

# **“Strut Your Stuff”**

## **A NGC Standard Flower Show**

**Open to the public during Fair hours**

**Expo Center, Thurston County Fairgrounds  
3054 Carpenter Rd., Lacey, WA 360-786-5453**

**Thurston and Lewis County adult residents  
and youth aged pre-K through 18 may enter.**

### **Public Viewing Hours**

<b>July 31 – August 1, 2025</b>	<b>10:00 am to 9:00 pm</b>
<b>August 2, 2025</b>	<b>10:00 am to 10:00 pm</b>
<b>August 3, 2025</b>	<b>10:00 am to 8:00 pm</b>

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## Flower Show Committee

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**Presented by**  
**Black Hills District Garden Clubs**  
**July 31 – August 3, 2025**

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES**

**ENTRIES:** Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits entries will be accepted between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 in the Thurston Expo Center.

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION** is required in Division II, III, IV, and V by Friday, July 11, 2025 (Contact Section Consultant listed below in Schedule). EVERY EXHIBIT IN DIVISION II, III, IV, AND V MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LISTING OF THE NAMES OF THE PLANTS USED IN THE EXHIBIT.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Chairmen/Consultants in each Section shall check for conformity to the schedule.

**SPECIAL ENTRY TAGS** for Open Class Floral are available from the Fair Office during office hours, the Floral Dept. Superintendent and Black Hills District Club Presidents. A list of the Clubs and contact information for Club Presidents can be found at [www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs](http://www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs) .They are to be completed in **PENCIL**.

**EXHIBITORS:** May be any resident in Thurston and Lewis County and all members of the Black Hills District of Garden Clubs. Also, National Garden Clubs Student Judges may enter any adult class. Open to all judges who require credits.

**DAYS AND HOURS:** The show will be open to the public at 10 am each day of the Fair from Thursday through Sunday, close at 9 pm on Thursday, 10 pm on Friday and Saturday until the end of the Fair, Sunday, at 8 pm.

**JUDGING:** Judging will take place on Wednesday July 30 at 10:00 am. The General Chairman and the Classification Chairmen for each Division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.

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**AWARDS:** This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC), page 5. 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. The HB is available at local libraries and from Black Hills District Garden Club members. It is also available online at [NGC FS HB with REVISIONS - July 2023](https://www.gardenclub.org/) ([gardenclub.org](https://www.gardenclub.org/))

A list of the Clubs and contact information for Club Presidents can be found at [www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs](http://www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs) Stickers will indicate 1st Place, exhibit must score 90 or more (Blue), 2nd place, 85 or more (red), 3rd place, 80 or more (yellow) and Honorable Mention, 75 or more (white). The entry card with sticker may be exchanged for ribbons in the Fairground Office at the end of the fair. The decisions of the judges will be final. Any award may be withheld if the requirements are not met.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Show Committee will take all possible care to protect exhibits but will not be responsible for loss or damage.

**CONSERVATION LIST:** Plants on the Washington State Conservation List may not be used in this show unless grown by the Exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner.

**FRESH PLANT MATERIAL** shall be emphasized in this show.

**NO ARTIFICIAL “PLANT” MATERIAL** is permitted in any Division.

**REPLACING PLANT MATERIAL:** Wilted plant material may be replaced each morning before 9:30 am.

**REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:** Exhibits may be removed Sunday, August 3, 2025, after the Fair closes, between 8:00 pm–9:00 pm, and must be removed between 9:00 am -11:00 am on Monday, August 4. Please let the Superintendent know if there will be any problem in removing an exhibit.

**NON-COMPLIANCE:** Those not complying with these rules forfeit all prizes and premiums.

**POLICIES:** The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the HB, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.

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**DIVISION I**  
**HORTICULTURE - "Peacocks on Parade"**

**Horticulture Entry Chairman/Consultant:**  
**Debbie Ripley 360-280-5814 ripleydeba@gmail.com**

BEAUTIFUL ROSETTES for top division winners.

Entries in Division I are eligible for Betty Belcher Horticulture Award, NGC Award of Horticulture Excellence, Award of Merit, Arboreal Award, Growers Choice Award, Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub / Tree Award and Thurston County Fair Awards; the Lily Award, the Glad Award, the Vine Award, the Rose Award, the Gourmet Award, the Harvest Award and People’s Choice Award.

**HORTICULTURE RULES:**

The Sunset Western Garden Book will be used as reference authority

1. General Requirements:

- a. All plant material **MUST BE** fresh and grown by the exhibitor.
- b. Cut annuals and biennials must have been in the Exhibitor’s possession from seeds, cuttings or immature plants for at least 90 days; perennials for at least 90 days; bulbous blooms from planting of bulb, tuber or corm, for at least 90 days.
- c. Container-grown plants must have been in Exhibitor’s possession at least 90 days. Exceptions: Multiple plantings and combination plantings must have been in the Exhibitor’s possession and growing together at least six weeks.

