

## Thoughts from your Gulf Coast Garden Club President:

Flower Shows are an interesting and educational part of belonging to a garden club. Many garden club activities focus on creating floral designs and growing strong, healthy plants. The finest way to show off our gardening skills is in a Flower Show. The act of doing a flower show has been a tradition of the Gulf Coast Garden Club since it's inception 16 years ago and has been championed by one of our special members for many of those years, Suzy Valentine. Suzy has spearheaded many of our shows leading the way in both design and horticulture, of which she is unsurpassed. In her name, we at GCGC will honor her by doing our best to implement fabulous designs and wonderful homegrown horticulture in our upcoming flower show coming in February 2023.



### FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

GCGC President:..... Laura Sullivan  
 Patricia Townsend  
 General Chairman: ..... Lorna O'Hara  
 Awards: ..... Beth Schulze  
 Clerks: ..... Nancy McPherson  
 Hospitality Judges:..... Suzanne Masters  
 Judges: ..... Laura Sullivan  
 Publicity: ..... Anina Bachrach  
 Schedule:..... Laura Sullivan  
 Staging and Signage: ..... Anne Marie Dooley  
 Treasurer: ..... Diane Schmidt  
 Photographer: ..... Anina Bachrach  
 Horticulture: ..... Dale DeFeo  
 Classification:..... Reggie Wilson  
 Placement: ..... Capp Morris  
 Rosemary DeLorenzo  
 Design Classification: ..... Mary King  
 Design Consultants:  
 Petite Design:..... Laura Sullivan  
 Functional Table- Tray:..... Denise Baier  
 Creative Line Design: ..... Kathleen Hawryluk  
 Traditional Design:..... Lorna O'Hara  
 Special Exhibits,  
 Educational Displays: ..... Ellen Milotte

### AWARDS

NGC Top Division Awards  
 Scoring 95 or above  
 handbook (HB) pg. 39  
 Horticulture Awards  
 Award of Horticultural  
 Excellence  
 (1) offered – HB pg. 40  
 Arboreal Award Section  
 F - HB pg. 40 - 41  
 Award of Merit Sections  
 DEG – HB pg. 41  
 Growers Choice Award  
 Sections ABC – HB pg. 41  
 Design Award  
 Best in Show (1) offered –  
 HB pg. 45



### SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

#### Division II: Design • The Language of Flowers by Denise Diffenbough • “Visiting the Library”

One design will be eligible for “Best in Show” award.

#### Section A: “Book Time”

##### Class 1: Petite Design: (6 Entries) “Romance”

- Design to be at most 10” high x 8” wide
  - Staged on a 12” x 12” back panel and 12” x 12” underlay Fresh and/or dried plant materials may be used
  - A book must be used as an accessory
  - Plant material and book name indicated on a 3” x 5” card
- Consultant: Laura Sullivan

##### Class 2: Functional Table Design: (Four Entries)

- “A Breakfast Tray for One”
- Staged on 1/2 of a 6’ long x 24” wide table covered with an ivory cloth provided by the committee
  - The tray requires an appropriately sized decorative unit
  - Fresh plant material only
  - Book must be used as an accessory
  - Plant material and book name indicated on a 3” x 5” card
- Consultant: Denise Baier

##### Class 3: Traditional Design: (Four Entries)

- “The Classics”
- Staged on a pedestal table 44” tall with a 24” x 24” white tabletop provided by the committee
  - Plant material is used in a naturalistic manner radiating from one point
  - Little or no abstraction
  - Plant material forms and colors are integrated rather than grouped

- Creativity is achieved through beauty, unity, harmony and selection of plant material
  - Fresh and/or plant material only
  - Exhibitor to express their interpretation of the named book of their choice (Book to be exhibited on the pedestal)
  - Plant material and book name indicated on a 3” x 5” card
- Consultant: Loma O'Hara

