



THE BRANFORD GARDEN CLUB

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company at

A Gardener's Wedding

**A Standard Flower Show
Featuring Antique and Vintage Wedding Gowns**

World War II Veterans' Memorial Community House
46 Church Street
Branford, Connecticut 06405

\$10 admission; 12 and under free

Saturday, June 28, 2014

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 29, 2014

noon to 5:00 pm



Founded in 1928

Member of
The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.
New England Region of NGC, Inc.
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

GENERAL RULES

1. This is a **Standard Flower Show** according to the requirements of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. as printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (Revised 2007 Edition).
2. The Standard System of Awarding will be used (First Place—90 or more points, Second Place—85 or more points, Third Place—80 or more points, Honorable Mention—75 or more points).
3. All decisions of the judges will be final. Any award may be withheld if the exhibit does not meet specific requirements.
4. **THE SCHEDULE IS THE LAW OF THE SHOW.** Please read the schedule carefully. All exhibits throughout the show must be approved by the Classification Chairman/Consultant.
5. Every member of the Branford Garden Club is expected to exhibit and participate.
6. Plant material listed in "The Preservation List of Connecticut Wild Plants and List of Connecticut Invasive Plants" (2004) may not be used.
7. The following are not permitted anywhere in flower shows: Artificial plant material, natural bird nests, stuffed birds, butterflies and other insects, fish, birds and animals. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material.
8. The show areas will be cleared for judging by 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2014. Only required personnel may be present during the judging. The show will be open to the public at 1:00 PM.
9. All exhibits must be in place for the duration of the show and removed between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on June 29, 2014.
10. Although care will be taken, the Branford Garden Club cannot be responsible for loss or damage.

DIVISION I – DESIGN: RULES AND AWARDS

This is a Standard Flower Show according to the requirements of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The Standard System of Awarding will be used.

1. Advance entry registration is required in all classes and may be made in writing or by telephone to the consultant.
2. A printed list of all plant material must accompany the exhibit.
3. Entries must be placed at the Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Friday, June 27, 2014. Exception: Non-Branford Garden Club members ONLY may bring entries between 8:00 and 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2014.
4. All entries must be passed by the Classification Chairman and by the Class Consultant before the exhibitor leaves the Community House.
5. Entries must be removed between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 29, 2014.
6. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but only one exhibit per class. Design must be the work of one individual.
7. If a designer is unable to fulfill an assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to find a replacement and the consultant must be notified of the change.
8. Coloring or treatment of fresh plant material is not allowed. Treated or otherwise embellished dried plant material is permitted in all Classes. Contrived flower and/or plant forms constructed of recognizable plant material are permitted in all classes.
9. No fresh CUT fruit or vegetables will be allowed. Whole fruit and vegetables are allowed where permitted.
10. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted.
11. Please refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 Revised Edition) for specific design information.

12. The Novice Class (Class 1) is only open to those who have never received a Blue Ribbon in Design in a Flower Show. For all other Classes, competition in the Design Division is open to all.

13. **Design Scale of Points:** See Handbook p. 303 for specific Design type. Top awards must score 95 or above.

National Garden Clubs Award of Design Excellence

(rosette of gold ribbons) is offered in Sections A, B and C and may be awarded to the highest scoring Blue Ribbon winner, provided all General and Design Award Requirements are met.



National Garden Clubs Petite Award (small rosette of blue and white ribbons) may be awarded in Section A to a Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more.

National Garden Clubs Table Artistry Award (rosette of burgundy ribbons) may be awarded in Section B to a Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. Designer has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components.

National Garden Clubs Designer's Choice Award (rosette of purple ribbons) may be awarded in Section C to a Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. Designer has complete freedom to choose plant material and other components.

CT Judges' Design Award (rosette of old gold ribbons) may be awarded in Section D to a Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more in a design class that is ineligible for a National Garden Club award.

DIVISION I - DESIGN

"The Marriage of True Minds"

Sec. A. Ever Since I Was a Little Girl

Eligible for Petite Award

Consultant: Deb Vallas

4 entries in each class

Designer's Choice of plant material in all classes. Designs in this section will be staged in a lighted box raised 48" from the floor. The interior of each lighted box will be painted ivory. Exhibitors must provide background and underlay to complement the design.

