



## "MARDI GRAS TIME"

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## **Welcome Message**

*Today’s show is an opportunity to remind us why we love growing plants, and floral art and design, especially using plant material possibly grown in our own gardens.*

*You might also challenge yourself to try a new technique or style.  
Have Fun.*

***Dianne Beaver***

## **Purpose of a NGC Flower Show**

- To educate club members and the viewing public.
- To stimulate interest in Horticulture and floral design.
- To provide an outlet for creative expression.
- To communicate National Garden Clubs, Inc. goals and objectives to the community.

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**Dismantling ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

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## **General Rules**

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The Handbook for Flower Shows (HB) 2017 Edition, with revisions online, or corrections listed on NGC website is the authority for all points not covered by this Flower Show Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.
2. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material (flowers, foliage, fruit, and vegetables) is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
3. Competition in Design and Horticulture is open to all members of the Sarasota Garden Club.
4. Entry forms for Horticulture entries and Design will be available at the General Membership club meeting on February 12, 2025 and by email to Barbara Rao (Horticulture) and Emily Yaffe (Design) if you are unable to be present. Registration for Horticulture entries shall be in advance before by contacting Horticulture Chair before February 4, 2025.

Plant material cards for Design will be supplied by Exhibitor.

5. ALL entries will be accepted at the Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Boulevard of the Arts from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Wednesday February 19, 2025. All Exhibitors must leave the floor by 10.30 AM.
6. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or subclass in Horticulture if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color. Design entries are limited to one in each class. Exhibitors are urged to enter at least 2 horticultural exhibits in the show in addition to cut specimens.
7. The Classification Chairmen for each division will check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is done prior to the show by the Classification Chair/General Show Chair. Final determination is the Judges responsibility.
8. Judging will begin at 11 AM by NGC Accredited Judges.
9. The General Chair and the Classification Chair for each division will be available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and any clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
10. Entry cards of all blue-ribbon exhibits must be signed and dated by a NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel for that class. All non-blue ribbon exhibits scoring 90+ points must be so designated on the entry card and signed and dated by a NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel. All other entry cards must be initialed by a NGC Accredited Judge or Student Judge on the judging panel. Top exhibitor award rosettes must be signed on the back by a NCG Accredited Judge who judged the class.
11. The Flower Show will be open to the Invitees after judging is completed.
12. Exhibitors must remove all entries on Wednesday February 19, 2025, by 1 PM. Any remaining entries will be disposed of without notification.

13. Native plants may be entered provided such plants have been legally obtained and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months. Refer to <https://www.fdacs.gov/Forest-Wildfire/Our-Forests/Forest-Health/Florida-Statewide-Endangered-and-Threatened-Plant-Conservation-Program>. The use of plant material classified as Federal Noxious or Florida prohibited aquatic plants are prohibited.
14. The use of plant material on Florida's Federally Listed Plant Species as endangered or threatened is prohibited.
15. The FFGC District VIII Judges Council Show Committee will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

# **“MARDI GRAS TIME” Flower Show**

## **Standard System of Awards**

The Standard System of Awarding will be used for all competitive judging.

- One (1) first place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more.
- One (1) second place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more.
- One (1) third place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more.
- One (1) or more Honorable Mention (white) merited ribbons; must score 75 points or more.
- Award must be withheld if the exhibit does not meet the point value for the ribbon.

## **NGC Top Exhibitor Awards – Division I DESIGN**

### **DIVISION I – DESIGN**

**Award of Design Excellence--One (1) Award to highest scoring Blue ribbon exhibit in Design Division  
Rosette of Gold Ribbons HB p 42** NOTE—Not eligible with only ONE SECTION

Table Artistry Award--One (1) Award in Section A. Rosette of Burgundy Ribbons HB p.43

## **Scale of Points – All Designs**

Conformance	
To Type .....	7
To Schedule requirements .....	7
Design Principals .....	48
Selection of Components .....	8
Organization of Components ..	8
Expression .....	8
Distinction .....	14
Total .....	100

# NGC Top Exhibitor Awards – Division II HORTICULTURE

- **Award of Horticultural Excellence**--Only one (1) award may be offered to the highest scoring, correctly named, 95+ blue ribbon exhibit entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division. Rosette of Green Ribbons HB p.40
- **Grower’s Choice Award**--For all container-grown plants including single, multiple, self-multiple and combination plantings. Includes foliage, flowering, fruit, or vegetable specimens. One (1) Award in each of the Sections A and B Rosette of dark green ribbons HB p.41
- **Award of Merit**--One (1) Award in each of the Section C Rosette of orange ribbons. HB p.41

