

EXHIBITOR'S GUIDE



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WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS AND PROSPECTIVE EXHIBITORS

Schedule as of press time. Check the PHS website for changes (PHSonline.org.)

See individual sections for more details, including how to register.

All programs will be at the PHS Town Hall (first floor), 100 N. 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Date	Program/Workshop	Cost
Sat., Sept. 28 10 am–1 pm See page 62.	Horticulture Presentation: Optimize Growing Your Challenge Plants Presenter: Anthony Giunta Program: 10 am–11 am Plant distribution: 11:30 am–1 pm	Workshop: Free Challenge plants (each, includes tax): \$8 PHS members \$10 non-members
Sat., Oct. 5 12 pm–2:30 pm See page 22.	Pressed Plants Workshop: Presenters: Khara Flint, Rita Dennis Hands on, materials provided.	\$10 members \$15 non-members
Sat. Oct. 12 10 am–12 pm See page 61.	Horticulture Presentation: Blooming Bulbs Presenter: Jenny Rose Carey	Free
Sat., Nov. 2 10 am–11:30 am See page 45.	Horticulture Presentation: Grooming Your Plants for Competition Presenter: Joe Alvarez	Free
Sat, Nov. 2 1 pm–2:30 pm See page 60.	Kokedama Workshop Presenter: Justin Dampman Learn about Kokedama and make your own.	\$20 members \$25 non-members
Sat., Nov. 16 12 pm–2:30 pm See page 22.	Pressed Plant Workshop Same program as Oct. 5.	\$10 members \$15 non-members
Sat., Nov. 23 10 am–12 pm See page 25.	Botanical Arts: Design and Craftsmanship Presenters: Hollis Bauer, Jennifer Morello, Lisa Walker	Free
Sat., Dec. 7 10 am–12 pm See page 18.	Arrangement Master Class: Creativity on Demand Inspiration and techniques to take your floral designs to the next level. Presenter to be announced.	\$10 members \$15 non-members
Sat., Jan. 11 10 am–12 pm See page 18.	Arrangement Workshop: Floral Design Essentials—Taking the mystery out of the Arrangement classes.	Free
Sat., Jan. 18 10 am–12 pm See page 18.	Arrangement Workshop: Design 2025—New trends and methods for this year's floral design classes.	Free
Sat., Jan 25 10 am–12 pm	Arrangement Workshop Snow makeup date.	Free
Thurs., Sept. 19 7 pm see page 73.	Zoom meeting for Youth leaders Presenters: Johanna Schoeller, Pam Snyder	Free
Thurs., Feb. 6 7 pm See page 73.	Zoom meeting for Youth leaders: Getting Ready for the Show Presenters: Johanna Schoeller, Pam Snyder	Free

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Please note: The information in this *Exhibitor's Guide* was accurate at press time. However, some changes may have been made since then—for example, classes may have been dropped or divided, committee members may have been added, or contact information may have changed. Please see the online *Guide* for the most up-to-date information: phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate.

In case of severe weather conditions, please check the PHS website and PHS social media for any changes to Show hours.

TEACHERS AND YOUTH-GROUP LEADERS

School and Youth Exhibitor Liaisons and other volunteers will offer assistance for schools and youth organizations that want to participate in the Show. See page 73 for more information. There are some important changes from 2024.

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For Artistic Classes information and updates, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes

For Design Classes information and updates, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries

For Horticulture Classes information and updates, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries

PHS Mission

PHS uses horticulture to advance the health and well-being of the Greater Philadelphia region.

Proceeds from the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show benefit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's initiatives to make positive social and environmental change.

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If you have downloaded this *Exhibitor's Guide* and wish to receive a printed copy, please send your name and address (print clearly, please) to *Exhibitor's Guide*, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or email fsquide@pennhort.org. This email address is for *Exhibitor's Guide* requests only. not for general information about the Show.

For general Show information, visit the Flower Show website (<u>PHSonline.org/the-flower-show</u>) or call PHS (215-988-8800).

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HOW THE FLOWER SHOW BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY

While the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show delights visitors annually with a breathtaking sensory experience and connects horticulture enthusiasts with a passionate community, the Flower Show also serves another vital purpose: funding PHS's community initiatives across the region.