2. Entry tags are available at the Fair Office, to be filled out **in pencil** in advance, if possible.

3. All specimens must be correctly named by Genus, species and/or cultivar/ variety. This name may be found in the Sunset Western Garden Book. Common name may also be given.



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4. An exhibitor may enter as many exhibits as desired in any class or sub-class provided each exhibit is a different cultivar, color or type. The Committee will sub-divide classes by variety/cultivar, color or type for judging.
5. Exhibitors must provide clear (uncolored) glass bottles for cut specimens. Your bottle(s) must be picked up on Sunday, August 3, between 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm or Monday, August 4, between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. After 11:00 am, remaining bottles will be discarded.
6. All specimens must be properly conditioned and groomed (cleaned). No shining agents are permitted.
7. Cut specimens should not have any foliage below water line. Wedging with plastic wrap or any other unobtrusive material is permitted.
8. Cut specimen length is not to exceed 30” except where noted.
9. Due to space limitations, containers in Sections L and M may be no larger than 12” in diameter; Section M Combination Plantings may be up to 16” in diameter. Double potting is permitted.
10. Youth horticulture will be entered in Division IV Youth Exhibits, Section A, Classes 11 and 12. All horticulture rules apply.





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## **GLOSSARY FOR HORTICULTURE**

**ARBOREAL:** Pertaining to trees and shrubs.

**BLOOM:** An individual flower, usually between 1/2 and 3/4 open.

**BUD:** An undeveloped flower (or leaf).

**CULTIVAR:** A cultivated variety of a plant.

**FRESH PLANT MATERIAL:** Any part severed from a living plant and in good condition.

**SCAPE:** A bare, leafless flower stem arising from the ground. Example: daylily, daffodil.

**SPIKE:** A lengthened flower cluster in which flowers are practically stemless. Example: Gladiolus, snapdragon.

**SPRAY:** A group of florets on a branched stem, each on its own stalk.

**STEM:** The major supporting structure in plants to which buds, leaves and flowers are attached at regular intervals at points called nodes.



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## **Section “A” – ANNUALS - “Black Shoulder Peacock”**

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class:

1. *Antirrhinum majus* (Snapdragon) one spike
2. *Calendula officinalis* (Calendula) three stems
  - a. same color
  - b. mixed colors
3. *Callistephus chinensis* (China Aster) three stems
  - a. same color
  - b. mixed colors
4. *Centaurea cynus* (Bachelor’s Button) three stems
  - a. same color
  - b. mixed colors
5. *Cosmos* - 3 stems
  - a. same colors
  - b. mixed colors
6. *Dianthus* (Carnations) - three stems
7. *Godetia* (Clarkia) - three stems
8. *Gypsophila elegans* (Baby’s Breath) - one stem
9. *Helianthus* (Sunflower) one stem or spray
10. *Helichrysum bracteatum* (Strawflowers) - three stems
  - a. same color
  - b. mixed colors
11. *Lathyrus odoratus* (Sweet Peas) - six stems
12. *Lavatera trimestris* (Lavatera) - one spray
13. *Limonium sinuatum* (Statice) - three stems
  - a. same color
  - b. mixed colors
14. *Nigella* (Love-in-a-Mist) - one spray
15. *Petunia x hybrida* (Petunia hybrids) - one spray
  - a. single
  - b. double
  - c. ruffled
  - d. other
16. *Rudbeckia hirta* (Gloriosa Daisy) - 3 stems
17. *Salpiglossis sinuata* (Painted-tongue) - 1 spray
18. *Schizanthus pinnatus* (Poor-man’s Orchid) - 1 spray

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19. *Tagetes* (Marigolds)
  - a. *T. erecta* (African or american) - 1 stem
  - b. *T. patula* (French) - 3 stems
  - c. Any other *Tagetes* - 1 stem if tall, 3 stems if small
20. *Tropaeolum majus* (Nasturtiums) - 3 stems
  - a. Singles
    - 1) same color
    - 2) mixed colors
  - b. Doubles
    - 1) same color
    - 2) mixed colors
21. *Viola* (Pansy) - 3 stems
22. *Zinnia*
  - a. Small flowered (under 1 1/2”) - 3 stems
  - b. Large flowered - 1 stem
23. Any other garden grown annual not listed.  
*No roadside flowers will be accepted in this Class.*

### Section “B” - PERENNIALS FROM FLESHY ROOTS - “Bronze”

Eligible for Lily Award and Award of Merit (Bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers other than *Gladiolus* and *Dahlias*)

Class

1. *Agapanthus* (Lily-of-the-Nile) - 1 stem
2. *Allium* (Garlic/onion Seed Head) - 1 stem if large, 3 if small
3. *Alstroemeria* - 1 spray
4. *Crocasmia* (Montbretia) - 3 stems
5. *Hemerocallis* (Daylily) - one scape
6. *Lillium* (Lily) - 1 stem
7. *Begonia* (Tuberous Begonia) - one bloom, stem 1” to 2” long
8. Any other perennial from fleshy roots not listed.

