

2023 Gardeners of Greater Cleveland Horticulture Show
August 14, 2023
Show Announcement

In 2012 we started having a small horticultural show for our September meeting. The first year we had only a few entries, but every year since then the show has grown in size and quality.

This year we hope that even more members and guests will enter plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables. We have moved the show from September to August to match the time of peak garden growth. We have added some sections to allow for a larger variety of entries. This early announcement is to let you start planning your entries.

- **The Horticulture Show is an educational opportunity for our members. The national judging manual stresses that all club members are expected to enter the show if they are able.**
- There will be a Zoom session in August to help you prepare for the show.
- You can make up to five (5) entries per person.
- Clerks will be present from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to receive entries and help you with the entry card and staging the entry. We have paper plates and other supplies.
- Bring two return address labels per entry. That will make filling out the entry cards much faster and easier.
- Entries like cut flowers should be in a clear glass container with no labels.
- Ribbons will be awarded. There will be “Best in Show” and “Peoples’ Choice” (popular vote by all present) awards made again this year. Only members of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland will be eligible for the two top awards.
- Prize winning or unusual entries will be discussed by the entrant and/or the judges to carry out the theme of Gardening Education.
- Certified judges will come from the Central Great Lakes Gardeners Region.
- The show committee reserves the right to modify this schedule at a later date.

Please read the information below! Every year someone is disappointed because they don't follow directions and don't win a ribbon.

2023 GoGC Horticulture Show Schedule

1. **Cut Annual Flowers in a Container** -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers OR one for larger blooms.
2. **Cut Dahlia flowers in a container** - Include 1 or 2 leaves on a shoot. Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers OR one of larger blooms.
3. **Cut Perennial Flowers in a Container** -Three specimens of the same variety of small flowers or one of larger flowers.

4. **Small Vegetables** – Enter three specimens of smaller items (tomatoes, peppers, onions, and other smaller vegetables). All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch. Cherry tomatoes must be displayed by the cluster.
5. **Larger Vegetables** – Enter one specimen of larger vegetables such as eggplant. All vegetables should include a stem. Stems may be trimmed but should be at least ½ inch.
6. **Small potted plants** (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type except succulents.
7. **Small potted succulents** - (up to a 6-inch pot). It may hold a single plant or several plants of the same species and variety. The plant can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
8. **Larger potted plants** (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, two plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type except succulents.
9. **Larger potted succulents** (6 to 12 inch pots). It may hold a single plant, several plants of the same type or up to three different plants. The plant(s) can be of any type of succulent including cacti.
10. **A branch** (12 to 30 inches in length) in a container. **A) Foliage Only. B) Foliage and Flowers. C) Foliage and Fruit.**
11. **A single leaf** (like a Hosta Leaf) in a container.
12. **A Native Plant Specimen in any category.**
13. **Fruits** - One specimen of larger fruits such as apples, peaches, etc.
14. **Fruits** - six specimens of smaller fruits such as berries.
15. **Herbs** - One stem of herbs such as rosemary, mint, borage, etc.
16. **Potted herb plants** (see 6 and 8 above).
17. **Largest Hosta Leaf.** It won't be judged on condition; it can be imperfect.

Judging Requirements: (please read carefully!!)

1. The specimen must be properly identified with the plant name **and the variety.** Example: “hybrid tea rose, Peace.” We will supply entry forms and help you fill them out. Bring two return address labels per entry to paste on the entry forms.
2. **The specimen must be your property.** You can submit a purchased plant if you have owned and taken care of it for **at least two months.** (Must be purchased before June 14, 2023.)
3. **All submissions must be disease and insect free.**
4. The specimen should be as perfect a sample as you can find. For example, a Hosta leaf should not be damaged and should be typical for the variety.
5. Individual leaves and stems should be supported so just the bottom of the leaf – or no leaf on a stemmed plant – is in the water. They should be upright. You can use plastic wrap or aluminum foil to support the leaf or stem in the container. Just wrap it around the stem at the bottle neck. Use a plain container like a pop or beer bottle without a label.
6. Fruits and vegetables should be on a plain, white paper plate.

7. Potted plants should be “groomed” with all dead leaves and spent flowers removed. The pot must be clean. Fancy pots don’t win; good plants in clean pots do.
8. Orchid leaves are not judged, just the flower.

Bring your entries to the Penthouse of 1 Bratenahl Place between **5:00 and 6:00 PM** on September 12. Any entry after 6:00 will be **disqualified**. Use the elevators at either end of the corridor on the ground floor. The Penthouse is on the top floor. Please contact Tom Davis at tsdavis62@gmail.com with any questions.

Good luck!

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