Historically, revenue from the Flower Show ticket sales help PHS to sustain the impact that its programs deliver in 250 city and suburban neighborhoods and across 80+ acres of public gardens and landscapes. In partnership with community members, partners, government, and other stakeholders, PHS helps plant 3,000 trees a year, clean and green 13,000 vacant lots, support 170 community gardens in addition to the design and management of several iconic Philadelphia landscapes like Logan Square and Love Park

The Flower Show's tens of thousands of visitors, exhibitors, and volunteers provide direct and direct economic benefits to the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding region. Examples include the commercial boost to restaurants, hotels, public transit, taxi and ride share drivers, local vendors in the Flower Show Marketplace, and the creation of jobs. This economic impact is estimated at \$60 million and contributes to the vitality of the region.

GARDEN YEAR-ROUND AS A PHS MEMBER!

We invite you to join us as a PHS member and experience gardening delights all year long! As a member, you will enjoy special perks including:

- Free or discounted tickets to the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show with special membership privileges including access to Members-only preview hours.
- Subscription to our award-winning GROW publication.
- Exclusive invitations to Members-only events throughout the year.
- Discounts on gardening workshops, programs, and special events.
- Savings at local nurseries, garden centers, and attractions.

Most importantly, your membership provides critical funding for greening programs that advance the health and well-being of the Greater Philadelphia region. To learn more, visit PHSonline.org/member.

As a thank you to 2025 Flower Show exhibitors, we're offering a 10% discount when you join PHS as a member. Use promo code EXHIBITOR25 at checkout*.

*This offer expires February 28, 2025, and applies to PHS general membership categories.

FLOWER SHOW GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

Note: Specific classes have additional rules. See individual sections.

STAGING AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL EXHIBITS

- All entries must include fresh or dried plant material; forced plants must predominate, and the emphasis should be on color. All exhibits must be kept in Show condition. Plant material must be kept fresh. Unsightly or wilted plant material must be replaced. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit.
- No live animals are permitted in any Flower Show exhibit without prior approval. Requests
 must be made by December 31, 2024. No taxidermy (including feathers) is permitted in
 any Flower Show exhibit.
- Show Management has the right to refuse any exhibit, for any reason whatsoever, that is not in the best interest of the Flower Show and shall have the power at all times to remove any exhibit that is not properly maintained or that, in their opinion, is a detriment to the Show.
- 4. Competitive Classes maintenance must be completed by 7 am on Saturdays and Sundays and 7:30 am on Monday through Friday. Doors open for maintenance at 6:00 am on all days.
- 5. Pool and fountain liners must be constructed of material of sufficient strength to prevent seepage.

COMPETITIVE CLASSES ENTRIES

- 6. Entries will be accepted as received, and classes will be closed when filled. All entries will be acknowledged. Classes 134, 135, 136, 156, 160, 161, 167, 168, and 175 were announced before publication and may be filled; contact compclasses@pennhort.org about availability in these classes. Most Competitive Classes in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show are open to everyone—amateur or professional; however, Photography classes are limited to amateurs. Entries may be made by individuals or groups (e.g., garden clubs, non-profit organizations); however, entries may not be entered under a commercial or business name.
- 7. Links to entry forms can be found on the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show website: PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/plant-entries and PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes Please note that there are separate online entry procedures for Arrangement, Horticulture, Pressed Plant Material, Botanical Arts, and Photography classes.
- 8. On each entry day, each exhibit must be passed by the Passing Committee before the exhibitor leaves the Show floor.

ADMISSION, INSTALLATION, AND TEAR-DOWN

9. During installation and tear-down, proper credentials supplied by Show staff must be worn to gain admission to the Show floor and must be worn at all times. Tickets or exhibitor badges are required during the other entry days. Exhibitors between the ages of 12-16 are only allowed on the Show floor during set-up if they are under the supervision of an adult—parent, guardian, teacher, or group leader. No one under the age of 12 is allowed on the Show floor during set-up and no one under age 16 is allowed on the Show floor during tear-down. No exceptions.

INSTALLATION SCHEDULES

 Competitive Classes exhibitors should refer to the times listed for their specific sections in this Guide or in class rules mailed to exhibitors.

PASSES

11. Exhibitor passes are limited and will be allocated by the Show Management. These tickets are to be surrendered upon entering The Pennsylvania Convention Center.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

 Nothing may be removed from exhibits during the Show except with the approval of Show Management or at specific times stipulated in certain classes.

