

Hill & Dale District

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Flower Show

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Presented by
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Tuesday, May 27, 2025
12:30 – 3pm

Dryer Masonic Center
306 134th Street South
Tacoma Washington 98444
253-537-9928

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General Rules

This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc.(NGC). The *Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB) 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in the National Gardener Magazine. (TNG) is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule, which is the law of the Show.

Eligibility: Any member of Hill & Dale District, any WSFGC Judge and any Student Judge needing exhibiting credits may enter Division I Horticulture, Division II Design, or Division V Botanical Arts.

Entry Tags: Entry tags are available from the General Chairman, Linda Maida 253-389-2114 email Linda.maida@yahoo.com or at Hill & Dale Board Meeting or district website hillanddaledistrict.weebly.com. Also available at the door. Cards are to be filled out in advance if possible, using waterproof ink. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6 for correctly filled out entry tags.

Exhibitors in all divisions are required to bring a list of all entries with the required entry tag information on the day of the show.

Entry Time: Enter all divisions between **8:30 and 9:30 am** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Dryer Masonic Center.

Removal Time: Exhibits will be removed at 3:00pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Dryer Masonic Center.

Judging Time: Judging will begin at 10:00 am.

General Rules

The Classification Chairman for each division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.

The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and 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.

There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.

Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division and the Botanical Arts Horticulture Section.

The Hill & Dale District will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

Plants on the state conservation list must have been grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner and so stated. Plants listed as a schedule A noxious weed per web site www.Piercecountyweedboard.org will not be allowed.

NGC Standard System of Awarding

The NGC standard system of awarding is used in all divisions.

Scales of Points are based on perfection (100 points).

Each exhibit is evaluated individually.

Exhibits are ranked by the points they receive.

Scales of Points for all divisions are stated Chapter 14.

Ribbons or seals may be offered in the Flower Show but should be uniformly used throughout all divisions.

Awards must be withheld if the exhibit does not meet the point value for the ribbon.

Only one (1) first – place (blue) ribbon per class or sub-class; must score 90 or more.

Only one (1) second – place (red) ribbon per class or sub-class; must score 85 or more.

Only one (1) third - place (yellow) ribbon per class or sub-class; must score 80 or more.

Only one (1) or more honorable mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more.

Division I Horticulture Awards

NGC Top Exhibitor Awards

Award of Merit: Three are offered to the highest, correctly named, blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, meeting all section requirements in Sections A, B, C Classes 1-13. Rosette of Orange Ribbons. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows* page 41. No minimum number of classes and exhibits required.

WSFGC Awards

Betty Belcher Horticulture Award: One is offered to the highest scoring, correctly named, blue ribbon winner, in the entire Horticulture Division. Rosette of Green and Brown Ribbons. No minimum number of classes and exhibits required.

Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/Tree:

One award is offered to the highest, correctly named, blue ribbon winner, meeting all section requirements in Section D, E Classes 14-26. Rosette of Lime Green Ribbons. No minimum number of Exhibits required per class.

Division II Design Awards

WSFGC Awards

Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award: One is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, exhibit in the entire Design Division entered by an individual. Using all fresh plant material, and the plant material must dominate. Rosette of Hot Pink Ribbons. Minimum 4 exhibits per class.

Division II Design Awards

Ellen Swenson Flower Arrangement Award: One is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, entered by an individual, meeting all section requirements in Section A Classes 1-4. Rosette of Turquoise Ribbons. Minimum 4 exhibits per class.

Recycling Award: One is offered to a design that displays the best use of recycled items in the creation of beauty and/or originality scoring 90 or above. Meeting all section requirements in Section A Classes 1-4. Rosette of Blue and Green Ribbons. Minimum 4 exhibits per class.

Division III Education Awards

WSFGC Awards

Carol Klingberg Educational Award: One is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner. Rosette of Yellow Ribbons. Minimum 2 exhibits.

