

FLOWER AND FOLIAGE CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

If in doubt as to a plant's category, consult "Bermuda A Gardener's Guide".

ANNUALS

Three stems of one colour or six stems of mixed colours, foliage must be included if part of the flower stem. No foliage to be shown with Pansies (*Viola x wittrokiana*), Sweet Peas (*Lathyrus odoratus*), Nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum majus*), and Violets (*Viola odorata*). One stem of Candytuft (*Iberis globus*) and Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) with foliage should be shown.

BLOOMS ONLY NO FOLIAGE NO STEM

Such as Hibiscus, Day Lilies and Passion Flowers will be displayed under day blooms.

BULBS

One stem, shown without foliage unless foliage is part of the flower stem. Six stems of Star of the Veldt (*Dimorphotheca sinuate*), Freesias (*Freesia refracta*), Paperwhites (*Narcissus tazetta*) and Snowflakes (*Leucojum*) except for the Calla Lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) which must be shown with one leaf of foliage.

COLLECTIONS

A specified number of cut flowers, branches, foliage or potted plants. The specific collection type, such as African violets, will be announced at the General Meeting at least two months in advance and will occur no more than twice per Garden Club year.

DISH GARDENS AND TERRARIUMS

Maximum of two feet in any dimension. Specimens need to be at least six months old and may only be exhibited once in any Garden Club year.

FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS

One stem with foliage unless the tree or shrub flowers before coming into leaf.

FOLIAGE PLANTS

Three stems except for Croton, Eranthemum (*Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum*), Pittisporum and Schefflera which should be one stem. Flowers should be removed.

PERENNIALS

Three stems of one colour or three stems of mixed colours, foliage included except for Anthuriums and Bird of Paradise (*Strelitzia*) which only need one stem and one leaf.

PLANTS WITH BERRIES

One stem with foliage.

POTTED PLANTS, ORCHIDS AND HANGING PLANTS

Must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least six months and may be exhibited only once in any Garden Club year.

ROSES

Roses may be shown in two ways; either a bloom on a stem with one leaf consisting of five leaflets or as a bloom floating in water in a dish.

SUCCULENTS

May be shown in a pot or on a stem with foliage.

VINES

One flowering stem, at least 12 inches in length, showing foliage.

HELPFUL HINTS ON GROOMING

For the Garden Club Flower and Foliage Bench

When entering multiple stems, pick stems which are uniform in size, floriferousness, length of stem and state of maturity. Check all foliage and remove damaged leaves, dirt and spray. Do not use leaf shine or other artificial enhancements. Look for ants, aphids or scale on all plants. These can be removed in many cases by washing the exhibit in warm water. Condition your exhibit by picking the evening before and placing in water. Use Oasis, if necessary, to raise foliage above rim of the container, centering the exhibit so that it is well displayed. Oasis should be unobtrusive. Orchid flower stalks should be supported without using decorative elements. For potted plants, make sure the pot is clean and the surface of the soil is weed free.

The judges will notice poor condition of blooms, bruises and blemishes, wilting, fading, dying or spent flowers on a stem. Removal of dead florets should be done carefully. Use only fresh well-conditioned material. Lack of supporting foliage, diseased or damaged foliage will also be noticed.

Healthy foliage could be the deciding factor in close competition. Make every attempt to identify your exhibit using its correct Botanical name.

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ANNUAL AWARDS FOR FLOWER AND FOLIAGE

Betsey Mowbray Rose Bowl Trophy: Presented in 1982 at the bequest of and in memory of Mrs. Percy Ball. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year for roses, provided that at least twenty-five percent of those points were gained for Old Garden Roses.

Christiana S. Zuill Bowl: Presented in 1995 by Joyce and William Zuill to commemorate the lifetime interest in ferns and gardens of Christiana S. Zuill. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year for Potted Plants.

Betty Blossom Silver Salver: Awarded to the member gaining the most points on the Flower and Foliage Bench throughout the year.

Specials Award: Presented to the member gaining the most special awards on the Flower and Foliage Bench during the Garden Club year.