

# Fall Symposium Horticulture Guidelines

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1. Entries are open to all GCV members and the public. Advance registration is NOT required except for classes 1 and 2. Please carefully read and follow the show rules and guidelines.
2. Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months. Ownership deadline is June 25, 2018.
3. Grooming each entry is encouraged. Helpful grooming and showing tips may be found on the GCV Symposium website Horticulture page.
4. The presence of any foreign substance applied to the foliage, stem or bloom will result in the entry not being passed nor entered in the show.
5. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as she likes and is allowed up to three entries in the same class provided that each is a different cultivar, except as noted in the schedule. An exhibit may not be entered in an "other" class if there is a class that calls for that genus specifically.
6. Exhibitors are to use their own containers except as otherwise noted in the schedule. Containers are to be plain, glass bottles without labels, metal rings, handles or conspicuous markings. . Bottles should be of a size complementary to the specimen. Bottles in the general horticulture should be GREEN glass. Bottles in the rose classes should be CLEAR glass. GCV will provide test tube containers at the show for use in selected classes as specified in the schedule.
7. Exhibitors are to provide wedging material of their choice as needed, except boxwood. Boxwood is NOT allowed. Suitable wedging material may include yew, privet or other small leaf green plant material, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, cotton balls or twigs.
8. Mats, stands and accessories are not allowed. Unobtrusive staking is permitted. Weights or pebbles may be used in the bottles.
9. GCV entry cards will be provided at the show or may be found online. Exhibitors are responsible for the proper labeling of exhibits. The use of binomial nomenclature is encouraged. Entry cards and key cards should be filled out using black, waterproof ink or typed.
10. Members of the Horticulture and Rose Committees will be available in the workroom to provide assistance in plant identification and nomenclature.
11. Each exhibit will be passed by the passing committee. The passing committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not conform to the schedule. The exhibitor has the option of correcting the entry, if time permits. If not corrected, the entry cannot be judged and may be marked "For Exhibit Only." The judges will not judge any entry passed by the passing committee if evidence of insect infestation or disease is identified. Once an exhibit is passed, it will be placed on the exhibit floor by the committee and may not be touched again by the exhibitor.
12. The registration committee will give each exhibit an entry number that will be recorded on the entry card. The entry number will also be placed on the bottom of the exhibit to help ensure that an entry card separated from the exhibit during placement can be returned to the proper entry before judging.

13. An exhibitor may mark the back of the exhibit with a white chalk mark or a white dot if they would like to indicate the back of the exhibit and how to place the exhibit.
14. A key card (diagram or plant list) must accompany the exhibit when different species or cultivars are in one exhibit. Key cards must be a 4" x 6", white, unlined card and typed or written in black, waterproof, ballpoint pen. Alternatively a 4" x 6" photograph may be used with identifying numbers that correspond to a plant list. If exhibiting a collection of different species in a test tube block, each stem should be identified in the test tube.
15. An exhibit will be measured using the "lip to tip" rule: from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem. No exhibit should exceed 24" from lip to tip. Exhibits in containers are measured at the diameter or diagonal of the inside rim.
16. The committee may at its discretion place an exhibit in a different class or subdivide classes.
17. Only participating judges and clerks will be allowed on the show floor during judging.
18. Plants on the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation List of Invasive Plants or the DCR List of Rare Plants may not be exhibited.
19. Dried plant material and artificial plant material are not permitted.
20. Plant material showing evidence of insects or disease must be removed immediately from the exhibition area.
21. Exhibits, entry cards, ribbons and awards may be removed from the show by the exhibitor between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 26. After that time, entry cards, ribbons and awards will be available for pickup at the KVH for a period of two months.