

GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA WORKSHOP
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INTRODUCTION

Horticulture is the Science and Art of Cultivating plants – flowers, fruits, vegetables, trees and shrubs. Horticulture adds educational value to the community through Flower Shows. All who participate are provided an opportunity to exhibit and view well-grown, well-groomed, correctly identified fresh plant material.

1. Terminology

Nomenclature is defined as a system of names used in a particular science. Plant names are determined by Botanical Classifications.

Botanical Classification is the orderly arrangement of plants into hierarchal groups by their philological and metaphorical traits..

Most plants are identified by their binomial name. This consists of two terms denoting Genus and Species, in that order. Example: *Lillium longiflorum*. If the plant is a hybrid, the Cultivar name is added. Example: *Lillium longiflorum* “Casa Rosa”.

2. General Rules

- a) All plant material entered in Horticulture for a Flower Show must be fresh and had been grown by the Exhibitor.
- b) Cut Annuals and Biennials must have been in the Exhibitor’s possession from seeds, cuttings or immature plants.
- c) All specimens entered in a Flower Show should be correctly labeled with Botanical names or the currently accepted scientific identifications for their educational value.
- d) Cut specimens should not have foliage below the waterline.
- e) Wedging in the neck of a container is permitted to improve the pose of a specimen. Wedging may be visible must not detract from the cut specimen. Where necessary, all wedging must be of the same material throughout the Horticulture for the Show.

3. Staging

This involves the proper presentation of the specimens.

- a) Containers used for water must be uniform within each Class.
- b) Clear containers must be used as the stem of the specimen needs to be seen for judging purposes.
- c) Each cut specimen must be in a separate container.
- d) Containers should be clean with no debris at the bottom.
- e) The Committee may provide blocks for elevation, Shelves, frames, etc.
- f) Staging must not detract from plant material, as the plant material must dominate.

4. General Judging Considerations

For these considerations, please refer to the attached three Point Scoring Sheets.

- a) Flowering Specimens or specimens with Colorful Bracts, cut or container grown.
- b) Foliage Specimens, cut or container-grown
- c) Arboreals – foliage, flowering, fruited or cone. Cut specimens only.