

FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND HERB BENCH RULES

Exhibits may be placed on the Bench between 12:30pm and 3:30pm the day before the General Meeting. Judging will commence at 4pm.

A maximum of 8 entries, "organic" or "non-organic", per exhibitor, with no more than 4 entries in a category. "Organic" produce will be labelled separately to "non-organic". To be considered "organic", produce must be grown without the use of conventional pesticides or fertilizers. Pest control by biological agents is allowed.

Note: "pesticides" include all "cides"- e.g. herbicide, fungicide.

Members exhibiting "organic" produce must list what chemicals, if any, have been used in the growing of the produce entered.

Note: All seeds sold in Bermuda have been checked by The Department of Environment and Natural Resources to ensure they were grown using sustainable, "organic" methods. As there are no formal criteria for "organic" produce in Bermuda, "organic" is written in quotes.

Each exhibit should be identified in pencil, using the correct botanical name if possible. Exhibitors should register in the Red Book and receive an entry number which will be used on the entry card.

Exhibits should be typical of cultivars in terms of size and uniformity, in good condition, clean, free of pests and diseases and groomed for competition.

The Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Bench competition is held at each General Meeting and points awarded as set out below. Points gained at each meeting by exhibitors are totalled each May and awards (see below) are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Points awarded in each category:

First	5
Second	3
Third	2
Special	3

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS

Fruit: Calyx should be intact and stem cut close to fruit.

One (1) specimen only except for: banana – 1 hand

Four (4) specimens of uniform size and colour for: cherries, grapes, loquats, natal plums and strawberries. If "organic" – Two (2) specimens of each.

Three (3) specimens of uniform size and colour for guavas. If "organic" – Two (2) specimens.

Herbs: 6 stems of even length, to include flowers only if flowers are the herb. If "organic" – 4 stems.

Potted Herbs: In a pot 8" or smaller.

Class 1 – Single variety of herb

Class 2 – Two or more varieties of herbs

Vegetables: Remove outer leaves, stalks and roots as applicable.

Shorten root vegetable leaves to 1" and remove fibrous roots.

One (1) specimen only for: aubergine, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, lettuce, marrow, parsnip, paw paw (green), pumpkin, squash, avocado, bok choy and turnips (Swedish or yellow).

Three (3) specimens of uniform size and colour for: beets, brussels sprouts, carrots, jalapeno peppers, leeks, onions, peppers, potatoes, sweet peppers, tomatoes and turnips (white). If "organic" – Two (2) specimens.

Three (3) leaves of uniform size for: kale, mustard greens and Swiss chard and arugula. Three (3) stems of Malabar and New Zealand spinach. If “organic” – Two (2) leaves.

Four (4) specimens of uniform size and colour for: beans, cherry tomatoes (calyx and stem not required for cherry tomatoes), hot peppers, peas, radishes and scallions. If “organic” – Two (2) specimens.

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ANNUAL AWARDS FOR FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND HERB

Mrs. John Bluck Trophy: Presented in 1977 by Mrs. Joy Bluck Waters in memory of her mother, Mrs. John Bluck. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year on the Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Bench.

Virginia Outerbridge Cooper Bowl: Presented by her family in 1990, in memory of Virginia Outerbridge Cooper. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year for fruit.

The Tucker Bowl: Presented by Mrs. Edmund Zuill and Mrs. Warner Gardner in memory of their mother, Mrs. William Tucker. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year for vegetables.

Mrs. Madeline Daisley Award: Presented in 2016 to encourage members to grow and enter herbs on the Vegetable Bench. Awarded to the member gaining the most points throughout the year for herbs.

Specials Award: Presented to the member gaining the most special awards on the Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Bench during the Garden Club year.