

GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOW

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, and Division 11, Section Y are limited to club cultivar submitted by members of The Garden Club of Austin (TGCA). This show conforms to the requirements established by The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America and to the rules of the National Council of State Garden Clubs for a merit flower show. See show **Entree page/Show Directory for show dates, time and related schedule exceptions**, they can differ with each show.

ENTRIES

ACCEPTANCE: Entries will be accepted on Friday from 10:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 at 9:30 a.m. 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: Each entry must be accompanied by an entry card showing the division, section and class in **BOTH** designated spaces according to the schedule. 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. 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 end of AWARDS.** They are available at monthly meetings of TGCoA and at the show.

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

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 is 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 and 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 it is accepted by the General Show Chairperson.

SUPPORT TGCOA: 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 a.m. for briefing, instructions and assignments. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. 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 I - Ornamental Horticulture.
- B. Princess of the Show Ribbon, will be awarded if merited, to the runner up in Division I- Ornamental Horticulture.
- C. Best of Division II Plaque*, individual plaque#, and King of the Show ribbon for best fruit, nut or vegetable entry in Division II - Fruits and Vegetables.
- D. Prince of the Show Ribbon, will be awarded if merited, to the runner up in Division II-Fruits and Vegetables.
- E. Best Competitive (club) Cultivar Division I, Section E plaque* and ribbon and individual plaque#.
- F. Best Competitive (club) Cultivar, Division II, Section Y plaque* and ribbon and individual plaque#.
- G. Sweepstakes plaque with the winner’s names 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.
- H. Horticultural Excellence Award. The numerical evaluation for this award will be calculated as follows:
 - 1 point for each Green Thumb award
 - 2 points for each Best of Section award
 - 4 points for Sweepstakes award
 - 4 points for Club Cultivar, Division I
 - 4 points for Club Cultivar, Division II
 - 5 points for the Princess of the Show award
 - 5 points for the Prince of the Show award
 - 6 points for the Queen of the Show award
 - 6 points for the King of the Show award NOTE:

* These large (perpetual) plaques will have the name of the current winner engraved and placed at the bottom of the (five year) plaque and the name at the top removed. These plaques are the property of TGCoA and will be displayed at successive shows.

These 4 by 6 inch plaque will be awarded to the winner of each plaque above. These are engraved with the winner’s name and description of the award; are for the winners to keep.

Awards: A,B,C,D,E, and F will be made by the decisions of the entire judging panel.

Awards: G and H will be calculated by the Tabulation Awards Committee and will be final upon acceptance by the General Show Chairperson.

SAMPLE ENTRY CARD

Please Fill out Entry Cards Properly & please take sometime to fill cards out before interring your plants into the show.



THE GARDEN CLUB of AUSTIN

Division _____ Section _____ Class _____

Genus _____

Variety _____

Name _____

Address _____

1st ○ Place	2nd ○ Place	3rd ○ Place	Green ○ Thumb	Best of ○ Section
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1st ○ Place	2nd ○ Place	3rd ○ Place	Green ○ Thumb	Best of ○ Section
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Division _____ Section _____ Class _____

Genus _____

Variety _____

Name _____

Address _____

(A)

Division Section and Class must be exactly the same as shown in the Show Schedule.

(B)

Genus and Variety must be correct. Classification Committee can help with this.

(C)

**Enter correct Name and Address of exhibitor.
Address labels are handy.**

(D)

This lower part of entry card should read exactly the same as top portion of the entry card.

NOTE: If you use the older entry cards with “Men’s...” mark out Men’s and replace with “The”.

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. Beaucamea (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 Club Cultivars

Class 42: Club Cultivars: Only members of TGCoA may enter the Club Cultivar Competition

Division I, Section E, Class 42: Club Cultivar. Dwarf *Salvia splendens* 'Mojave' – red flower, and 'Reddy White Surprise' – red and white flower, 1 plant in a 4" pot. OR 3-4 plants in an 8" pot.

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Division II, Section Y, Class 48: Club Cultivar. *Spearmint spicata* 'Kentucky Colonel', 1 plant in a 8"-10" pot.

Division I, Section E, Class 43. And Division II, Section Y, Class 49: There is none for this show.

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 (must be in flower)

- 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 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

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

- Class 78. Specimen - I stem
- Class 79. Collection 3 stems
- Class 80. Decorative stems I 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

A novice is a person who has never won a blue ribbon in a general flower show. A novice is not compelled to enter the novice section, but he or she may not enter both the regular and novice sections. Entries in the novice section will be the same as those listed above, but the letter “N”

will be added to the class number and the word “Novice” will be shown prominently at the top of the entry card.

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 (1 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)

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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 & Vegetables (entry tag specifies class & 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) see DIV I and or II , SECT, Class for additional Entry Information.

- Class 48. Specimen is described on “Show Directory” page .
- Class 49. Specimen is described on “Show Directory” page.

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DIVISION III - HOME PREPARED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Exhibitors Note: Display canned products in standard equipment (jar and lids with lid ring removed). **Canned products must be permanently marked with at least month and year processed.** Only jams, jellies and preserves may be sealed with paraffin in nonstandard equipment.

JUDGES: *Tasting of canned products IS NOT PERMITTED in this show.*

Section AA Canned Fruits and Vegetables

- Class 1. Canned tomatoes
- Class 2. Canned beans
- Class 3. Other canned vegetables (1 variety)
- Class 4. Canned fruit
- Class 5. Mixed packs of canned vegetables and fruits

Section BB Cucumber Pickles

- Class 6. Whole dill pickles
- Class 7. Whole sour pickles
- Class 8. Whole sweet pickles
- Class 9. Sliced cucumber pickles
- Class 10. Bread and butter pickles

Section CC Pickled Vegetables or Fruits (other than cucumber pickles)

- Class 11. Pickled or spiced fruit
- Class 12. Pickled beets
- Class 13. Sauerkraut
- Class 14. Other single-variety pickled vegetables
- Class 15. Pickled mixed vegetables

Section DD Jellies, Jams, Marmalades and Preserves

- Class 16. Jellies without added pectin
- Class 17. Jellies with added pectin
- Class 18. Jams and butters
- Class 19. Marmalades
- Class 20. Conserves (mixed fruits)
- Class 21. Preserves

Section EE Relishes and Sauces

- Class 22. Tomato relishes
- Class 23. Chow Chow
- Class 24. Corn relish
- Class 25. Tomato-based sauces
- Class 26. Pepper and hot sauces
- Class 27. Any other relish

Section FF Herbed Vinegar's and Oils

- Class 28. Herbed vinegar's
- Class 29. Herbed oils

Continuing - DIVISION III HOME PREPARED FRUITS & VEGETABLES Section GG Dried Homegrown Foods and Herbs

- Class 30. Home-dried fruits
- Class 31. Home-dried vegetables
- Class 32. Home-dried herbs

Section HH Honey

- Class 33. Strained honey
- Class 34. Comb honey

The following is a list of helpful pointers in judging Vegetables, Fruits and Nuts:

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

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.

DIVISION IV - DISPLAYS AND EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

This is an optional Division. Refer to Schedule Exceptions on “Show Directory” page 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