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## Section “C” – FLOWERING PERENNIALS – “Cameo”

(Other than fleshy rooted under Section “B” above)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class

1. *Achillea* (Yarrow) - 3 stems
2. *Aster* - 1 spray
  - a. *A. frickartii*
  - b. *A. novi-belgii* (Michaelmas Daisy)
  - c. Other garden asters
3. *Chrysanthemum* (Daisies)
  - a. *C. maximum* (Shasta Daisy) - 3 stems
  - b. *C. coccineum* (Painted Daisy, Pyrethrum) - 3 stems
  - c. *C. frutescens* (Marguerite) - 1 spray
  - d. Other early garden mums
4. *Delphinium* - 1 spike
5. *Gypsophila paniculata* (Baby’s Breath) - 1 stem
6. *Limonium latifolium* (Statice) - 1 stem
7. *Phlox paniculata* (Phlox) - 1 scape
8. *Physalis alkekengi* (Chinese Lantern) - 1 stem
9. Any other flowering perennial



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## **Section “D” - FOLIAGE PERENNIALS - "Charcoal"**

(other than fleshy rooted under Section B. above)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class

1. *Artemisia* – 1 stem
2. *Hosta* - 3 leaves
  - a. same variety
  - b. three varieties, 1 leaf each, card with names attached to entry card
3. *Phormium tenax* (New Zealand Flax) 1 leaf, may exceed 30"
4. *Senecio cineraria* (Dusty Miller) - 1 stem
5. Any other perennial grown primarily for foliage

## **Section “E” - ORNAMENTAL GRASSES – "Congo"**

(may have plumes, may exceed 30" to show gracefulness)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class:

1. Bamboo - 1 stem cut no more than 36" long
  - a. Clumping
  - b. Running
2. *Carex* (Sedge) - 5 stems, length appropriate to variety
3. *Cortaderia selloana* (Pampas Grass) - 3 stems, length in proportion to plume
4. *Miscanthus sinensis* (Eulalia Grass) - 5 stems, length appropriate to variety
5. Any other grass-like perennial

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## **Section “F” - DAHLIAS - "Green "**

Eligible for Dahlia Award

Dahlias must

1. have only one bloom per stem
2. have at least one pair of leaves (stem must be long enough for leaves to be above bottle rim)

### **SINGLE ENTRIES** - One stem each variety

Class

1. Bloom over 10"
2. Bloom 8" to 10"
3. Decorative.
  - a. Bloom 6" to 8"
  - b. Bloom 4" to 6"
4. Cactus
  - a. Bloom 6" to 8"
  - b. Bloom 4" to 6"
5. Waterlily
6. Ball (over 3 1/2")
7. Other types not listed above (peony, anemone, collarette, single, orchid, novelty, etc.)

### **MINIATURE ENTRIES** - 3 stems each variety

8. Miniature (under 4") Decorative
9. Miniature (under 4") Cactus
10. Mini balls (2" to 3 1/2")
11. Pompoms (2" and under)



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## **Section “G” – GLADIOLUS - "Indian "**

Eligible for the Glad Award

Note: Gladiolus is entered with attached leaves, preferably two for balance (leaves may be under water). The length of the stem should be in good balance to the blooms and very straight. The spike should have about one-third tight buds, one-third showing color, and one-third open blooms. Wedging with plastic wrap, Styrofoam or any other unobtrusive material is encouraged so that the spike stands as straight as possible. (Plastic wrap available from Show Committee.)

The Show Committee will sub-divide Gladiolus by color before judging.

1. Miniature - under 2 1/2” - 1 spike
2. Small - 2 1/2” to 3 1/2” - 1 spike
3. Medium - 3 1/2” to 4 1/2” - 1 spike
4. Large - 4 1/2” to 5 1/2” - 1 spike
5. Extra-large - 5 1/2” or larger - 1 spike
6. Three (3) spikes of same size, same or mixed colors

## **Section H. – VINES - "Midnight"**

Eligible for the Vine Award

Vines should be between 12” and 24” long

Class

1. *Clematis*
  - a. deciduous
  - b. evergreen
2. *Fatshedera*
3. *Hedera* (Ivy)
4. *Humulus* (Hops)
5. *Hydrangea anomala* (Climbing Hydrangea)
6. *Lonicera* (Honeysuckle)
7. Any other vining plant grown for summer interest

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## **Section “I”. - ROSES - " Opal "**

Eligible for the Rose Award

Class:

1. *Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora*,
  - a. one stem, one bloom per stem without side buds
  - b. spray, not disbudded, three or more florets
2. *Floribunda*, one spray
3. Climbing Rose, one spray
4. *Polyantha*, one spray
5. *Rugosa or Hybrid Rugosa*, one stem
6. David Austin English Rose, one stem
7. Miniature Rose
  - a. one stem, disbudded
  - b. one spray
8. Any other Rose
  - a. one stem
  - b. one spray

## **Section J. - FLOWERING SHRUBS & TREES - "Purple "**

Eligible for the Arboreal and Marva Lee Peterschick Awards

One branch not less than 12" or more than 30" long is permitted.

