonias as well as different named types of each particular Begonia variety like "vodka", "whiskey", "gin", etc.

PEST-FREE PLANTS: Entries must be free from diseases, insects and any other type of pest. Entries deemed hazardous to other entries will be removed from the show. As a courtesy to other exhibitors, please inspect your plants carefully before bringing them to the show.

PROPERLY GROOMED PLANTS: Plants must be clean, properly groomed and exhibited in clean containers. All containers belonging to individuals should be labeled on the underside. **Exhibitors are not permitted to treat plants with oil, lacquer or dressing. Artificial support is discouraged.**

EXHIBITOR-GROWN PLANTS: All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor and should have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 60 days prior to the show. For cut specimens, uniform containers will be furnished for specimen classes. Each exhibitor must furnish his/her own containers for collections, sprays and branches. Competition is limited to amateur growers and club members.

YOUTH SECTIONS: Divisions I and II will have Youth Sections limited to exhibitors under 17 years of age. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor and should have been in his or her possession for at least 60 days prior to the show. Competition is limited to amateur growers. Although adult supervision, assistance and guidance of youth are permitted, youth exhibitors must personally enter their exhibit(s). All Youth entries will be placed in a display area designated as Youth, which will be separate from the other show entries. Youth entries will not compete with adult entries.

NOVICE SECTIONS: Divisions I and II will have Novice Sections limited to exhibitors who have never won a blue ribbon in a flower show.

TABULATION REPORT FINAL: The Tabulation Committee's Report will be considered final when the General Show Chairperson accepts it.

SUPPORT TGCA: Each member of The Garden Club of Austin is expected to show his/her loyalty to the club by having at least one entry at all shows.

PLACEMENT AND JUDGING

PLACING ENTRIES: The Placement Committee will place the entries for showing, except when it authorizes the exhibitor to place his/her entry in a designated location.

PROTECTING EXHIBITS: Reasonable care will be exercised to protect exhibits, but neither the Show Committee nor The Garden Club of Austin will be responsible for the exhibitor's containers or other property.

JUDGING: Judges will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday in the library at the Austin Area Garden Center or a location designated by the Judge Coordinator for briefing and assignments. Clerks will meet in the Magnolia Neighbors Greene Solarium or a location designated by the Clerk Chairperson at 9:30 AM. for briefing, instructions and assignments. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM. No one except judges, clerks and appropriate show committee members will be permitted in the show rooms until judging is completed. Judges will either be Agricultural Extension Service Experts or accredited by The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America, or the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS: Space for educational exhibits or horticulture displays must be reserved with the Staging Chairperson at least one week in advance of the show.

AWARDS

MERIT SYSTEM: The merit system of awarding ribbons will be used in all divisions. All ribbons will be awarded on the basis of merit. Entries judged to have less than 70 points will be marked 'Judged' and received no ribbon. The scale of points for such ribbons is:

<u>Point Range</u>	<u>Ribbon Color</u>
90 or more	Blue
80 - 89	Red
70-79	Yellow

Gold Rosettes, indicating **Best of Section**, *may* be awarded to the best exhibit that merited a blue ribbon, in each section (with the exception of the club cultivars and "Youth" exhibits). The best exhibit of a 'club cultivar' (one in Division I and one in Division II) will receive a **Special Award** (See E and F below). Any entry getting a blue ribbon and merit score of 95 or more points is awarded a **Green Thumb** designation, youth entries excluded.

All decisions by the judges will be final.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Special awards are available as follows:

- A. *Best of Division I Plaque, individual plaque, and Queen of the Show ribbon for best of horticulture in Division 1 - Ornamental Horticulture.
- B. Princess of the Show Ribbon will be awarded, if merited, to the runner up in Division I- Ornamental Horticulture.
- C. *James G. Hall Trophy*, individual plaque, and King of the Show ribbon for the best fruit, nut or vegetable entry in Division II - Fruits and Vegetables.
- D. *Best Competitive Cultivar, Division I, Section E; plaque, *TGCA Division I- Club Cultivar Plaque and individual plaque.
- E. *Best Competitive Cultivar, Division II, Section Y; plaque, *TGCA, Division II, Club Cultivar Plaque and individual plaque.
- F. Sweepstakes plaque with winner's name engraved on it will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in the show. However, **no more than five blue ribbons** may be counted **in any one section** toward the Sweepstakes Award. Ties will be broken by a count of red ribbons, or if necessary, by a count of yellow ribbons. If still tied, top awards will be used to determine the sweepstakes award. The decision of the Tabulation Awards Committee will be final upon acceptance by the General Show Chairperson.

