

GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *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**.
2. There must be an emphasis on **FRESH** plant material. No artificial plant material (flowers, foliage, fruit, vegetables) is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
3. Division I – Horticulture entries are open to all amateur gardeners. Entry forms for **Horticulture entries** will be available at November-March monthly club meetings and to download online at www.lemonbaygardenclub.org. Registration for Horticulture entries shall be in advance with Elaine Schweitzer; 941-408-5912; likkorish4@yahoo.com, or Linda Geoghegan; 401-529-6669; lindag1206@verizon.net, prior to March 10, 2018. **Entry cards** for exhibitors to fill in will be available at the February and March meetings and from Joan Tyrer, Elaine Schweitzer or Linda Geoghegan.
4. Division II – the Botanical Arts Horticulture Section entries are open to members of clubs affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Entry forms for **Botanical Arts Horticulture entries** will be available at November-March monthly club meetings and to download online at www.lemonbaygardenclub.org. Registration for Botanical Arts Horticulture exhibits shall be in advance with Kathy Myers; 941-830-0178; jkmyers1976@gmail.com, prior to March 6, 2018. **Entry cards** for exhibitors to fill in will be available at the February and March meetings and from Kathy Myers, Elaine Schweitzer or Linda Geoghegan.
5. Division III – Education exhibits are open to Lemon Bay Garden Club members. Registration for Education exhibits shall be in advance with Entries Chair, Carol Kress; 802-349-5450; cjkress77@gmail.com, prior to March 6, 2018. Pre-printed **entry cards** will be distributed by Entries/Placement Chairs upon your arrival at Lemon Bay Garden Club, 480 Yale St., Englewood, FL.
6. ALL entries will be accepted on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.
7. 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. The Classification Chair for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.
8. Judging will begin at 9:00 a. m., Friday, March 16, 2018. The General Chair and the Classification Chair for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the judges and clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.

9. Entry cards of **all** blue ribbon-winning exhibits **must** be signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel for that class. **All** non-blue ribbon exhibits scoring **90+** points must be so designated on the entry card, and signed and dated by an NGC Accredited Judge on the judging panel. **All** other entry cards **must** be initialed by an NGC Accredited Judge or Student Judge on the judging panel. Top exhibitor award rosettes must be signed on the back by an NCG Accredited Judge who judged the class..
10. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
11. The Flower Show will be open to the public on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
12. Exhibitors **MUST** remove all entries on Saturday, March 17, 2018 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Any remaining entries will be disposed of without notification.
13. Native plants may be entered provided such plants have been legally obtained and grown by the exhibitor for at least three months. Refer to:
www.floridaforestservice.com/forest_management/plant_conserve_list.-.html
14. The use of plant material classified as Federal Noxious or Florida Prohibited. Aquatic plants are prohibited.
www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/weeds/downloads/-weedlist.pdf
15. The use of plant material on Florida's Federally Listed Plant Species as endangered or threatened is prohibited.
www.floridaforestservice.com/forest_management/plant_conservation-index.html
16. No solicitation material may be included in any exhibits.
17. The Lemon Bay Garden Club Flower Show Committee will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
18. Additional awards must conform to NGC flower show policies.