Class: (must be in bloom)

1. *Cotinus coggygria* (Smoke Tree)
  - a. Green
  - b. C.c. 'Purpureus' (Purple)
2. *Fuchsia* - cut branch
3. *Hibiscus syriacus* (Rose of Sharon)
4. *Hydrangea* - bloom will be sub-divided by color
  - a. H. macrophylla (big leaf)
  - b. H. petolaris (lace cap)
  - c. Any other type Hydrangea
5. *Magnolia grandiflora* - with bloom
6. Any other flowering shrub/tree in bloom

Note: Buddleia davidii (Butterfly Bush) will not be accepted because it is on the Washington State noxious weed list.

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## **Section “K” SHRUBS & TREES – "Silver "**

Eligible for the Arboreal Award. Other than flowering. Grown for summer interest due to foliage color or bold form. One branch not less than 12” or more than 30” long is permitted.

Class:

1. *Acer* (Maple)
  - a. *A. rubrum* Scarlet
  - b. *A. nugundo* (Box Elder)
  - c. *A. palmatum* (Japanese)
  - d. Any other maple (named)
2. *Aucuba japonica* (Japanese Aucuba)
  - a. spotted
  - b. colored margins
  - c. green
3. *Berberis thunbergii* (Barberry - Japanese)
  - a. green
  - b. red
  - c. other
4. *Fatsia* - one leaf
5. *Ginko*
6. *Mahonia* (Oregon Grape)
7. *Nandina*
8. Any other shrub/tree grown for summer interest because of color, texture or berry.

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## **Section “L” - CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS – FLOWERING**

### **"Spaulding "**

Eligible for Growers Choice Award

#### **Container-Grown Plants - Flowering and Combination**

Note: Container grown plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least three (3) months. Exceptions: multiple plantings, such as planters, dish gardens, etc. must have been grown together, by the exhibitor, for at least six (6) weeks. Exhibits shall be subdivided by variety and color. The Show Committee will sub-divide as needed before judging. Due to space limitations, the container may be no larger than 16” in diameter.

Combination Plantings may be up to 16” in diameter.

If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower, but it should be exhibited as a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.

#### **Class1 Flowering**

- a. Begonia
  - (1) *B. semperflorens* (Wax)
  - (2) *B. tuberhybrida* (Tuberous)
- b. Fuchsia
- c. *Orchidaceae* (Orchid)
- d. *Pelargonium* (Geranium)
  - (1) *P. domesticum* (Martha Washington)
  - (2) *P. hortorum* (common geranium, includes variegated, fancy-leafed or colored-leafed)
  - (3) *P. peltatum* (Ivy)
  - (4) *P. tomentosum* & others (scented)
- e. *Saintpaulia* (African Violet)
  - (1) single    (2) double    (3) trailing    (4) Mini
- f. Any other flowering container-grown plant - in bloom

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## Class: 2 Foliage

- a. Begonia - Fibrous-rooted
  - (1) *B. masoniana* (Iron Cross)
  - (2) *B. rex-cultorum* (Rex)
- b. Cactus
  - (1) single plant
  - (2) two or more cacti - 1 container
- c. *Crassula argentea* (Jade plant)
- d. Sedums and succulents, one variety
- e. Any other container-grown foliage plant not listed above

## Section “M” - CONTAINER-GROWN PLANTS – COMBINATIONS - "White "

Eligible for Growers Choice Award

Class:

- 1. Combination of Cactus, Sedums and/or Succulents
- 2. Combination of mixed varieties of flowering plants - in bloom
- 3. Combination of mixed varieties of foliage plants
- 4. Combination of flowering and foliage plants
- 5. Pots not to exceed 16” in height or width.



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## Section “N” – EDIBLES - "NBC "

Eligible for Harvest and Gourmet Awards

Stem length in proportion to exhibit, uniformity important

Exhibits to be displayed in clear bottle with water, provided by the exhibitor. Unobtrusive clear wedging permitted.

### Class: 1. Herbs

- a. *Allium* (Chives) - 10 blades
- b. *Aloysia triphylla* (Lemon Verbena) - 1 stem
- c. *Artemesia dracunculus* (French Tarragon) - 1 stem
- d. *Borago officinalis* (Borage) - 1 stem
- e. *Coriandrum sativum* (Coriander) - 3 stems
- f. *Lavandula angustifolia* (Lavender) - 5 stems
- g. *Melissa officinalis* (Lemon Balm) - 3 stems
- h. *Mentha* (Mint) - includes Pennyroyal - 1 stem
- i. *Ocimum basilicum* (Basil) – 1 stem
- j. *Origanum* (Oregano & Marjorams) - 3 stems
- k. *Petroselinum crispum* (Parsley) - 1 stem
- l. *Rosmarinus officinalis* (Rosemary) – 1 stem
  - a. Prostrate
  - b. Upright
- m. *Salvia officinalis* (Sage) - 1 stem
- n. *Thymus* (Thyme) - 3 stems same variety
- o. Any other named cut herb, number and length appropriate to variety

**Note:** Common Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) is considered a noxious weed and will not be accepted. Exception: The variety *Foeniculum vulgare azoricum* known as ‘bulbing’ fennel is permissible.



