

# PLANTS & CUT FLOWERS

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Flowers in ALL classes must be HOME GROWN, established in suitable containers. Any exhibit not worthy will not be awarded a prize. At the discretion of the judge and the committee, a section may be subdivided.

## Helpful Hints for Preparing Materials

### *(Ontario Judging Standards for Horticultural & Floral Design)*

1. Cut flowers and foliage the evening before the show or in the early morning.
2. Flowers stay fresher and show better if there are NO LEAVES in the container.
3. Make a fresh slanting cut at the end of stems for maximum water intake.
4. Place in a wide bucket in deep *warm water*, preferably overnight.
5. Store in a dark, humid, draft-free place.
6. Some cut flowers, foliage and woody materials do not readily absorb water and require further treatment to prevent wilting. Woody branches may benefit from splitting cut ends and some need the thick outer layer removed as well. Some cut flowers (e.g. poppies) benefit from burning the stem ends while others benefit by placing stem ends in boiling water or from chemicals in the water. About 2 tsp. of glycerine in 4L of water, or florist crystals may be beneficial. Details are also available in flower arranging books.
7. Removal of dust, stains and other foreign material from blooms and foliage enhances the exhibit.
8. Re-cut stem ends before placing in show containers.

## POTTED PLANTS

**Prizes : 1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00**

**NOTE: Only the plant listed should be in the container.**

1. Shamrock plant
2. African Violet, SINGLE CROWN, any colour
3. Any kind of fern - NAMED
4. Fibrous Begonia, any number of plants growing in a container
5. Philodendron, not over 20 in. high including pot
6. Tuberous begonia, in bloom, in pot
7. Baby tears, small leaves
8. Unlisted houseplant in bloom
9. One or more varieties of succulent plants (includes cactus) in one container, not over 20 in. high including pot.
10. Coleus plant collection growing in container (1 or more varieties)
11. Any kind of ivy



12. Unlisted house plant UNDER 12" (NAMED)
13. Unlisted house plant OVER 12" (NAMED)
14. Any variety of orchid

## CUT FLOWERS

- ◇ All cut flowers should be shown with own foliage.
- ◇ **Support in suitable container. Floral oasis should not be used. Glass beads, pin or glass frogs are allowed for support.**
- ◇ Bloom - An individual flower, one to a stem. A bud is considered a bloom.
- ◇ Stem or Stalk - A plant structure carrying one or more flowers and/or buds. It may be branched e.g. sweet peas, iris
- ◇ Spray - A portion of a plant with a number of flowers e.g. chrysanthemum, petunia, floribunda roses etc.

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15. Hosta, 3 leaves each a different variety, 4" or less in width
16. Hosta, 3 leaves each a different variety, more than 4" in width
17. Perennials (unlisted) 3 stems, one variety, OVER 15" high (including container), NAMED
18. Perennials (unlisted) 3 stems, one variety, UNDER 15" high (including container), NAMED
19. One variety of white daisies, 5 stems
20. One variety of double white daisies, 5 stems
21. One variety of daisies other than white, 5 stems
22. Calla Lily, 1 stem with own leaf
23. Daylily, 1 scape (stem), any colour with own foliage
24. Bee Balm, 5 stems, red or pink
25. Bee Balm, 5 stems, mauve or purple
26. Petunias, single, 1 SPRAY with own foliage
27. Hydrangea, 1 stem, white
28. Hydrangea, 1 stem, coloured
29. Tuberous Begonia, one bloom floating in open bowl, NO foliage (must float and not touch sides of bowl)
30. Sweet Peas, perennial, best display with own foliage
31. Pansies, best display
32. 1 flowering hosta stem with leaf from same plant - NAMED
33. Rose - one bloom floating in an open bowl, NO foliage (must float and not touch sides of bowl)
34. Rose - Hybrid Tea, 1 stem in a vase with own foliage
35. One stem of miniature roses
36. Rose with best fragrance - 1 stem in a vase
37. Astilbe, 3 stems
38. Lilies, one stem, any shade of pink
39. Lilies, one stem, yellow or yellow blend