

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
New England Region  
presents**

**Recycle**  
**A Standard  
Flower Show**



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**FLOWER SHOW GENERAL RULES**

1. "Recycle" A Standard Flower Show is staged according to rules of National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) using as its authority The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 Revised Edition (abbreviated Handbook) and any changes published in The National Gardener. The flower show's emphasis is on fresh plant material.
2. Entries are open to members of the National Garden Clubs and its affiliates. Each entry is to be the work of one exhibitor except in Special Exhibits Division III where two or more exhibitors may collaborate.
3. All entries must be confirmed with Entries Chairmen.
4. ENTRY DATE: Monday Oct. 18, 2010, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. REMOVAL DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2:00 pm. Exhibitors must remove or have someone remove their exhibits at the close of the NER Annual Meeting.

5. Treating of fresh plant material and the use of artificial plant material are strictly prohibited. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit.
6. Wild collected plants of species listed by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Threatened Plants of Vermont may not be exhibited in this flower show. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list may be used if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it has not been wild collected.
7. Plants listed on the Vermont Department of Agriculture Classes A and B Noxious Weeds List may not be exhibited in this flower show.
8. Only Exhibitors and the Committee will be allowed in the Show area while exhibits are being entered. Only required personnel as determined by the General Chairman will be permitted in the flower show area during judging.
9. Judging begins at 12:30 pm, October 18, 2010. The decision of the judges is final. Awards are given only if merited. Judges are required to note 90+ for non-blue ribbon winning exhibits.
10. The Standard System of Judging is used and allows for one First (90 points or above, blue ribbon), one Second (85 points or above, red ribbon), one Third (80 points or above, yellow ribbon), and one or more Honorable Mention (75 points or above, white ribbon) in each class.
11. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep his/her exhibit in pristine condition throughout the show. An exhibit may be removed at the discretion of the Committee.
12. The New England Region and Stratton Resort distinctly disclaim all liability for loss or damage to designs and personal property belonging to the exhibitors.

**HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES**

1. All cut specimens must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor at least 90 days.
2. Maximum stem length for Sections A, B, and C Arboreal exhibits is 30 inches. No vines.
3. Exhibitors provide their own wedging material and transparent (clear or lightly tinted) glass bottles with no labels or writing. No foliage below the water line for cut specimens in bottles.
4. Entry Cards (NGC # 7145), available through National Garden Clubs at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) or by contacting Ronnie Schoelzel, should be completed in advance with waterproof ink, if possible. All horticulture specimens must be labeled with the correct botanical name (genus, species, variety/cultivar) to be eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.
5. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or sub-class if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size or color.
6. All entries must be approved for conformance to the schedule by the Classification Chairman before placement by Committee. The Committee may delete or subdivide any class.
7. Horticulture entries will be judged by the appropriate Scales of Points found in Handbook, pp 298-300.
8. All Division I exhibits are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence (rosette of green/orange/blue ribbons) and the Arboreal Award (rosette of green ribbons). Award Requirements: Handbook, pp 42-45.

**Horticulture Division I – "Renew"**

**All exhibits are eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence and the Arboreal Award.**  
Exhibits staged on 29" high x 8' long x 30" deep tables covered with white cloths.

*One three foot stack of newspapers is equal to one tree, approximately 30 feet tall.*

**"Renewable Resource"**

**Section A - Deciduous Branches - Foliage, Flowering or Fruited. Cut specimen, maximum length 30".**

Exhibitors provide transparent (clear or lightly tinted) glass bottles. Seasonal color of foliage is permitted. No vines.

**Class 1 Foliage**

**Class 2 Fruited/berried**

*(Ilex verticillata foliage not required)*

**Class 3 Flowering**

*In the summer, nearly one third of all summer waste handled by garbage haulers consists of grass clippings.*

**"Share the Earth"**

**Section B - Needled Evergreen Branches - Foliage, Fruited or Coned. Cut specimen, maximum length 30".**

Exhibitors provide transparent (clear or lightly tinted) glass bottles.

**Class 4 Picea (Spruce)**

**Class 5 Pinus (Pine)**

**Class 6 Any other needled evergreen branch**

*Recycled grass clippings and finely chopped leaves add vital nutrients and organic matter to the lawn, trees and shrubs at no cost.*

**"Recycling Makes Cents"**

**Section C - Broadleaf Evergreen Branches. Cut specimen, maximum length 30".** Exhibitors provide transparent (clear or lightly tinted) glass bottles.