Division V Botanical Arts Awards

WSFGC Award

Terry Critchlow Photograph Award: One is offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, entered by an individual, meeting all section requirements in Section A Classes 1-3. Rosette of Blue and Blue Ribbons. Minimum 4 exhibits per class.

Division I Horticulture Rules

The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.

The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.

Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.

All plant material must be fresh, grown by the exhibitor, in their possession for 90 days, combination planting grown for 6 weeks and arboreal entries for 6 months.

To receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, all entries are to be labeled by genus, specific epithet, cultivar and or variety. Common names may also be given. Consult the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, Chapter 6.

Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Entry cards to be filled out using waterproof ink. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6 for correctly filled out entry tag.

Division I Horticulture Rules

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 plant if they are grown for their leaves.

Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the 'Any Other Worthy Specimen' class.

The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.

The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

Exhibitor to provide clean, clear containers of suitable size.

Exhibitor to provide plastic wrap for wedging, unobtrusive marbles for weighing and double potting is allowed.

Division I Horticulture Sections and Classes

“Space X”

Eligible for WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award

Section A. “Lift Off”

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Bulbs, Corms and Tubers

***Iris*, 1 stem, one flower scape with at least one open flower**

Class 1. *Iris ensata* (Japanese *Iris*)

Class 2. *Iris germanica* (Bearded *Iris*)

Class 3. *Iris speculatrix* (Beardless *Iris*)

Class 4. *Paeonia* (Peony, single stem)

Class 5. Any other worthy named bulbs, corms, or tubers

Section B. “Rocket Garden”

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Perennials & Biennials

Class 6. *Aquilegia* (Columbine 1 stem)

Class 7. *Viola* (Pansies 3 stems, same variety, same color)

Class 8. *Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily)

Class 9. Any other worthy named perennial/biennial

Section C. “Heroes and Legends”

Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

Rosa

Class 10. Floribunda

Class 11. Grandiflora

Class 12. Hybrid Tea

Class 13. Any other worthy named *Rosa*

Division I Horticulture Sections and Classes

Section D. “Appollo 8”

Eligible for Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/Tree

Evergreen Flowering Shrubs and Trees

1 branch not to exceed 30”, must be in bloom

Class 14. *Camellia* (single bloom with 1 to 2” stem with at least 1 leaf attached, floating in a bowl)

Class 15. *Ceanothus* (Evergreen Lilac)

Class 16. *Rhododendron* (one truss on stem with attached foliage)

16 a. Azaleas (1 spray)

Class 17. Any other worthy named evergreen flowering shrub, tree

Section E. “Moon Tree Garden”

Eligible for Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/Tree

Deciduous Flowering Shrubs and Trees

1 branch not to exceed 30”, must be in bloom

Class 18. *Cercis* (Red Bud)

Class 19. *Cornus* (Dogwood)

Class 20. *Kolkwitzia amabilis* (Beauty Bush)

Class 21. *Malus* (Flowering Crabapple)

Class 22. *Paeonia tree* (Peony)

Class 23. *Spiraea*

Class 24. *Syringa* (Deciduous Lilac)

Class 25. *Viburnum*

Class 26. Any other worthy named deciduous flowering shrub, tree

Section F. “Moon Scape”

Class 27. Any other worthy named specimen not listed in this schedule.

Division II Design Rules

The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.

Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, this includes items permitted without schedule approval.

Designs must be the work of one individual, and the plant material need not have been grown by the Designer.

Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated.

All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card, provided by the exhibitor, and included with the entry tag.

The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.

Rules for Design Types, Advanced Design Types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7.

If Designer is unable to fulfill her/his assignment, it is the Designer's responsibility to find a replacement.

Designer is on her/his honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show.

The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.

Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman is required by May 14, 2025.

