

Flower Show Rules, Tips and Scoring

General Rules

1. Competitions are open to members only.
2. All entries must be created by the member and grown in the exhibitor's own garden unless otherwise stated.
3. Exhibitors must furnish their own containers and ensure that each has an entry tag complete with their name.
4. The decision of the judge(s) shall be final. All complaints must be given to the show committee in writing.
5. Individuals who have won a monetary award in 2 consecutive years are not eligible to win for a third year.

Horticultural

1. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 3 entries in each class unless marked with an *, in which case only 1 entry/exhibitor.
2. When number of blooms, sprays etc. are stated they must be adhered to otherwise the entry will be disqualified. A bud showing colour is counted as a bloom.
3. Potted plants may be shown only once each year and must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to showing.

Design

Design entries must be made by the exhibitor. No purchased materials are allowed.

Photography

1. Photographs should be un-mounted with a preferred size of 5 inches by 7 inches.
2. Entries may be coloured or black and white.
3. Digital prints must be on proper photo paper, with no retouching permitted.
4. Please print your name and contact information on the back of each submission.

TIPS

Condition Flowers Beforehand

- Take a pail of lukewarm water to the garden.
- Cut plant material in the early morning or late evening.
- Immerse flowers immediately in water.
- Leave overnight in a draft-free area, such as the garage or basement.
- Use Flora Keep if you wish, or a little cornstarch for tulips.

Preparing a Violet for Show

Put in a dark room 36 to 48 hours before show time. Darkness preserves the freshness of older blooms and flowers become larger and more buds open.

SCORING SYSTEM

Any flower - lilies as an example:

Condition: 30 points

- Includes stage of maturity
- Lower flowers should be open, upper ones in bud
- No faded flowers

Vigour: 20 points

- Length and strength of stem
- Size of flowers
- Attractiveness of foliage

Placement on stem: 20 points

- No crowding; flowers should not interfere with each other

Substance: 10 points

- Thickness of petals, firmness

Form: 10 points

- Typical of species or cultivar
- Broad petals preferred

Colour: 10 points

- Should be clear, bright and characteristic of the species or cultivar

TOTAL POINTS: 100 (PERFECT SCORE)