- 13. No boxes or other removal containers are permitted in the Exhibition Hall until after the public has left the Show floor. **Nothing may be dismantled on Sunday, March 9, until the removal announcement has been made, usually between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**
- 14. All Competitive Classes are to be dismantled on Sunday, March 9. Removal information will be distributed prior to the Show by class chairs.
- 15. Competitive Classes exhibitors are responsible for guarding their exhibits on Sunday, March 9, from 5:00 pm until removal begins (approximately 6:30 pm, after the teardown announcement has been made). Exhibitors should be aware that there is no parking in F Hall until removal begins.
- 16. All exhibitors and helpers in the Hall must wear appropriate removal credentials supplied by Show staff during the dismantling period. Credentials may be obtained from the class chairs or Show Management.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the complete removal of their exhibits, including trees, shrubs, rocks, and other bulky refuse. Exhibitors who fail to comply will be billed for the cost of the removal.
- 18. No plant material may be sold or given away at closing time.

SALES AND ADVERTISING MATERIAL

- No sales of any kind will be permitted at The Pennsylvania Convention Center after the close
 of the Show.
- 20. No advertising, business cards, etc., will be permitted in any Competitive Class exhibit.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

- 21. No one other than those authorized by Show Management will be permitted in the area of the Show where judging is in progress, and no one may discuss exhibits with the judges.
- 22. Plants in Major Exhibits are not eligible for Competitive Classes competition.
- 23. Flower Show Judges are invited by the Judging Committee and are highly qualified experts in their fields. Decisions of the judges are final.

In all Competitive Classes, if merited, ribbons will be awarded as follows: one First (blue), one or more Seconds (red), one or more Thirds (yellow), and one or more Honorable Mentions (white). **Exception:** Par judging will be allowed in the Grand Old Plant classes in the PHS Hamilton Horticourt.

Class Commendations are awarded at the discretion of the judges and may only be awarded if every exhibit has received an award ribbon; a Class Commendation ribbon (Turquoise) will be placed on every exhibit in the class.

Entries designated "For Exhibition Only" will not be judged and will not receive comments, point scores, or sweepstakes points.

SAFETY

24. In compliance with Philadelphia Fire Prevention Code requirements, all cut trees and combustible materials in displays (including background and drapes) MUST be treated with an approved flame-retardant chemical in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 701. Any chemical you use must have that number on its label.

A local source of fire retardants is M. Cramer & Associates (formerly Philadelphia Theatrical Supply), 229 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215-627-1225). Online sources include rosebrand.com and us.rosco.com (Rosco Flamex).

Note: Fabric must be **dunked** in fire retardant; spraying will not suffice. **Exhibitors will be required to sign a form indicating compliance.**

- 25. Exhibitors must guard against leaks and over-watering.
- 26. Exhibitors between the ages of 12-16 are only allowed on the Show floor during set-up if they are under the supervision of an adult—parent, guardian, teacher, or group leader. No one under the age of 12 is allowed on the Show floor during set-up and no one under age 16 is allowed on the Show floor during tear-down. No exceptions.

NOMENCLATURE

- 27. All plants must be correctly labeled. Points are given by judges for legibility and unobtrusiveness of labels. Primary references are the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Database (register.theflowershow.com/Botanicalview.aspx), Plants of the World (plantsoftheworldonline.org/), and RHS Plant Finder (apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/). The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Database lists over 20,000 plants used in previous Shows.
- 28. Wild-collected plants of endangered and threatened species are strictly forbidden in any PHS Philadelphia Flower Show exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure that plants globally listed as "Nearly Threatened," "Vulnerable," "Endangered," or "Critically Endangered" are not on exhibit. A current list is available at www.iucnredlist.org/

PARKING AND ACCESS FOR EXHIBITORS, including exhibitors with disabilities.

29. New schedule for 2025: Early morning parking in F Hall will be available until 9:30 am on Monday, March 3, through Thursday, March 6, and until 8:30 am on Friday, March 7. On Friday, March 7, parking until 9:30 am will be available in an alternate location. Specific entry times will be indicated on exhibitor parking hangtags. Detailed information about parking will be available closer to the Show.

ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES during Show hours

30. Persons with disabilities will have an accessible entrance. Drop-off and entrance location will be announced closer to the Show. Philadelphia's Department of Licenses and Inspections will enforce the rule of allocated parking for persons with disabilities at all lots.

DAMAGES

 Exhibitors who damage any part of The Pennsylvania Convention Center will be charged for repairs.

LIABILITY

- 32. Although The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits, it cannot assume responsibility for injury or loss. Valuables used in exhibits should be insured by exhibitors.
- 33. LIMITATION OF MANAGEMENT'S LIABILITY. Exhibitor will make no claim against PHS, The Pennsylvania Convention Center, or the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority and agrees that Management shall not be liable for any injury or loss or damage to exhibitor, or to its employees, agents, property, and business caused by: (a) acts or omissions of any contractors (or employees or agents of such contractors) retained by Management to perform services in connection with the Show, or (b) fire, theft, destruction, or any occurrence not resulting from intentional misconduct on the part of Management (or its employees acting in the scope of employment), whether occurring during Show hours or the periods designated for installation, maintenance, and removal of exhibits and notwithstanding any negligence of Management connected therewith.
- 34. INDEMNIFICATION FOR EXHIBITOR'S ACTS. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify and save harmless PHS, The Pennsylvania Convention Center, or the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, and each of them, from any and all claims of liability made by anyone for any loss, injury, or damage to person or property, including death, arising out of the conduct of exhibitor or its employees or agents, and agrees to defend PHS, The Pennsylvania Convention Center, or the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority against any such claims or liabilities and to reimburse them for all expenses, including costs of settlement, incurred in connection therewith.
- 35. By entering an exhibit in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, the exhibitor agrees to abide by and be governed by the conditions set forth in the foregoing rules.

AMENDMENTS

36. The PHS Management shall have full power in the interpretation and enforcement of all rules contained herein, and the power to make such amendments thereto, and such further rules and regulations as they shall consider necessary for the proper conduct of the Show.

ARRANGEMENT CLASSES

The Chairs are the main advisors to the Arrangement Classes. Each Class is assigned Advisors to guide exhibitors, help answer questions about exhibiting, and clarify Class rules. Advisors and Chairs should be contacted for questions regarding clarification of rules or Class descriptions. For questions about the entry form or to confirm your application, please email compclasses@pennhort.org.

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ARRANGEMENT CLASSES AT A GLANCE

	Per class	FRI-MON	TUES-FRI	FRI-SUN
Open Platform	4	100-OP	103-OP	108-OP
Small Backed Pedestal	4	101-SP	104-SP	109-SP
Small Niche	4	102-S	105-S	110-S
Backed Platform	4	116-BP	117-BP	118-BP
Galleria	4	125-G	126-G	127-G
Large Backed Pedestal	4	129-LP	130-LP	131-LP
		FRI-MON	TUES-SUN	
Miniature Arrangement	4	119 M	122 M	
		120 M	123 M	
		121 M	124 MI	

ARRANGEMENT CLASSES RULES AND INFORMATION General Rules (pages 7-9) also apply.

- Each class is limited to four entries. Classes fill quickly, so we urge you to enter promptly. You
 can enter online at https://PHSjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025arrangement_entries. If you
 need a paper entry form, contact compclasses@pennhort.org. Allow two to three weeks for
 acknowledgment of entries.
- You may make only one (1) Arrangement entry per day unless a second entry is in the
 Miniature Arrangement classes. In that case, an exhibitor may enter two (2) arrangements on
 a given entry day. Exhibitors may enter only one (1) Miniature Arrangement class per day and
 a total of two (2) entries in Miniature Arrangements and three (3) entries in the Arrangement
 classes.
- Challenge classes may have only one (1) exhibitor per entry. For other classes, one (1) or two
 (2) people may stage an exhibit. Only exhibitors whose names appear on the entry cards and
 designated Committee members are permitted in the staging and set-up area.
- Only judges and designated Committee members may have access to the Artistic staging and set-up area during judging. Early morning tours will be accommodated.
- In February, exhibitors will receive packets containing entry credentials and additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