Division II Design Sections and Classes

“Out Of This World”

Eligible for WSWG Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award
Eligible for WSWG Recycling Award

SECTION A “Race To The Moon”

Eligible for WSWG Ellen Swenson Flower Arrangement Award

Class 1. “Journey To Mars”	Designers Choice
Class 2. “Space Shuttle”	Spatial Thrust
Class 3. “Total Eclipse”	Black and White
Class 4. “Cosmic”	Abstract Design

All classes staged on a table 24” wide, 30” deep. Draped with smooth black tablecloths provided by the Staging Committee, with a white wall behind. Staging panels may be used.

The Designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative Style with any Design listed unless restricted by the Schedule.

Division III Education Rules

The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 8, exhibiting in the Education Division, NGC Requirements and Considerations.

Educational exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an educational exhibit.

An exhibit must occupy a minimum of 18 square feet of surface area. Background, side panels and table space are included in measurement.

Scale of points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.

These are competitive exhibits, and some plant material is required.

Advance registration with the Education Entries Chairman is required by May 14, 2025.

Division III Education Exhibits

“Cosmic Landscape”

Eligible for WSFGC Carol Klingberg Educational Award

SECTION A *“Feeding The Astronauts”*

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| Exhibit 1. | “Veggies In Space” | Future Food |
| Exhibit 2. | “Cosmic Crisp Apples” | Developing an Apple |

Staged on a table 36” wide, 30” deep, draped in smooth black tablecloth provided by the Staging Committee, with a white wall behind.

Division V Botanical Arts Rules

The rules for Botanical Arts Horticulture, Botanical Arts Design, Botanical Artistic Crafts and Photography are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10.

All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Botanical Arts Design and Botanical Artistic Craft exhibits must contain some plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.

All Botanical Arts Horticulture, Botanical Arts Design and Botanical Artistic Craft exhibits must be correctly named by the binomial or currently accepted scientific designation.

Botanical Arts Design and Botanical Artistic Craft exhibits must include a card provided by the exhibitor listing plant material used.

All color Photographs are to be 5"x7", displayed on an 8"x10" black mat with a non-glossy finish provided by the exhibitor or Staging Committee. The portrait mount will have the 5" measurement on the top, the landscape mount will have the 7" measurement on top.

The scale of points for judging Botanical Arts Horticulture, Botanical Arts Design, Botanical Artistic Crafts and Photography are listed in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

Advance registration with the Botanical Arts Entries Chairman is required by May 14, 2025.

Division V Botanical Arts Sections & Classes

"Starry Starry Night"

SECTION A "Twilight Shots"

Eligible for WSFGC Terry Critchlow Photography Award

Class 1. "Sunset"

Class 2. "Lunar Shot"

Class 3. "Moon Garden"

Staged on lattice panels, all photographs must be a 5"x7" displayed in an 8"x10" black mat with a non-glossy finish provided by exhibitor or the Show Committee. Photos may be either landscape or portrait mount.

Glossary of Terms

Abstract Design

A type of design in which there is a dominance of components chosen for their non-naturalistic character and/or components organized in a non-realistic, non-naturalistic manner.

Black & White Design

A type of design using black & white that the designer chooses.

Designer's Choice Design

A type of design that the designer chooses. Fresh plant material, dried plant material, or a combination of both.

Recycling Award

A design that is entered into a flower show that displays the best use of recycled items in the creation of beauty and /or originality. To an individual, for the use of a recycled item originally created by the exhibitor. Upon entering a flower show an exhibitor wishing to be considered for the recycling nomination must request a green recycling card from Classification, fill it out and attach it to the exhibit.

Spatial Thrust Design

A design consisting of two parallel placements of similar components. Emphasis is on the two thrusting lines and the space between them. Plant material and/or other optional components may be added to only the outer edges of the thrusting lines. Thrust may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. If emergence of the thrusting lines occurs on different planes, vacant space is not required until both lines appear on the same plane.

Thank You for participating

Horticulture Entries _____

Design Entries _____

Educational Exhibits _____

Botanical Arts Entries _____

Notes