## Scale of Points - Horticulture

All cut or container-grown horticulture specimens and collections include vegetables, fruits. HB pp.100-102

Conformance.....	5
Plant Identification .....	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form .....	20
Color .....	20
Maturity/Size .....	20
Condition/Blemish....	15
Grooming/ Staging	
Grooming.....	10
Staging.....	5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100</b>



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## **Division I - DESIGN Rules**

### **All General Rules Apply.**


1. The National Garden Club's Standard System of Awarding will be used. The Scale of Points for Design is listed in HB 28.
2. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the HB Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
3. Determination of Entries will be on March 25, 2024 by random selection of classes. If classes are not filled that day, Betty Call will contact members.
4. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit.
5. Plant material and non-plant that are not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the HB 80-81.
6. Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated.
7. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a 3" X 5" Index card, provided by the exhibitor, and included with the entry card. Section, Class and Entry #'s should be above listing of plant material. This ensures correct card to correct design in case it gets lost. Botanical names are not required but encouraged. Common Names can be used.
8. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type, if named in the class.
9. Rules for Design Types are printed in the HB Chapter 7.
10. The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the HB Chapter 14 and included in this schedule.
11. Design must be approved for conformance classification by the Design Section Entries/Classification Chairman before the exhibitor leaves the show area.
12. Design entries will be accepted on Wednesday February 19, 2025 9 AM to 10 AM.
13. Exhibitors must remove all entries on Wednesday February 19, 2025 by 1 PM.
14. An exhibitor may only enter one Exhibit within the Design Division.
15. The exhibit entered into competition must be the work of only 1 exhibitor and that exhibitor's name must appear on the entry tag.
16. If an exhibitor is unable to fulfill their assignment, it is her/his responsibility to find a replacement.
17. Designer is on her/his honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or previously judged in an NGC flower show.

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## Division I - DESIGN– “MASQUERADE”

### Section A: “French Quarter” (4 entries per class)

Rosette of burgundy ribbons

 Designs eligible for a Table Artistry Award

- Designer’s choice of plant material. Plant materials used may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh (HB p. 43)

<p><b>Class 1</b> 4 entries</p>	<p><b>“Fat Tuesday”</b>  <b>Functional Table for 2</b></p>	<p><b>Functional Table for 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table planned and set for actual service.</li> <li>• Must include a Decorative Unit.</li> <li>• Staged on a table 30” square 29” from the floor and free standing for 360-degree viewing.</li> <li>• Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee.</li> <li>• Table cover to be provided by designer.</li> <li>• Frame of reference is 30” wide x 30” deep and unlimited height.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Class 2</b> 4 entries</p>	<p><b>“Beignets, Beads and Masks”</b>  <b>Functional Table for 4</b></p>	<p><b>Functional Table for 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table planned and set for actual service.</li> <li>• Must include a decorative unit.</li> <li>• Staged on a table 30” square 29” from the floor and free standing for 60-degree viewing.</li> <li>• Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee.</li> <li>• Table cover to be provided by designer.</li> <li>• Frame of reference is 30” wide x 30” deep and unlimited height.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Class 3</b> 4 entries</p>	<p><b>“King of the Carnival”</b>  <b>Exhibition Table</b></p>	<p><b>Exhibition Table - Not meant to be functional.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created artistically to suggest the service of food.</li> <li>• Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design.</li> <li>• Property is a black rectangular frame, 30” high x 20” wide and 1 ½ inches deep.</li> <li>• Frame is supported on three 9” dowels seated on a black flat base.</li> <li>• Overall height of property is 40” x 20” wide.</li> <li>• Staged ½ of a 6’ long table 29” from the floor.</li> <li>• Table will be entirely covered by black stretch cloth provided by the committee.</li> <li>• Background is off white.</li> <li>• Frame of reference is 36” wide x 30” deep with unlimited height.</li> </ul>

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## **Division II – HORTICULTURE “BOURBON STREET”**