Class 1. "The Flower Girl's Basket."

Novice Class - A small design (HB p. 208) not to exceed 8" in any direction. Novice is defined as never having won a Blue Ribbon in a State Flower Show.

Class 2. "It Fits!"

A Small Design (HB p. 208) not to exceed 8" in any direction, incorporating a glass slipper (6 3/4" long; provided by the committee).

Class 3. "A Dollhouse Wedding."

A miniature design (HB pp. 203-204) not to exceed 5" in any direction, for a doll's wedding.

Sec. B. A Loaf of Bread, A Jug of Wine, and Thou

Eligible for Table Artistry Award

Consultant: Eunice Lasala

4 entries in each class

Exhibitor must supply overlay in all classes.

Class 4. "Jilted!"

A breakfast tray for one. Staged on a 30" in diameter, 42" high bistro table skirted to the floor in white.

Class 5. "Candlelight Wedding."

A functional table for four. Staged on a 48" round table, skirted to the floor in white.

Class 6. “A Soldier’s Courtship.”

An informal alfresco functional picnic service for two staged in an area 4’ x 4’ around a life-size World War II-era soldier and his bride, under an apple tree; picnic spaces divided by white picket fences.

This building is the Town of Branford World War II Veterans Memorial Community House. At 11:30 on Sunday morning, in a brief ceremony, flowers will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Garden on the Town Green. We invite you to join us.

Sec. C. Wedding Finery

Eligible for Designer’s Choice Award

Consultant: Janet Jackson 4 entries in each class

In classes 7 and 8, each designer will be randomly assigned one of four gowns. Photographs of the dresses are available by mail or email, or they may be seen by appointment; contact the consultant.

Class 7. “Here Comes the Bride.”

A design representing the bride’s bouquet, inspired by one of four vintage gowns, staged next to the gown on a 16” square x 42” high black pedestal.

- 7a. Sinuous siren
- 7b. Chic ensemble
- 7c. New Look beauty
- 7d. Lace and brocade

Class 8. “They Can Wear It Again.”

A design to complement one of four, er, *distinctive* Bridesmaid’s Dresses. Staged next to the dress on a black pedestal, 31” tall with a top surface measuring 16” square.

- 8a. 1960’s Sassy psychedelic
- 8b. 1980’s Dusty-pink debutante
- 8c. 1970’s Lavender miss
- 8d. 1969 Green goddess

Class 9. “And They Lived Happily Ever After”

A design for a Golden Wedding Anniversary. Staged on a black pedestal, 42” tall with a 16” square top.

Section D. Double Wedding

Eligible for CT Judges Design Award

Consultant: Terry Bogan 4 entries in each class

Class 10. A Duo Design.

- 10a. “Champagne Tastes.” A duo design (HB pp. 200-201) staged on a 18” square x 43” high black pedestal.
- 10b. “Beer Budget.” A duo design (HB pp. 200-201) staged on a 18” square x 43” high black pedestal.

"Wedding Etiquette"

DIVISION II - HORTICULTURE: RULES AND AWARDS

1. The Horticulture Division is open to any amateur gardener with the exception of Section O. The Challenge Class (Class 62) is open to Branford Garden Club members only.
2. All entries must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in his or her possession for 90 days, except for combination plantings, which must have been growing together and in the exhibitor's possession for a least six (6) weeks.
3. More than one entry per class or sub-class may be made by the same exhibitor, provided each is of a different genus, species, cultivar, type, size or color.
4. All entries should be correctly and fully labeled giving genus (group of plants), species (related to common ancestry) and cultivar (variation derived through horticultural means), if possible, or variety (naturally occurring trait or variation), if possible, using the currently accepted scientific identification. Example: Black Knight butterfly bush: *Buddleia davidii* 'Black Knight.' Top awards cannot be given to unnamed entries.
5. Containers for cut specimens will be provided by the Flower Show Horticulture Committee. Wedging material will also be provided.
6. Clean, neutral colored pots are preferred for container grown plants.
7. Entries may be made at the Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT., on Friday, June 27, 2014, 10 AM to 6 PM. Non-Branford Garden Club members ONLY may drop off entries from 8 AM to 8: 30 AM on Saturday, June 28.