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## **Class 2: Fruits & Vegetables**

### **FRUITS**

- Should be clean and fresh, wiped, but not washed or polished.
- Other than berries, displayed on a foam tray, provided by the show committee.
- a. Berries - approximately 1/2 cup, shown in wrapped plastic glass
- b. Tree fruit - three specimens each variety, named

### **VEGETABLES**

- In general, uniformity (same size, shape, color) in multiple specimen exhibits is desired.
- c. Corn - three ears - trim shank to 1” from base, remove husk on 1/3 of each ear
- d. Rhubarb - three stems, pulled, not cut, with 1” leaf on stalk. Displayed on a foam tray, provided by the show committee.

### **SALAD FIXINGS**

- e. Cucumber - three of a variety
- f. Lettuce - one head, cleaned and groomed, may be washed, on Styrofoam tray lightly covered with plastic wrap (tray and wrap provided by the Show Committee)
- g. Tomatoes - clean with soft cloth
  - 1) Large - one tomato
  - 2) Medium (Patio-type) - three specimens
  - 3) Small (cherry-type) - six specimens
  - 4) Cluster of small tomatoes (cherry, pear, etc.) with 1/3 showing color, 1/3 some color, 1/3 green
- h. Pepper - three specimens
  - 1) Green    2) Other

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**SQUASH** - 1” stem attached, wipe clean gently

- i. Crookneck - 4” to 8” long, three specimens
- j. Pumpkin
  - 1) Large - one    2) Mini - three
- k. Spaghetti squash - one
- l. Zucchini
  - 1) Small/medium - 4” to 8” long, three specimens
  - 2) Large - one specimen
- m. Other squash, number depending on size of variety

**CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLES** - generally one head, remove outer leaves only

- n. Broccoli
- o. Cabbage
  - 1) green    2) red
- p. Cauliflower
- q. Kohlrabi - three specimens, same variety, - 2 - 2 1/2” diameter - cut tap root 1/2” below ball, trim leaf petioles to 2”

**ROOT CROPS** - less soil adheres if dug in dry weather

- r. Beets - three specimens, same variety, 2” diameter ideal, trim tops to 1 1/2”, remove small side roots but do not remove tap root. Brush or wash to remove soil
- s. Carrots - three specimens, same variety, remove side roots, trim tap root to 1/2” diameter, trim tops to 2”
- t. Onions
  - 1) Dry - 3 specimens, same variety. Do not remove outer scales, cut top to 1/2”
  - 2) Green - 6 specimens, same variety. Remove loose skin, cut tops 4” to 5” above white, trim roots to 1/2”

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- u. Garlic
  - 1) Regular - 3 bulbs
  - 2) Elephant - one bulb
- v. Potatoes - brush off soil gently, wash only if necessary, three specimens each variety, must be named
  - 1) white    2) red    3) yellow    4) any other potato

**LEGUMES** - six specimens same variety each class

- w. Beans
- x. Peas
- y. Snap peas

**ANY OTHER VEGETABLE** not mentioned above will be entered under the closest variety with entry tags marked “X”

## **Section “O” - ANY OTHER HORTICULTURE EXHIBIT** **“Eye of the Feather”**

(With consideration to available space and Horticulture Chairman approval)

Eligible for Award of Merit



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## **DIVISION II**

### **FLORAL DESIGN**

#### **“Saturday Night Fever”**

##### **Design Entry Chairman/Consultant:**

**Joanne Sandell    206-291-6195    sandelljoanne@gmail.com**

Eligible for Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Past President Awards; Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award, Judith Juno Petite Design Award and the Ellen B. Swenson Flower Arrangement Award. Also eligible for the NGC Award of Excellence; NGC Petite Design Award, Designers Choice Award, Recycling Award and Local Thurston County Fair Top Awards

District garden club members are eligible for NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB Top Exhibitor Awards.

Bring your design entry on Tuesday, July 29 between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm to the Thurston Expo Center to be entered in the show.

Your container should be removed on Sunday August 3 after the fair closes, between 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm or Monday, August 4 between 9:00 am -11:00 am.

#### **SPECIAL RULES FOR DESIGN**

1. Entries in this Division, Sections “A” and “B”, must be pre-registered by Friday July 11, 2025 by calling the Consultant listed with each Section.
2. If after committing to an entry, a designer is unable to enter the class, it is the designer’s responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Section Consultant.
3. Each design must have been created and placed by one exhibitor.
4. Only one entry per exhibitor is allowed in any Class.
5. A minimum of four (4) exhibits is required in each class.
6. Absolutely NO artificial flowers, fruit or foliage permitted.