*These large plaques have the name of the winner engraved and placed on the plaque and are Displayed at the next show and are the property of TGCA.

A 4 by 6 inch plaque will be awarded to the winner of each plaque above. These are not engraved with the winner's name, but are the winners to keep.

DIVISION I - ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

Section A Foliage Plants in Hanging Containers (any container-grown plant that is exhibited or intended to be used hanging)

- Class 1. Asparagus
- Class 2. Begonia
- Class 3. Chlorophytum (spider or airplane plant)
- Class 4. Ferns (genera other than Nephrolepis)
- Class 5. Nephrolepis (Boston fern varieties)
- Class 6. Hedera (English ivy)
- Class 7. Ivy (Scindapsus and all other genera except Hedera)
- Class 8. Plectranthus (Swedish ivy)
- Class 9. Syngonium (arrowhead vine)
- Class 10. Tradescantia and Zebrina (Wandering Jew)
- Class 11. Mixed plantings (foliage plants only)
- Class 12. Any other

Section B Flowering Plants in Hanging Containers (any container-grown plant that is exhibited or intended to be used hanging - **must be in flower**)

- Class 13. Achimenes
- Class 14. Begonia
- Class 15. Bougainvillea
- Class 16. Impatiens
- Class 17. Pelargonium (geraniums)
- Class 18. Petunia
- Class 19. Mixed plantings (flowering plants only)
- Class 20. Any other

Section C Flowering and Fruited Plants in Pots

- Class 21. Saintpaulia (African violets)
- Class 22. Begonia
- Class 23. Bougainvillea
- Class 24. Pelargonium (geraniums)
- Class 25. Impatiens
- Class 26. Passiflora
- Class 27. Petunia
- Class 28. Mixed plantings
- Class 29. Any other

Section D Foliage Plants in Pots

- Class 30. Asparagus
- Class 31. Beaucarnea (pony tail)
- Class 32. Begonia
- Class 33. Caladium
- Class 34. Codium (croton)
- Class 35. Dracaena (corn plant, red-margined, etc.)
- Class 36. Ferns
- Class 37. Ficus

- Class 38. Palms
- Class 39. Philodendron and Monstera
- Class 40. Mixed plantings (foliage plants only)
- Class 41. Any other

Section E Ornamental Horticulture Club Cultivar (TGCA members only)

- Class 42. Specimen is described on page 2.
- Class 43. Specimen is described on page 2.

Section F Bromeliads

- Class 44. Foliage plants (may be in flower)
- Class 45. Flowering plants (must be in flower)
- Class 46. Mixed plantings

Section G Orchids

- Class 47. Cattleya species and hybrids
- Class 48. Dendrobium
- Class 49. Epidendrum and Encyclia
- Class 50. Oncidium
- Class 51. Paphiopedilum
- Class 52. Phalaenopsis
- Class 53. Non-Cattleya-related hybrids
- Class 54. Any other

Section H Bonsai

- Class 55. Mame, bonsai under 6 inches
- Class 56. Shoin, bonsai under 13 inches
- Class 57. Chumono, bonsai 13 inches and over

Section I Cacti and Succulents

- Class 58. Single species of cactus in container of 4 inches or less
- Class 59. Single species of cactus in container of over 4 inches
- Class 60. Single specimen of succulent in container of 4 inches or less
- Class 61. Single specimen of succulent in container over 4 inches
- Class 62. Plant arrangement of two (2) or more cacti and/or succulents grown together in a container (Judging will emphasize culture and artistic value - name all varieties)

Section J Chrysanthemums (Cut specimen)

- Class 63. Single, semi-double, anemone, pom pom
- Class 64. Incurves, reflex, decoratives
- Class 65. Spoon, spider, quill
- Class 66. Collection - 3 blooms of the same variety
- Class 67. Collection - 1 bloom from three varieties
- Class 68. Cascade - upright and inverted
- Class 69. Hanging baskets
- Class 70. Container-grown
- Class 71. Any other

Section K Roses (Cut specimen)

- Class 72. Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras, single bloom
- Class 73. Grandifloras or Foribundas, naturally formed spray
- Class 74. Miniature single bloom
- Class 75. Miniature naturally grown spray
- Class 76. Plants grown in a container
- Class 77. Any other rose, single bloom or spray

Section L Blooming Cut Specimen (other than a rose or club cultivar)

- Class 78. Specimen - 1 stem
- Class 79. Collection - 3 stems
- Class 80. Decorative stems - 1 stem not over 30 inches long

Section M Miscellaneous

- Class 81. Terrariums
- Class 82. Any other worthy horticultural exhibit other than a cut foliage or cut blooming specimen.