##### Class 4: Creative Line Design (4 Entries)

- “World Travel”
- Staged on 1/2 of a 6’ long x 24” wide table covered with an ivory cloth provided by the committee
  - A trifold panel 36” (tall) x 24” wide is required and will be provided by the committee
  - Underlay must be provided by the exhibitor
  - Great restraint in the quantity of plant material used
  - Linear pattern is dominant
  - Line material establishes the pattern which can be vertical, horizontal, zig zag or curved
  - Fresh and/or dried plant material may be used
  - Plant material and book name indicated on a 3” x 5” card
  - Book must be used as an accessory
- Consultant: Kathleen Hawryluk



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## VISITING the LIBRARY

“Learning & Growing Together”

### An NGC Small Standard Flower Show

Bonita Springs Public Library  
 10560 Reynolds Street  
 Bonita Springs, FL. 34135

Member of:

Ft Myers LEE County Garden Council  
 National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
 Deep South Region  
 Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.  
 District IX

February 24, 2023, 1PM - 5PM

February 25, 2023, 9AM -3PM



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## GENERAL RULES

1. The handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition and updates, shall be used as authority.
2. The SCHEDULE is the law of the show.
3. The National Garden Clubs, Standard System of Awarding will be used.
4. All Horticultural and Design entries MUST be preregistered.
5. Only Gulf Coast Garden Club members may enter the show.
6. Neither the Lee County Library, the Bonita Springs Library, or the Gulf Coast Garden Club will be responsible for damage or loss of property.
7. All entries must be approved by the Classification committees. Entries not conforming to the SCHEDULE requirements or not of show quality will be refused by the committee.
8. Entries will be accepted NOON to 5PM, Thursday, February 23, 2023, and 9AM to 10:30AM Friday, February 24, 2023.
9. Judging will commence 11AM Friday, February 24, 2023.
10. All entries must be removed between 3PM – 4PM on Saturday, February 25, 2023.
11. The decision of the judges is final.
12. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any division.
13. Plants listed on the FLORIDA EXOTIC INVASIVE PLANT list are prohibited in the show. List is available at HTTP/FRESH from Florida plants.
14. Classification chairman will check exhibits for conformity to the SCHEDULE.
15. General Chairman, Classification Chairman, Judges and Clerks are the only personal allowed on the floor during judging.

## DIVISION I: HORTICULTURE RULES

### South Florida Gardening, by Chase Landre

1. Entries must be grown by exhibitor. Plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days.
2. Entries must be pre-registered with Dale DeFeo.
3. Containers to be no more than size as specified by schedule in inches in any diameter.
4. Double potting is permitted within the size as specified in the schedule inch limit. Only one specimen to a container. Natural multiplication from a single root system will be considered a single specimen.
5. More than one entry per class made by an exhibitor provided each is a different cultivar, type, form, or color.
6. All specimens must be clean and free of disease and insects. Any plant having these faults will be removed by the classification committee.
7. Entries must be labeled with the correct botanical name (genus & species, variety, and cultivar, when possible) the common name is recommended.
8. A cut specimen must be displayed in a clear glass container appropriate to the size of the specimen and provided by the exhibitor or committee with a maximum length of 30". Clear wedging is permitting.
9. The committee reserves the right to combine or divide classes.
10. The scales of points for horticulture are in chapter 14 of the handbook for flower shows.
11. A plant considered as a flowering plant, should be exhibited as a flowering plant. Foliage plants may flower but should be exhibited as foliage plants.
12. Plants specified as in a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in any other worthy class.

## DIVISION II: DESIGN RULES

1. The Design classes are limited to four entries, except Petites, which are six entries. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit in each class but may enter as many classes as desired.
2. Entries MUST be pre-registered with Patricia Townsend by January 15, 2023.
3. Designs MUST be the work of one exhibitor.
4. All Designs MUST contain some fresh plant material.
5. The following ARE NOT permitted: Artificial plant material, the treating of fresh plant materials in any manner; cut fruit/vegetable or prepared foods; or natural bird's nests; or insects, fish, birds, or animals; landscapes or scenes; or national flags.
6. The following ARE permitted: treated or dried plant materials; plant material need not to be grown by exhibitor; boxed, canned, and packaged food are permitted.
7. Plant material MUST be names on a 3" x 5" card and on an entry card. A brief explanation of the design may be included.
8. Judges are requested to provide comments on all exhibits.
9. The scale of points for design is listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 14.
10. One Best in Show award will be offered in the Design Division, Section A.
11. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the design type, if named. The rules are stated in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7.
12. Exhibits will be accepted NOON to 5PM, Thursday, February 23, 2023, and 9AM to 10:30AM Friday, February 24, 2023.
13. Judging will commence at 11AM Friday, February 24, 2023.
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## DIVISION III: EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