### **Horticulture Rules – see Handbook** (HB pages 27, 28; 55, 56)

1. All General Rules Apply. ALL Members are urged to Enter a minimum of 2 Horticultural Entries.
2. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6, and Exhibiting in The Horticulture Division.
3. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the HB pgs. 55-56, or its supplement, Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.
4. 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. HB Section 6
5. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor.
6. Plant material must be in its natural state and may not be altered by application (treatment) of oil, commercial “shine” products, etc. that change the natural appearance. No wiring of specimens is permitted.
7. Plants that grow naturally with multiple stems will be considered one plant. More than one (1) plant of the same cultivar and color may be combined in the container to improve the overall appearance of the planting. HB 58.
8. 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.
9. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the ‘Any Other Worthy’ class.
10. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics. There should be several exhibits (usually 3) or more to justify subdividing.
11. Horticulture specimens must be of superior quality, clean, and well groomed. Exhibits of inferior quality or not conforming to the schedule will be disqualified.
12. Double potting is permitted; however, the inner pot must not be visible. Moss is not permissible to cover soil in a pot.
13. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color.
14. Container grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than ninety (90) days except for plants grown from seed, seedling cuttings, or immature transplants, bulbs, tubers, corms, or rhizomes. Combination plantings must have been in the exhibitor’s possession and grown together not fewer than six (6) weeks. Cut specimens must have been cared for as a mature plant at least ninety (90) days.

Arboreal (woody ornamentals) must have been in the exhibitor's possession for six (6) months. HB 5

15. Each specimen in a combination planting must be correctly and clearly labeled on a card, or in a diagram or manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the planter, supplied by the Exhibitor. The current scientific designation must be included. See size and weight requirement in listed class.
16. Exhibitors are required to pre-register entries, except cut specimens by Friday, February 4, 2025 with Barbara Rao, Horticulture Chairman, as listed in the schedule. All entries are to be labeled by genus, specific epithet, and variety/cultivar or patented/trademarked names for Horticulture. Common names may be given.
17. Entry cards will be available by email and online and returned by email to Barbara Rao.
18. All entries must be delivered on Wednesday February 19, 2025 from 9 am - 10 am at Sarasota Garden Club.
19. The Horticulture Classification Chairman/committee must approve all entries before they are placed. They may disqualify any entry that does not confirm to the Schedule or that is of inferior quality.
20. Flower Show committee will furnish clear, clear, colorless, glass containers for cut specimens. Clear plastic wrap and/or marbles will be provided by the committee for wedging and anchoring material.
21. All entries must be named by genus, species and variety or cultivar if applicable. Common names, if known, may be listed. In order to receive a NGC Top Award, the exhibitor must identify the entry by its binomial name and or currently acceptable scientific designation.
22. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard System of Awarding will be used. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in the Handbook for Flower Shows, HB129.
23. Exhibitors MUST remove all entries on Wednesday February 19, 2025 by 1 PM. Any remaining entries will be disposed of without notification.

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## Division II – HORTICULTURE - Classes

<b>Section A</b>	<b>"Fleur de Lis"</b>	
	<b>Container-Grown <u>Foliage</u> Plants - HB p.41</b>	
	<b>Eligible for 1 Grower's Choice Award</b>	
	Pots may not weigh more than 15 pounds and plant diameter no more than 24 inches.	
	Class 1	Bromeliad
	Class 2	Croton
	Class 3	Fern
<b>Section B</b>	<b>"Garden District"</b>	
	<b>Container-Grown or Mounted <u>Flowering</u> Plants</b>	
	<b>- HB p 41</b>	
	<b>Eligible for 1 Grower's Choice Award</b>	
	Pots may not weigh more than 15 pounds and plant diameter no more than 24 inches.	
	Class 7	Anthurium
	Class 8	Orchid
	Class 9	Saintpaulia (African Violet)
Class 10	Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)	
Class 11	<i>Any Other Worthy Named Specimen</i>	

**“Street Car”**

**Cut Specimens – HB p41**

**Eligible for 1 Award of Merit**

One single stem or spray, not to exceed 30 inches.

No foliage allowed below the waterline.

Committee to furnish clear appropriately sized containers, clear plastic wrap for wedging, and weights (only if needed for stability).

**Section C**

Class 12	Aspidistra
Class 13	Cordyline (Ti Plant)
Class 14	Cycad
Class 15	Fern
Class 16	Rhapsis (Lady Palm)
Class 17	<i>Any Other Worthy Named Specimens</i>