- Fresh plant material must be used in all arrangements unless otherwise stated. Miniature
 Arrangements use dried plant material ONLY.
- All fresh plant material must be in water. Exceptions must be approved by the Passing Chair at least one week prior to the Show.
- Mechanics must not show unless they are an integral part of the design.
- Arrangements must be maintained and watered each day. You are expected to replace
 plant material not in Show condition with the same variety and color of material. On
 Saturdays and Sundays, maintenance must be completed by 7:00 am. On Monday
 through Friday, maintenance must be completed by 7:30 am. Doors open at 6:00 am.
- When you come to the Show to stage your exhibit, you must submit a Nomenclature Form listing the common names of all plant material you have used. You will receive a form with your February packet.
- If you are unable to exhibit, YOU MUST find a substitute. All substitutes must be approved by the Chair or Class Advisor.
- Any exhibit not adhering to the Arrangement Rules or class requirements will remain in place but will not be judged.

ENTRY, PASSING, AND REMOVAL TIMES

- New schedule for 2025: Early morning parking in F Hall will be available until 9:30 am on Monday, March 3, through Thursday, March 6, and only until 8:30 am on Friday, March 7. On Friday, March 7, parking until 9:30 am will be available in an alternate location. Specific entry times will be indicated on exhibitor parking hang tags. Detailed information about parking will be available closer to the Show.
- Please note: On Friday, February 28, arrangements may be staged beginning at 6:30 am. Niche lights must be turned on permanently by 8:15 am. Arrangements must be passed by 8:30 am
- On Tuesday, March 4 and Friday, March 7, arrangements may be staged beginning at 7:00
 am. Niche lights must be turned on permanently by 8:45 am. Arrangements must be passed
 by 9:00 am.
- You must remain with your exhibit until it has been passed, and you may not touch your exhibit after it has been passed.

- You must remove your exhibit between 6:30 and 6:45 am on your removal date, or the Committee will do so (except the last Sunday). The Committee is not responsible for entries that are not picked up. Entries may not be removed at night.
- At Show closing on Sunday, March 9, you must be in front of your arrangement by 5:30 pm to be ready to remove your exhibit after the teardown announcement is made, approximately 6:30 pm. No one under age 16 is allowed on the Show floor during teardown.

STAGING INFORMATION

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date rules and staging information, visit the Resource box on the Flower Show website (PHSonline.org/the-flowershow/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes) and download a copy of the 2025 Staging Guide. For a printed copy, contact compclasses@pennhort.org or write to PHS, Attn: Competitive Classes, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.

OPEN PLATFORMS (Classes 100-OP, 103-OP, 108-OP)

- Staged on a platform 8' wide by 4' deep, 4" high. Use of PHS pedestals is optional—choice of three sizes (12" x 12" x 12"; 12" x 12" x 24"; 12" x 12" x 32").
- The staging will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253).
- The table for Class 100 -OP is 48" long, 24" wide, and 291/4" high and will not be available prior to the Show.
- Dress forms for Class 108 may be picked up at PHS beginning in January. If dress forms must
 be shipped to exhibitors, exhibitors must pay shipping charges. You may not glue or otherwise
 permanently adhere materials to the dress forms; you may not paint or otherwise alter the
 dress forms.

SMALL BACKED PEDESTALS (Classes 101-SP, 104-SP, 109-SP)

- Staged on a pedestal 12" wide x 11" deep x 44" high. Height of back is 20" tall (with a total height of 64").
- · Exact dimensions and diagrams can be found in the Staging Guide
- The staging will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253).
- New for 2025: Backgrounds are permitted.
- Materials used for the background must be rigid. If fabric is used, it must be mounted.
 Suggested mountings: mat board, foam core board.
- Non-marring Command strips will be provided to affix the background to the staging. Not
 permitted: hammering, thumbtacks, staples, glue, putty, double-faced rug tape, duct tape, or
 any other material that leaves a residue.
- The design may not exceed the width or height of back panel but may extend down the front
 of the base pedestal and may not touch the floor.

SMALL NICHES (Classes 102-S, 105-S, 110-S)

- Niches are staged in individual cabinet-like units. Niche boxes are accessible from the front, behind a movable panel; niches are fixed in place and cannot be moved. Storage space in each unit (approximately 24" wide, 20" deep, 36" high) is also accessible from the front through an opening approximately 18" wide and 28" high.
- Framed opening: 9.5" wide x 11.5" high, staged approximately 52" from the floor. Interior measurements: Floor—10" wide x 8" deep; back and sides—28" high.
- The interior of each niche box is wood, finished with a sealer. The background, sides, and floor must be covered.
- Materials used for the background, sides, and floor must be rigid. If fabric is used, it must be mounted. Suggested mountings: mat board, foam-core board.