### The Well-Educated Mind, Susan Wise Bauer

#### Exhibits:

1. Membership, Gulf Coast Garden Club, Please Join Us, Catherine McKenzie
2. Blue Star Memorial, Veteran Voices, Robert H Miller and Andrew Wake Ford

#### The Displays are not to be judged:

1. They are to inform the public about goals and objectives about the National Council Clubs.
2. They are to promote civic educational services and beautification, and to encourage improvements of roadsides and parks.

#### Requirements:

Displayed on a trifold 36"x 24" table supplied by committee, placed on a table size 6'x 24" covered with ivory cloth.

## DIVISION I: HORTICULTURE

### South Florida Gardening, by Chase Landre Eligible for the Award of Horticultural Excellence

**Section A:** Container Gardens of Florida, Pamela Crawford Eligible for Grower's Choice Award.  
*Container-grown flowering plant, container not to exceed 12" in any dimension.*  
**Class 1:** Bromeliad  
**Class 2:** Euphorbia  
**Class 3:** Kalanchoe  
**Class 4:** Orchid  
**Class 5:** Any other worthy specimen

**Section B:** Successful Houseplants, by Robert Locopi Eligible for Grower's Choice Award.  
*Container-grown foliage plant, container not to exceed 12" in any dimension.*  
**Class 6:** Bromeliad  
**Class 7:** Cacti  
**Class 8:** Coleus  
**Class 9:** Dracaena, including Sansevieria  
**Class 10:** Herbs  
**Class 11:** Pothos  
**Class 12:** Succulents (except Bromeliads and Cacti)  
**Class 13:** Any other worthy specimen

**Section C:** Container Gardens, by P. Allen Smith Eligible for Grower's Choice Award.  
*Combination plantings in a container not to exceed 16" in any dimension.*  
**Class 14:** Dish Garden  
**Class 15:** Planter  
**Class 16:** Terrarium

**Section D:** At Home With Herbs, by Jane Newdick Eligible for an Award of Merit.  
*Cut specimens exhibited as a single specimen in a clear glass container furnished by the exhibitor.*  
**Class 17:** Basil  
**Class 18:** Parsley  
**Class 19:** Rosmarinus (Rosemary)  
**Class 20:** Any other worthy herb specimen

**Section E:** Gardening Guide to Trees and Shrubs, William Thomas Eligible for Award of Merit.  
*Cut flowering specimen of tree/shrub exhibited in a clear glass container furnished by Exhibitor. Must include apical tip. Height not to exceed 30".*  
**Class 21:** Allamanda  
**Class 22:** Hibiscus  
**Class 23:** Ixora coccinea  
**Class 24:** Jatropha  
**Class 25:** Any other worthy specimen

**Section F:** Encyclopaedia of Trees and Shrubs; by Ernie Wasson Eligible for Arboreal Award.  
*Cut specimen of tree/shrub grown for foliage exhibited in a clear glass container furnished by Exhibitor. Must include apical tip. Height not to exceed 30".*  
**Class 26:** Aucuba  
**Class 27:** Croton  
**Class 28:** Magnolia  
**Class 29:** Needled evergreen  
**Class 30:** Schefflera  
**Class 31:** Any other worthy specimen

**Section G:** Tropical Foliage Plants, by Lynn Griffith, Jr. Eligible for Award of Merit.  
*Cut foliage specimen (excluding trees/shrubs) exhibited in a clear glass container furnished by Exhibitor. Exhibit not to exceed 24".*  
**Class 32:** Cordyline (Ti)  
**Class 33:** Dracaena (except Sansevieria)  
**Class 34:** Sansevieria (Dracaena)  
**Class 35:** Any other worthy specimen