**Class 7 Ilex - Berried**

**Class 8 Ilex - Without berries**

**Class 9 Any other broadleaf evergreen branch**

## DESIGN DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibit is to be the work of a single exhibitor. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but only one exhibit per class. The exhibitor must find a substitute if unable to fulfill this commitment.
2. Some plant material must be used in every exhibit. The following are not permitted: artificial plant material, cut fruits or vegetables, menu food, treating of fresh plant material, live animals, landscapes or scenes. Refer to the Handbook, pp 189-190 for NGC policies.
3. All designs may be completed at home.
4. On entry day, a preliminary list of plant material (common names) must be submitted to the Classification Chairman. When the design is completed and before the exhibitor leaves the show area, the design is passed by the Design Classification Chairman who checks for conformance to the schedule.
5. Design entries will be judged by the appropriate Scales of Points found on page 303 of the Handbook.
6. All Division II exhibits are eligible for the Award of Design Excellence (rosette of gold ribbons). Sec. A exhibits are eligible for Designer's Choice Award (rosette of purple ribbons). Sec. B exhibits are eligible for the Petite Award (small rosette of blue/white ribbons). Award Requirements: Handbook, pp 41-55.

## Design Division II – “Recycle”

All exhibits are eligible for the Award of Design Excellence.

### Section A – “Reuse”

Eligible for the Designer's Choice Award.

Classes 2, 3 are placed on the 1” wide x 22” long shelf of a lightweight 67” tall easel. Shelf is 35” from the floor.

*62,860 trees must be cut to provide pulp for a single edition of the Sunday New York Times.*

#### **Class 1**

#### **“Beautiful Foliage, A Natural Resource”**

A Design of Traditional or Creative style staged on a white pedestal 39” high x 18” wide x 18” deep (4 entries).

*It usually takes less energy to make recycled products; recycled aluminum, for example, takes 95% less energy than new aluminum made from bauxite ore.*

#### **Class 2 “Renewable Energy”**

A Creative Plaque staged on a background panel provided by the exhibitor. Panel must be at least 4 square feet (4 entries).

*Household hazardous materials (HHM) have potential to create a hazard if handled improperly and can be a threat to the health and safety of everyone in the home.*

#### **Class 3 “Hazardous Waste”**

An Assemblage staged on a background panel provided by the exhibitor. Panel must be at least 4 square feet (4 entries).

#### **Section B – “Reduce” Small Designs**

Eligible for the Petite Award.

Exhibits are placed on a white shelf 48” long x 12” deep with an attached white background 48” long x 12” high. Shelf is 54” from the floor.

*Americans throw away 31.6 million tons of yard waste (grass, brush, leaves) each year. In the fall, leaves comprise as much as half of all waste generated by residents.*

#### **Class 4 “Conserving Beauty”**

A Small Traditional Design made predominately of foliage staged in a space 11” wide x 11” deep (4 entries).

*When recycled materials go into new products, they don't go into landfills or incinerators, so landfill space is conserved.*

#### **Class 5 “Open Space”**

A Parallel Small Design staged in a space 11” wide x 11” deep (4 entries).

*Consumers buy new electronic products and discard an older functioning product - Ewaste. Old TVs, computers, cell phones could have a second life if donated to a recycling or reuse program.*

#### **Class 6 “E- Waste”**

A Small Creative Plaque staged on a background panel 8” high x 8” wide provided by the exhibitor. On entry day, the Plaque will be attached to a 4” wide x 6” high Lucite frame provided by the Committee (4 entries).

### **The Future Starts Today**

*National Garden Clubs' New England Region 2009-2011 Theme*

**Recycling** is one of the best ways to conserve our natural resources and to keep the environment green. Equally as important is reducing our consumption of resources, and reusing them wherever possible. Each of us plays an important part by not wasting our precious resources. Recycle, reduce and reuse are the best way to conserve.

*May 3, 2010 Preliminary Schedule: Class Numbers, staging and times are subject to change. To be released May 2010.*

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*At the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The New England Region of  
National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

 **This Schedule is printed on Recycled Paper.**

**Free admission.**

*October 18, 2010, 5 pm – 7 pm  
October 19, 2010, 10 am – 2 pm.*

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