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7. FRESH plant material may not be treated in any manner, including dye or paint. Take care with commercially available flowers – some are dyed.
8. Adult Design classes: width is limited to approximately 24” of table space unless otherwise stated.
9. Landscapes and/or scenes are not accepted in this Division.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their exhibits in good condition for the duration of the Fair.
11. Featured objects, accessories, container-grown plants growing in soil (where appropriate) and living plants with roots attached are permitted in all classes. Special effects are allowed where power is available.
12. Living members of the Animal Kingdom are not permitted.
13. Flags and religious symbols, if used, must be used properly.
14. FRESH plant material is to be emphasized in this show.
15. Plant materials used in this division do not need to have been grown by the exhibitor and may be commercially grown.
16. Cut fruits or vegetables are permitted if sealed unobtrusively to discourage insects, odors and discoloration.
17. Youth will enter their designs in Division IV, Section B, Classes 13 and 14.
18. Staging panels are allowed if used within the space permitted / allowed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
19. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show.



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## **GLOSSARY FOR DESIGN**

**ACCESSORY:** A subordinate object other than plant material used in a design e.g. a figurine, rock, etc.

**CREATIVE DESIGN:** Creative Design is not bound by traditional patterns or styles. A Design with a relationship between form and space and shows restraint in the amount of plant material and number of components.

**CREATIVE LINE DESIGN:** A Creative design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by open silhouette, a minimum of plant material and other components. Dominant feature is the movement in any direction, either vertically, horizontally, diagonally, etc.

**CREATIVE MASS:** A Creative Design emphasizing a greater proportion of plant material and components other than space.

- The silhouette of the design is visually closed and rhythm contained within.
- Open spaces may be incorporated within the closed silhouette.

**DESIGNERS CHOICE:** Designers choice of all components.

**FLOOR DESIGN:** A large design staged on the floor. It is not a design staged on a pedestal or base, even if the pedestal or base is incorporated in the design.

**MULTI-RHYTHMIC DESIGN** has emphasis on two or more rhythms in the design with one rhythm dominating. Lines created two (2) or more separate and distinct rhythms, each creating a different pattern and movement unlike the other. Lines may go in any direction, be continuous, interrupted and/or crossed.

**PETITE DESIGN:** A design ranging from 3” to 12”. Additional staging provided by the exhibitor is considered as part of the height requirement.

**REFLECTIVE DESIGN:** contains reflective materials that give back images of light to the viewer. The reflective materials are an integral part of the overall design. Staging in front or on a mirror is not acceptable.

**TWO CONTAINER DESIGN:** using two (2) complimentary containers. Containers may be side by side, affixed together, set slightly apart or connected with a "stretch" component



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## **Section “A” - "Discotheque"**

### **Section Consultant:**

**Becky Flaherty   360-955-1708   beckyflaherty88@yahoo.com**

### **Petite Designs**

A 3"x 5" index card listing all the plant materials used must be included. The list may use common plant names, but scientific binomial names are preferred. Use the internet for botanical names please. Four entries per class are required, but more entrants can be added upon request.

Class:

- 1. “Dancing in the Rain ” – 5”** creative design staged on marble block, placed on black table cloth on 8” of a 6’ table, Marble block and table cloth provided by the show committee. Dried, fresh or a combination of both plant materials are acceptable.
- 2. “YMCA” – 8”** Creative dried line design staged on acrylic riser, on 12” of an 8’ table, draped in black. Riser and table cloth provided by the show committee.
- 3. “Electric Boogie” – 12”** Creative Mass design staged on 18” x 18” space on table draped in black, provided by the show committee. Only fresh plant material .accepted.

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## **Section “B” – “Disco Ball”**

**Section Consultant:**

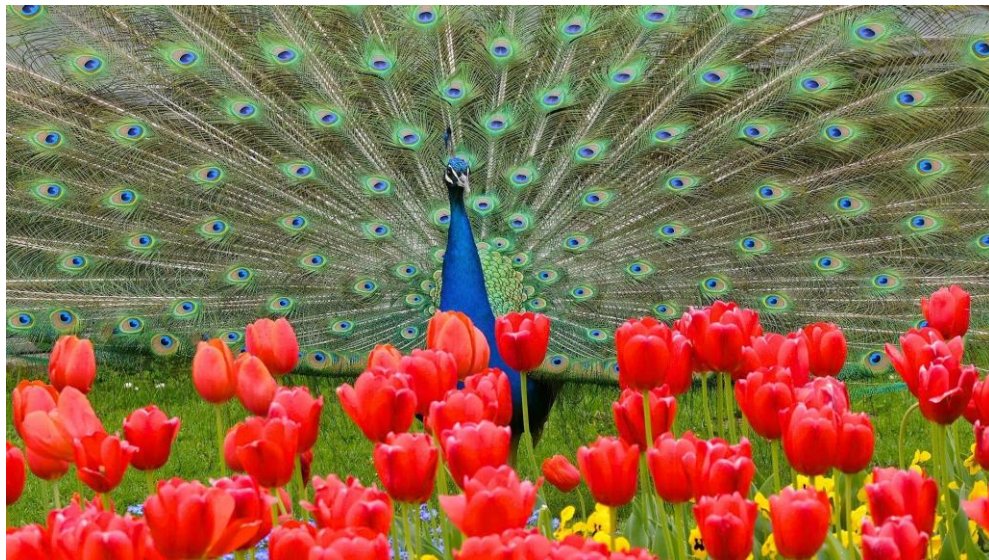
**Debbie Spiller 206-755-3616 dunespill@gmail.com**

