

## DIVISION I. HORTICULTURE

## “Blue Plate Special”

### Horticulture Rules HB pg. 27-28

1. All General Rules apply.
2. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division.
3. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the HB pgs. 55 - 56, or its supplement, *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
4. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. HB pg. 40
5. Division I - Horticulture entries are open to all amateur gardeners. Exhibitor may make more than one Horticulture entry per class or subclass, if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color.  
Entry forms for Horticulture entries will be available at November-March monthly club meetings and to download online at [www.lemonbaygardenclub.org](http://www.lemonbaygardenclub.org).  
Registration for Horticulture entries shall be in advance with Elaine Schweitzer; 941-408-5912; [likkorish4@yahoo.com](mailto:likkorish4@yahoo.com), or Linda Geoghegan; 401-529-6669; [lindag1206@gmail.com](mailto:lindag1206@gmail.com), prior to March 6, 2020 in order to be computerized.  
Entry cards for exhibitors to fill in with pencil will be available at the February and March meetings and from Joan Tyrer, Elaine Schweitzer or Linda Geoghegan.
6. Horticulture Committee members' entries of Horticulture will be accepted on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All other members' horticulture entries will be accepted on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Exhibitor will present filled-in entry card to Entries Chair who will give the Exhibitor an Entry Number. The Exhibitor writes that number on all entry tags. Then Classification Committee will check each entry for conformance.  
**Cut Specimens:** Exhibitor will place cut specimens in transparent bottles provided by the show committee. Clear plastic wedging will also be available. Finally the exhibitor will put the entry on the Placement table.  
**Container-Grown specimens:** Exhibitor will place Container-Grown entries on the Placement table after the Classification committee approves it.  
**ONLY Placement Committee members are permitted in the Clubhouse (Exhibition Area)**
7. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chair and/or General Show Chair are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics. There should be several exhibits (usually 3) or more to justify subdividing.
8. Space may limit the number of entries in any horticulture class. Decision to be made by Horticulture Consultant, Joan Tyrer and/or Horticulture Placement Committee.
9. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor.
10. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
11. 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 a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
12. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the “Any Other Worthy” class.

13. Container grown plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for no fewer than ninety (90) days except for plants grown from seed, seedling cuttings, or immature transplants, bulbs, tubers, corms, or rhizomes. Combination plantings must have been in the exhibitor's possession and grown together not fewer than six (6) weeks. Cut specimens must have been cared for as a mature plant at least ninety (90) days. Arboreals (woody ornamentals) must have been in the exhibitor's possession for six (6) months. *HB* pg. 55
14. Each specimen in a combination planting must be correctly and clearly labeled on a 4" x 6" index card with the current scientific designation and in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the container.
15. Horticulture specimens must be of superior quality and well groomed. Exhibits of inferior quality or not conforming to the schedule will be disqualified.
17. Double potting and staking are allowed. Inner pot must not be visible and staking must be unobtrusive.
18. Containers for combination plantings are not to exceed 16" diameter; all other container-grown plants are not to exceed 14" diameter. NO entries over 20 lbs.
19. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or subclass, if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, form, size, or color.
20. Plant material may not be altered by the application (treatment) of oil, commercial "shine" products, etc. that may artificially change the natural color and texture.
21. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Standard System of Awarding will be used. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, pg. 129.
22. Exhibitors MUST remove all entries from the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 14, 2020 between 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Any remaining entries will be disposed of without notification.