Horticulture Awards from the National Garden Clubs, Inc. may be given at the discretion of the judges:

The Award of Horticultural Excellence (rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons) may be given to the named Blue Ribbon winner judged to be the finest in the entire Horticulture Division.



The Award of Merit (rosette of orange ribbons) may be given in Sections: A, B, D, G, and I to a named Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. Only one in each Section may be given.

The Arboreal Award (rosette of green ribbons in two shades) may be awarded in Section E to the Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. Only one may be given.

The Grower's Choice Award (rosette of dark green ribbons) may be given in Sections J, K and L to a named Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more. Grower's Choice Award is restricted to container-grown plants and combination plantings.

The Evening Committee Chairman's Award may be given in Section M and is awarded by the Chairman of the Branford Garden Club Evening Committee.

The McColl-Raucci Award may be give in Section N and is awarded by the President of the Branford Garden Club. The award is named in honor of club members Roberta McColl and Addie Raucci in recognition of their many years of service as knowledgeable and enthusiastic co-chairs of the Horticulture Committee.

The Club President's Award may be given to the winners of the Club Challenge Class, Section O, and is awarded by the President of the Branford Garden Club

The suggested scale of points to be used appears on pages 297-302 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows* (2007 Revised Edition).

DIVISION II—HORTICULTURE

"Our New Family Tree"

Sec. A. The Honeymoon Never Ends: Perennials-Biennials

Eligible for Award of Merit

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| Class 1. <i>Achillea</i> (Yarrow) | 1 stem |
| Class 2. <i>Aruncus</i> (Goat's Beard) | 1 stem |
| Class 3. <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> (Butterfly Weed) | 1 stem |
| Class 4. <i>Astilbe</i> | 1 spike |
| Class 5. <i>Coreopsis</i> (Tickseed) | 1 stem |
| Class 6. <i>Dianthus</i> (Pinks) | 1 stem |
| Class 7. <i>Dicentra</i> (Bleeding Heart) | 1 stem, not to exceed 24" |
| Class 8. <i>Digitalis</i> (Foxglove) | 1 stalk |
| Class 9. <i>Geranium</i> (Perennial Geranium) | 3 stems |
| Class 10. <i>Hemerocallis</i> (Daylily) | 1 stalk |

Specimens with opening buds may be exhibited during remainder of show.

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| Class 11. <i>Lavendula</i> (Lavender) | 3 stems |
| Class 12. <i>Leucanthemum</i> (Shasta Daisy) | 1 stem |
| Class 13. <i>Oenothera</i> (Sundrops) | 1 stem |
| Class 14. <i>Phlox</i> | 1 stem |
| Class 15. <i>Salvia</i> (Sage) | 1 stem |
| Class 16. Any other named perennial or biennial | 1 stem |

Sec. B. Whirlwind Romance: Annuals

Eligible for Award of Merit

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| Class 17. <i>Viola tricolor hortensis</i> (Pansy) | 3 stems with foliage |
| Class 18. <i>Papaver</i> (Poppy) | 1 stem |
| Class 19. Any other named annual | 1 stem |

Sec. C. Promises for the Future: Bulbs, Corms, Tubers

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| Class 20. <i>Allium</i> | 1 stem |
| Class 21. <i>Iris</i> | 1 stem |
| Class 22. <i>Lilium</i> (Lily) | 1 stem |
| Class 23. Any other named bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome | |

Sec. D. O, My Luve's like a Red, Red Rose: *Rosa*

Eligible for Award of Merit

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| Class 24. Hybrid Tea | 1 bloom, disbudded |
| Class 25. Floribunda | 1 spray |
| Class 26. Shrub/Landscape | 1 specimen |
| Class 27. Climbing | 1 spray, not over 24" |
| Class 28. Any other named rose | 1 specimen |