### **Eligible for NGC Designers Choice**

**Designers Choice**-All fresh OR all dried OR a combination of plant material

Class:

- 4. "Do the Hustle"** – Reflective design staged on pedestal with a 20" round top, provided by the show committee. Additional table cover provided by the exhibitor is permitted.
- 5. "Dancing Queen"** –Multi rhythmic design staged in a 72" floor frame, provided by the show committee.
- 6. "The Robot"** – Creative line design staged on 24" of 6' x 30" table draped in black, provided by the show committee. Staging panel allowed.
- 7. "Boogie on Down"** Two container design staged on 24" of a 6' x 30, table, draped in black, provided by the show committee. Staging panel allowed



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## **DIVISION III**

### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### **“Bird Brain”**

**Education Entry Chairman/Consultant:**

**Ellen Daly 360-485-5253 ellendaly@hotmail.com**

Open to Black Hills District Garden Club members only. Contact your Club President for details. All displays will be staged on a 4' wide and 30" deep section of an 8' table. Including plant material is preferred and must be listed.

Eligible for the Educational Top Exhibitor Award and WSFGC Past President Carol Klingberg Educational Award.

#### **Exhibits:**

- 8. The Cultural Significance of Peacocks**
- 9. Birds in Contemporary Art**
- 10. Peacock Behavior**



## **DIVISION IV**

# **“Strut Your Stuff”**

## **YOUTH EXHIBITS**

### **“Pea Chick”**

#### **Youth Entry Chairman/Consultant-all Youth Sections:**

**Chris Hill    360-259-4420    chillnhil247@gmail.com**

Eligible for a Youth Achievement Award and the National Garden Club, Inc. Youth Top Exhibitor Award.

#### **General requirements:**

Exhibits are entered on Tuesday, July 29th between 3 pm -7 pm at the Thurston Expo Center. All entries in Sections B should be registered with the Youth Entry Chairman / Consultant no later than Friday, July 11, 2025  
No pre-registration is needed for horticulture entries.

Exhibits may be removed Sunday, August 3, after the Fair closes, between 8:00 pm–9:00 pm, and must be removed between 9:00 am - 11:00 am on Monday, August 4. Please let the Superintendent know if there will be any problem in removing an exhibit.

#### **General Rules:**

1. Youth Exhibits are grouped as follows:  
Junior - Preschool through age seven  
Intermediate - Ages eight through twelve.  
(ADV) High School – Ages 13 through 18.
2. All National Garden Club policies and rules apply.
3. All Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor although plants can be part of a family garden or yard.
4. Entry cards for Section A will be filled out by exhibitor in advance. They are available in the Fair office and from Black Hills District Presidents. A list is available at [www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs](http://www.blackhillsdistrict.com/clubs)
5. Section B – No artificial plant material allowed. Plant material must be listed on a 3x5 white card.
6. Entry cards for Section B will be done by the Youth Entry Chairman/Consultant.

#### **Section “A” Horticulture - “Bird Seed”**

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Open to all youth age groups

Class:

**11.** Potted Plants indoor or outdoor, 8” max

**12.** Cut Flowers

Staged by the show committee in age groups on an 8’ table.

Notes: a. & b. – Bring your horticulture entry in water in a clear beverage bottle of appropriate size with label removed. Leaves should be removed from the stem that is in the water.

- a. Flowering annuals (annual plants complete their life cycle within one growing season, typically, from spring to fall)
- b. Flowering perennials (plants that persist for many growing seasons; generally, the top portion of the plant dies back each winter and regrows the following spring)
- c. Garden produce - Show committee will provide foam plates to display exhibits
- d. Container grown plant material-container not to exceed 8” in diameter.

## **Section “B” Design–“Pretty Baby”**

Note: Floral design is the art of using plant materials and flowers to create a pleasing and balanced composition.

