



PHS Philadelphia Flower Show®

BULBS TO GROW FOR THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW!

The bulb catalogs for 2024 are arriving! To help you plan your entries in the bulb classes for the 2024 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (March 2-10), we are announcing the “named” bulbs and new classes now, in advance of the *Exhibitor's Guide*, which is published in September. Why not try your hand at growing these bulbs?

Novice, Youth, and Beginner's Luck Bulb Classes

- **Novice Class:** Any standard *Narcissus* cv. except 'Jetfire' or 'Marieke'. Pot: 10" or under. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Bulb classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2024.
- **Novice Class:** *Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Jan Bos'. Pot: 8" or under. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Bulb classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2024.
- **Beginner's Luck:** *Narcissus* 'Falconet' (Div. 8, Tazetta). Pot: 8" or under. Open only to first-time exhibitors in the Bulb classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show.
- **Youth Class:** *Narcissus* 'Ice Follies' (Div. 2, Large-cupped). Pot: 8" or under. **Open only to students in 8th grade and under.**
- **Youth Class:** *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), any standard single-flowered bulb. **Open only to students in 8th grade or under.**

General Bulb Classes (Open to all exhibitors, including Novices, Youth, and Beginners)

- *Narcissus* 'Jetfire' (Div. 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8" or under.
- *Narcissus* 'Marieke' (Div. 1, Trumpet). Pot: 10" or under.
- Any standard *Narcissus* cv. except 'Jetfire' or 'Marieke'. Pot: 8"-10".
- Any John and Gertrude Wister Award Winning Daffodil. Pot 10" or under. See the American Daffodil Society list at <https://daffodilusa.org/daffodil-info/daffodil-awards/the-wister-award/#bsource>. The Wisters were local horticulturists, best known for creating the Scott Arboretum and famous for their bulb garden at their home in Swarthmore.
- *Narcissus* 'Little Gem' (Miniature). Pot: 8" or under.
- Any miniature *Narcissus* other than 'Little Gem' (as defined by the American Daffodil Society: <http://daffodilusa.org/daffodil-info/special-categories/miniature-daffodils/>). Pot: 8" or under. Note: The ADS list changes annually; please check it to make sure your entry in this class is classified as a miniature.
- *Tulipa* 'Striped Crown' (Div. 1, Single Early). Pot: 10" or under.
- Any *Tulipa* cv. except 'Striped Crown'. Pot: 8" or under.
- Any *Tulipa* cv. except 'Striped Crown'. Pot: 8"-10".
- *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), any standard single-flowered bulb.
- *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), any standard double-flowered bulb.
- *Hippeastrum cybister* (amaryllis).
- *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), miniature.
- *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), one bulb with attached offsets.
- *Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Blue Jacket'. Pot: 8" or under.
- Any *Hyacinthus* except 'Blue Jacket' or 'Jan Bos'. Pot: 10" or under.
- *Crocus*. Pot: 6" or under.
- *Galanthus*. Pot: 6" or under.
- Any *Iris reticulata*. Pot: 6" or under.
- *Muscari*. Pot: 6" or under.
- *Trillium*. May have more than one rhizome per pot.



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For the following bulb class *only*, entries may be assembled from bulbs grown in different pots.

- Bulb Garden—Any combination of bulbs, arranged for artistic and horticultural excellence in a pot 12" or under. Bulbs do not need to be grown in the same pot.
- **New:** Bulb Garden grown by a group (school, club, etc.)—Any combination of bulbs, arranged for artistic and horticultural excellence in a pot 12" or under. Bulbs do not need to be grown in the same pot.

Pot size refers to the inside diameter of the pot. If no dimension is specified, use any size pot that displays the bulbs to best advantage. **You may use bulb pans, azalea pots, or standard pots for all bulb classes.**

For classes for rock garden bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers, see the 2024 *Exhibitor's Guide*, available in September.

Look for a **complete listing** of all Horticulture classes, additional Show information, and an entry form in the 2024 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show *Exhibitor's Guide*. The *Exhibitor's Guide* and entry forms can be downloaded from the Flower Show website beginning in September (<https://phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries>). To receive a printed copy, send your name and mailing address to fsguide@pennhort.org or contact the Shows and Events Department, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

If you have any questions, email compclasses@pennhort.org.

Resources provided by the PHS McLean Library:

A book by a former Competitive Classes winner. To borrow, send email to mcleanlibrary@pennhort.org
Art Wolk. *Bulb forcing for beginners and the seriously smitten*. Voorhees, N.J. : AAB Book Pub., [c2012]
Link here: http://pacscscl.exlibrisgroup.com:48993/F?func=direct&doc_number=000014136

An article from the *Green Scene* by a former Competitive Classes winner, Walt Fisher:

"Forcing Bulbs for the Philadelphia Flower Show"

<https://archive.org/details/greenscene1716edby/page/n200/mode/1up?q=Walt+fisher>