Sec. E. Honeymoon in the Poconos: Trees and Shrubs

Eligible for Arboreal Award

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| Class 29. Flowering Shrubs or Trees | 1 branch not to exceed 24" |
| 29 a. <i>Cornus kousa</i> (Japanese/Chinese/Korean Dogwood) | |
| 29 b. <i>Hydrangea</i> | |
| 29 c. <i>Physocarpus</i> (Diablo Ninebark) | |
| 29 d. <i>Spirea</i> | |
| 29 e. Any other named flowering shrub or tree | |
| Class 30. Broad-leaved Evergreen Shrubs | 1 branch not to exceed 24" |
| 30 a. <i>Euonymus</i> | |
| 30 b. <i>Pieris</i> (Andromeda) | |
| 30 c. Any other named broad-leaved evergreen | |

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| Class 31. Needled Evergreens | 1 branch not to exceed 24" |
| 31 a. <i>Chamaecyparis</i> | |
| 31 b. <i>Juniperus</i> | |
| 31 c. <i>Pinus</i> | |
| 31 d. Any other named needled evergreen | |

Sec. F. Bridal Bower: Vines

- Class 32. *Clematis* 1 stem not to exceed 24"
Class 33. *Lonicera* (Honeysuckle) 1 stem not to exceed 24"
Class 34. Any other named vine in bloom 1 stem/branch not to exceed 24"

Sec. G. The Newlyweds' Table: Vegetables and Fruits

Eligible for Award of Merit

To be displayed on plates provided by show committee.

- Class 35. *Asparagus officinalis* (Asparagus) 5 stalks
Class 36. *Pisum sativum* (Peas) 8 pods
Class 37. *Raphanus sativus* (Radish) 5 roots, trim tops to 1"
above crown and tap
roots to 1"
Class 38. *Rheum rhabarbarum* (Rhubarb) 3 stalks, trim tops
to 1" above stalk
Class 39. Any other named vegetable 1 large – 5 small
Class 40. Fruit 3 large – 8 small

Sec. H. In Sickness and in Health: Garden Grown Herbs

- Class 41. *Salvia officinalis* (Sage) 3 stems
Class 42. *Mentha* (Mint) 3 stems
Class 43. *Thymus* (Thyme) 3 stems
Class 44. Any other named herb 3 stems

Sec. I. Father of the Bride: Foliage

Eligible for Award of Merit

- Class 45. Fern 1 large leaf or 3 small leaves
Class 46. *Heuchera* 3 leaves
Class 47. *Hosta* 1 leaves
Class 48. Any other outdoor plant 1 small – 1 large leaf
grown primarily for decorative
foliage.

Sec. J. Bridesmaids: Container Grown Plants – In Bloom

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 49. *Saintpaulia* (African violet)
Class 50. *Begonia*
Class 51. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
Class 52. Any other container grown plant in bloom

Sec. K. Groomsmen: Container Grown Plants - Grown for Foliage

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 53. Ferns
Class 54. *Begonia*
Class 55. *Caladium*
Class 56. Any other container grown foliage plant

Sec. L. Honeymoon in Vegas: Cacti and Succulents

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

- Class 57. Cacti
Class 58. Succulents
Class 59. Planter not to exceed 24" length or width
(A combination of alike or
dissimilar cacti or succulents).

Sec. M. Honeymoon Cottage

Eligible for Evening Committee Chairman's Award

4 entries per section

- Class 60. Window box planter
Not to exceed 28" long x 6" deep x 6" high exclusive of plant
material, staged on a shelf attached to an old, white 12-pane
window, 28" wide x 56" high, provided by the committee.
A 4" x 6" key card listing specimens must accompany exhibit.

Sec. N. 4'x4' Reception at Home: Wedding Garden

Eligible for McColl-Raucci Award

4 entries per section

Class 61. Intimate garden

Staged in a 4' x 4' x 6" box of dark brown painted wood. The gardens will be placed around a 48" tall bronze cupid fountain in a grassy area. A 4" x 6" key card listing specimens must accompany exhibit.

Sec. O. Destination Wedding: Garden Club Challenge Class Club Members Only

Eligible for Club President's Award

Class 62. Dish garden

Representing designer's choice of the perfect wedding locale, anywhere on earth, any time in history, with plants grown together and in exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks. Container cannot exceed 32" x 24" and will be staged on a table covered in white. A 4"x6" key card listing specimens must accompany exhibit.