Open to all youth age groups. Limited to 4 entries for each age group

Class:

**13. “Plumage”** - Collage, maximum 8.5” x 11.5” displayed on easel, provided by the show committee.

**14. “Feather the Nest”** Design in a mug, not to exceed 12” in any direction. Craft feathers allowed.



## **DIVISION V**



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## **BOTANICAL ARTS**

### **“Ruffle Your Feathers”**

**Entry Chairman / Consultant:**

**Jeff Johnson    760-413-2784    1.24x10e8@gmail.com**

Eligible for Award of Merit and Recycling Award

**BOTANICAL ARTS:** Botanical Arts is a division in a standard flower show or specialty show that allows for additional types of Horticulture, Design and other art-like exhibits, which are not included in the regular Horticulture and Design Divisions. The Botanical Arts Division provides for additional opportunities for exhibiting and creativity.

### **General requirements**

1. All exhibits must contain some plant material. No artificial plant material permitted.
5. Plant material must be listed.
6. Limit of 4 entries per class. **Advanced registration is required by July 11, 2025.** Contact the Section Consultants below.

### **GLOSSARY FOR BOTANICAL ARTS**

**DRIED AND PRESERVED SPECIMENS:** No additional embellishments (dyes, glitter, spray paint or manipulation such as cutting or twisting) permitted. Materials such as Petal-Proof, Super Surface Sealer or hairspray are permitted to prevent shattering of fragile seed heads, etc.

**MINIATURE LANDSCAPE / FAIRY GARDEN:** Emphasis not necessarily on plant material but some live plant materials must be included

### **Section “A” Botanical Arts Horticulture**



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## **“Emerald Peacock”**

### **Section Consultant:**

**Sharon McKissick 360-556-5571 smckissick@aol.com**

Class:

#### **15. “Color Spectrum ” – Dried Flowers**

- a: Air dried
- b: Pressed
- c: Glycerinated

**16. “Magical Bird”** - Miniature Landscape no larger than 24” in any direction. Staged on 24” of an 8’ table draped in black, provided by the show committee. No staging panel allowed. Requires accessories.

**17. “Pride of the Peacock”** – Tall grasses over 30”, displayed on 8’ table draped in black, provided by the show committee. No staging panel allowed. Unobtrusive wedging permitted



### **Section “B” Botanical Arts Crafts**

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## **“Peacock Projects”**

### **Section Consultant:**

**Dee Murdaugh    360-704-0623    deannamurdaugh@gmail.com**

Note: Exhibit must contain some fresh and/or dried material. Only dried material may be treated. Eligible for the NGC Artistic Crafts Award and the WSFGC Past President Joann Goldman Artistic Craft Award.

Class:

**18. "Pretty as a Peacock"** – Fascinator (hat) displayed on Styrofoam wig heads, provided by the show committee. To be displayed on 18" of a 6' x 30" table draped in black provided by the show committee. No staging panel allowed. Must contain some plant material.

**19. "Colorful Feathers"** – Flat fan made by exhibitor. Maximum 15" x 15" displayed on 18" H x 18"W x 1.5"D black velvet shadow box provided by the show committee. No staging panel allowed. Must contain some plant material. Feathers required, real or imitation. Cannot use Eagle feathers or taxidermy.

**20. "Disco Date"** – Decorated evening bag, provided by the exhibitor. Maximum size 12" x 12" displayed against an acrylic rectangular block provided by the show committee. No staging panel allowed. Must contain some plant material.



## **SCALES OF POINTS**

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## I. All Cut or Container-Grown Horticulture Specimens and Collections (Arboreal, Flowering, Foliage, Fruit/Vegetable/Nuts)

Criteria	Value
Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
<b>Peak of Perfection</b>	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
<b>Grooming/Staging</b>	
Grooming	10
Staging	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## II. Combination Plantings and Gardens

Criteria	Value
Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Labeling	5
<b>Peak of Perfection</b>	
Form	10
Color	10
Condition	10
Show-worthy size	5
Overall effect	30
Creative/Distinctive	5
Grooming	10
Staging	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## III. Displays

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Criteria	Value
Conformance	5
Plant Identification	5
Labeling	5
Grooming	5
<b>Peak of Perfection</b>	
Form	10
Color	10
Maturity/Size	10
Condition	10
Design Principles	30
Creative/Distinctive	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### IV. All Designs

Criteria	Value
<b>Conformance</b>	
To type	7
To schedule requirements	7
Design Principles	48
Selection of Components	8
Organization of Components	8
Expression	8
Distinction	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### V. Educational Exhibits

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Criteria	Value
<b>Educational value</b>	
Interest to viewer	25
Clear, concise presentation	15
Adequate signage	10
Conforms to NGC objectives	10
<b>Staging</b>	
Craftsmanship/Technique	10
Distinction	10
Creativity and Expression	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## VI. Artistic Crafts

Criteria	Value
Conformance	<b>25</b>
Design	30
Craftsmanship/Technique	25
Distinction	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## VII. Photography

Criteria	Value
Conformance	5
Interpretation of Class Title	10
Composition	25
Artistry/Creativity	25
Technical Achievement	25
Distinction/Impact (WOW factor)	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## Notes

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