

# HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS

## Rules

- All horticulture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor for the following time: Combination plantings: 6 weeks; Annuals, bulbs, houseplants, perennials (herbaceous): 90 days; Vegetables and fruits\*: 90 days. \*Exception: No minimum for early maturing crops such as lettuce, radishes, watercress, etc.
- All specimens should be well groomed; i.e. clean, free of damage, disease or dead flowers/foilage and insects.
- Shrubbery and evergreen specimens should be no longer than 30 inches from cut end to tip.
- Flower specimens should be in proportion to natural growth habit.
- A collection or display must contain at least five varieties or colors.
- Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class in horticulture if each entry is a different variety, cultivar, type or color.
- Exhibits must be brought in a clear, colorless, unmarked glass container of appropriate size, and should be identified by their botanical name.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out their horticulture entry cards prior to coming to the meeting. See Pages 54 and 57 of *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*.

## The Categories for Horticulture Exhibits (Reference the *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*)

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Flowering and non-flowering specimens can be exhibited in all plant groups (annual, perennial, potted plants, etc.) and will be subdivided as needed at each meeting

## Procedures to enter horticulture exhibits:

- Arrive with cleaned wedged specimen in a clear glass bottle. Check for debris in water and replace with clean water.
- Have entry card completed,\* except for entry # which you will receive at the registration table. If you need assistance completing the card, there is an enlarged poster of an entry card at the prep table showing what you need to fill out. Also, if you need further assistance in filling out the card, members of the Horticulture committee are available to help. Reference books are available, as well as committee members, if you need assistance identifying your specimen.



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- After hooking the completed entry card on the bottle, place entry on registration table to be placed by committee members.
- Take entry cards home to complete for next meeting

\*See *2017 Handbook for Flower Shows*, page 57 for more information.