"Mother-in-Law's Advice"

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS: RULES AND AWARDS

Educational exhibits have no maximum or minimum size, however, to be eligible for an Educational Top Exhibitor Award, an exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet of surface area. Space used may be horizontal, vertical or a combination of both. The use of fresh plant material is encouraged in the Special Exhibits, but is not required.

The Educational Top Exhibitor Award (brown and white rosette) is offered and may be awarded in Section A. Exhibits are designed to instruct the public according to the following scale:

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| Educational value | 60 points |
| Staging | 20 points |
| Creativity and expression | 20 points |



The Connecticut Judges' Special Award (yellow and white rosette) is offered and may be awarded in Section A. The winning exhibit must awaken interest in a subject and stimulate the viewer to learn more according to the following scale:

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| Achieves objective of involving viewer | 40 points |
| One dominant thought | 20 points |
| Staging | 20 points |
| Conformance | 10 points |
| Accuracy | 10 points |

The Connecticut Silver and Blue Rosette is offered and may be awarded in Section A, at the discretion of the judges (one or more per show) in recognition of Educational and Special Exhibits, scoring 90 or more points.

The Award of Appreciation (rosette of orchid ribbons) may be presented by the Flower Show Committee, to commercial and other noncompetitive exhibits in Section B.

National Garden Club Artistic Craft Award (rosette of navy ribbons with gold lettering) may be awarded in Section C to a Blue Ribbon winner scoring 95 points or more.

DIVISION III —SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"Now it Begins"

Sec. A. A Match Made in Heaven Educational Exhibits

*Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award; CT Judges'
Special Award; CT Silver and Blue Rosette*

Exhibit 1. "Wild Orchids of Connecticut"

The Connecticut Orchid Society is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of orchids. This exhibit will feature endangered wild orchids growing in our area and how they can be protected.

Exhibit 2. "Inviting Wildlife to your Yard"

Simple changes can make your garden more wildlife-friendly. Learn what you need to include in order to have your yard named a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

Sec. B. The Guest List Educational Exhibits

Eligible for Award of Appreciation

Exhibit 3. "All Aboard."

This exhibit will introduce you to a unique local resource. At the Shoreline Trolley Museum you can ride an antique trolley car through the salt marshes, up close to local wildlife, including nesting ospreys (in season). You can see many examples of old trolley cars and learn about their history.

Exhibit 4. "Branford's Weeping Hemlock."

One of the largest specimens of Sargent's Weeping Hemlock in the state, the tree is estimated to be at least 152 years old. Badly damaged in the recent storms, it needs our help in order to grace the town for years to come.

Exhibit 5. "The Art of Ikebana"

Floral design exhibit by Patricia McNelis, Master Floral Designer and an expert in the traditional Japanese art of Ikebana. The exhibit will open your eyes to an entirely different aesthetic.

Exhibit 6. "Outer Island"

Outer Island, one of the Thimble Islands, was donated to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Elizabeth Hird in 1995. Ms. Hird was a pioneer in local efforts for environmental preservation and education and lived on the island until her death in 2002. Outer Island is now a research and education center, open to students of all ages.

Sec. C. Bridal Shower Artistic Crafts

Eligible for Artistic Craft Award

Consultant: Dixie Nace

4 entries in each class

Key card of materials used required in all classes

Exhibit 1. "Save the Date!"

A framed wedding invitation, no larger than 12" in any direction, embellished with pressed plant materials. Staged on one quarter of a 30" x 72" table covered and skirted to the floor in black.

Exhibit 2. "Crowning Glory."

A bridal headpiece of dried plant materials. Staged on a black mannequin head (provided by the committee) on one quarter of a 30" x 72" table covered and skirted to the floor in black.

Exhibit 3. "For the Happy Couple."

A gift box no larger than 12" in any direction, decorated with dried or fresh materials, staged on one quarter of a 30" x 72" table covered and skirted to the floor in black.



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A Gardeners' Wedding