Note: There is no class for a cut foliage specimen; they are not allowed in this show.

Section N Floor Plants (plants best shown by placement on the floor)

- Class 83. Foliage plants
- Class 84. Blooming plants

YOUTH GARDENERS (under 17 years of age)

Class of Youth Gardeners will be the same as those listed above, but the letter "Y" will be added to the class number and the word "Youth" will be shown prominently at the top of the entry card. Youth entries will be judged under the merit show rules and will compete only within the "Youth" designation. Ribbons awarded for "Youth" entries shall be blue, red, and yellow with points of 90 or more, 80 to 89, and 70 to 79 respectively. Youth entries are not eligible for any special or other awards.

NOVICE

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DIVISION II - FRUITS AND VEGETABLE

Note: When two (2) or more specimens are under consideration, uniformity of size and color are important factors in judging. **Entries not meeting the minimum, exceeding the maximum, or not exact quantity specified will be marked JUDGED and will not receive a ribbon .**

Section O Leafy Vegetables (washed and free of extraneous matter)

- Class 1. Cabbage (1 head well trimmed)
- Class 2. Cauliflower (1 head well trimmed)
- Class 3. Broccoli (3 stalks with roots removed)
- Class 4. Chard (2 plants with crown intact)
- Class 5. Collards (1 plant with crown intact)
- Class 6. Leaf lettuce (3 plants minimum, with roots removed)
- Class 7. Mustard greens (3 plants minimum, with roots removed)
- Class 8. Any other leafy vegetable

Section P Root Crops (washed free of dirt and other foreign matter)

- Class 9. Beets with tops (3)
- Class 10. Carrots with tops (3)
- Class 11. Onions, dry (3), cleaned leaving the outer skin
- Class 12. Large onions, dry (3), such as 1015 and other large types
- Class 13. Onions, green (12), including shallots (12), leeks (3), etc
- Class 14. Potatoes (3) or more, depending on size
- Class 15. Radishes with tops (3)
- Class 16. Turnips with tops (2)
- Class 17. Any other root vegetable (3)

Section Q Fruiting Vegetables (other than tomatoes, not washed, wiped clean)

- Class 18. Beans not shelled (12)
- Class 19. Cantaloupe (1)
- Class 20. Corn, roasting ears with shucks in place (3)
- Class 21. Cucumbers (3)
- Class 22. Eggplant (1-5) depending on size
- Class 23. Okra (5)
- Class 24. Peas (12)
- Class 25. Peppers (3-12) depending on species and size
- Class 26. Squash (1-3) depending on species
- Class 27. Watermelon (1)
- Class 28. Any other fruiting vegetable (except tomatoes)

Section R Fruits (not washed, wiped clean)

- Class 29. Berries (12)
- Class 30. Grapes (3 bunches)
- Class 31. Peaches (5)
- Class 32. Plums (6)
- Class 33. Citrus (1-3) depending on size; may be displayed cut in half with clear wrap covering
- Class 34. Any other fruit (3)

Section S Tomatoes

- Class 35. Large (3)
- Class 36. Medium (5)
- Class 37. Small (6-12)

Section T Nuts (FALL Show only)

- Class 38. Pecans (12)
- Class 39. Other nuts (12)

Section U Herbs

- Class 40. Freshly cut herbs

Section V Container-Grown Herbs (growing plants)

- Class 41. Container-grown herbs (single variety)
- Class 42. Container-grown herbs (multiple varieties)

Section W Container-Grown Vegetables (growing plants)

- Class 43. Containers less than 3 gallons
- Class 44. Containers 3 to 5 gallons
- Class 45. Containers over 5 gallons

Section X Miscellaneous Fruits and Vegetables (entry tag specifies class and genus)

- Class 46. Largest fruit or vegetable (1)
- Class 47. Most unusual fruit or vegetable (1)

Section Y Vegetable Competition, Club Cultivar (TGCA members only)

- Class 48. Specimen is described on page 2.
- Class 49. Specimen is described on page 2.

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DIVISION III – OMITTED

DIVISION IV - DISPLAYS AND EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

This is an optional Division. Refer to **Schedule Exceptions** on page 1 to see if this division is noted **open** for this show.

Section A Displays

Exhibits are required to cover a table 30 inches wide and 6 feet long, but entrants may use a table 36 inches wide and 8 feet long. Advance reservations for this section are required; contact the Staging Chair prior to the Tuesday before the show. All exhibits will be marked "Not to be judged", but are eligible for the Award of Appreciation.

- Class 1. Ornamental horticulture
- Class 2. Vegetables, fruits and nuts

Section B Educational Exhibits

Conservation should be expressed in exhibits that are designed to instruct as well as to please. Exhibits must cover a table 30 inches wide and 6 feet long, but entrants may use a table 36 inches wide and 8 feet long. Advance reservations for this section are required; contact the Staging Chair prior to the Tuesday before the show. All exhibits will be marked "Not to be judged", but are eligible for the Award of Appreciation.

- Class 3. Soil, books and related material
- Class 4. Other worthy projects

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THE GARDEN CLUB of AUSTIN SHOW SCHEDULE

General Information for Exhibitors

Potted Plants. The following is a list of helpful pointers in preparing potted plants, hanging containers, container grown herbs, dish gardens, and terrariums:

Foliage plant: give special attention to the foliage condition. Look for discolored, spotty, torn, deformed, insect damage, spray, or dust discoloration defects. Leaves trimmed in a pleasing manner are acceptable. Please note that plants containing insects will be removed from the show area.

Flowering Plants: in addition to the above information, give attention to number of flowers, their condition and color (a flowering plant must be blooming when exhibited).

Hanging containers: should give a pleasing appearance when viewed from all sides. Symmetry is desired in most plants. Give same attention as to foliage plants with respect to defects. Flowering type hanging containers use the same rules..

Containers: should be clean and their size should be in proportion with the specimen.

Bonsai specimen: containers are very important; color and size are to be valued in judging the entries.

Dish gardens and terrariums: should be viewed with emphasis placed on number of varieties, condition of material, color blending, container, and general arrangement.

Cut Flower Specimens. The following is a list of helpful pointers in preparing cut flowers and cut herbs:

The blooms: should be shown when they are at their peak of development.

The specimen :should radiate freshness.

The specimen's :color should be rich and clear.

The specimen: should be turgid (full of water) – cut the specimen in the evening or early in the morning, place it directly in a container of water, and give it sufficient time to take up enough water to keep it from wilting during the show.

The specimen :should be free of disease and insect damage.

Remove unnecessary foliage (including foliage below water line).

'Training' props should not be visible.

Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts.

The following is a list of helpful pointers in judging vegetables:

Vegetables: should be shown at the prime of their development.

Vegetables: should be free from blemishes, distortions, or irregularities in shape or size.

Vegetables: should be uniform in color, size, and shape.

When foliage is present, it should be fresh and of good substance (to insure freshness consider bringing the exhibit on the morning of the judging).

Presence of worms, insects, larvae, disease, or damage from these should be penalized.

The show schedule is specific regarding the quantities to be shown in an exhibit

Example: Carrots with tops (3). The quantities will vary according to the size of the specimen.

Exhibits may be penalized for too many or too few.

Vegetables are generally shown on flat containers or paper plates, which are supplied by the club.

Normally, the same rules and conditions apply to fruits and nuts.

Remember: Horticulture is the science of growing plants. Flower and Vegetable Shows emphasize the science of horticulture and its educational value to the community. Give your intended exhibit the best care possible – the right size and type of pot, the proper soil, the proper amount of light (don't forget to turn pots), water, fertilizer, and check it frequently for pests and disease (keep one step ahead of bigger problems).

Also remember: The 'show schedule' is the Law of the Flower & Vegetable Show! These pointers are intended to help you enter better exhibits, but as for the ribbons awarded your exhibits, the **decision of the assigned judges is final.**

Note: Much of the above information was taken from the 'Show and Judges Handbook, Men's Garden Clubs of America, Inc. '; 1990 Revised Edition.