- Masking, mystic, or 3M tape may be used to hold background, sides, and floor to the inside of
 the niche. Not permitted: hammering, thumbtacks, staples, glue, putty, double-faced rug tape,
 duct tape, or any other material that leaves a residue.
- Make ample allowances for thickness of material used for the floor, back, and sides of backgrounds. The finished backgrounds must fit within the interior measurements given above.
 The niche may not be altered in any way to accommodate backgrounds.
- It is not advisable to use mirrors for backgrounds because they reflect the exhibit's mechanics.
- Lighting is supplied by PHS. Light fixtures for Small Niches have one bulb that is dimmable
 and can be swiveled, although the light bars are fixed in place. (Bulbs are EcoSmart 14-Watt
 [65W] Soft White [2700K] BR30 LED Flood Lights.) Light bulbs may be replaced by the
 exhibitor with comparable LED bulbs. PHS bulbs must be safely stored underneath and
 replaced in fixtures during exhibit removal.

BACKED PLATFORMS (Classes 116-BP, 117-BP, 118-BP)

- Staged on a 30" x 30" square by 1" high platform, centered on a platform area that is 48" x 48" in front of a background panel measuring 48" wide x 92" high. The design must not exceed the perimeter of the 30" square platform.
- The platforms and background panel will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253).
- · No backgrounds are permitted.

GALLERIA (Classes 125-G, 126-G, 127-G)

- Each exhibit space is a platform 8' wide, 8' deep, 4" high. The back wall of the area is 10' high.
 Optional pedestals—choice of three sizes (12" x 12" x 12", 12" x 12" x 24", 12" x 12" x 32").
- The platforms and background panel will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253); no treating of the background is permitted.
- A digital image of the poster for Class 125 will be provided by PHS in January after your entry is confirmed. Please note: The poster will be displayed on the left, with the arrangement to the right.

LARGE BACKED PEDESTALS (Classes 129-LP, 130-LP, 131-LP)

- Pedestals are 36" wide x 24" deep x 36" high; height of attached back is 36" (total height of unit is 72").
- The staging will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253).
- New for 2025: Backgrounds are permitted in this class.
- Materials used for the background must be rigid. If fabric is used, it must be mounted. Suggested mountings: mat board, foam core board.
- Non-marring Command strips will be provided to affix the background to the staging. Not
 permitted: hammering, thumbtacks, staples, glue, putty, double-faced rug tape, duct tape, or
 any other material that leaves a residue.
- The design may not exceed the width or height of the back panel but may extend down the front of the base pedestal and may not touch the floor.
- The table-top standing frames for class 129 may be picked up from PHS beginning in January. If frames must be shipped to exhibitors, exhibitors must pay shipping charges. You may not glue or otherwise permanently adhere materials to frames nor paint or permanently alter the frames. The inside dimensions are 1'7" wide x 2'1" tall. The outside dimensions are 1'10" wide x 2'4" tall. New: The frame will be painted "Olympus White" (Sherwin-Williams 6253). See the Staging Guide for full dimensions and diagram.
- The head forms for Class 131 may be picked up from PHS beginning in January. If head forms
 must be shipped to exhibitors, exhibitors must pay shipping charges. You may not glue or
 otherwise permanently adhere materials to head forms nor paint or otherwise alter the head
 forms.

MINIATURE ARRANGEMENTS (Classes 119-M, 120-M, 121-M, 122-M, 123-M, 124-M)

- Miniature Arrangements consist of dried plant material ONLY and other components, not to
 exceed 5" in height, width, or depth. You may use a base or stand, but the dimensions will
 be included in the 5" measurement except where noted.
- Miniature Arrangements will be staged in individual cabinet-like units. The niche box is
 accessible from the front, behind a movable panel. Storage space in each unit (approximately
 20" wide x 20" deep x 36" high) is also accessible from the front through an opening
 approximately 16" wide and 28" high.
- Please note: If you provide your own niche box, you must store the PHS box in the lower storage area. This will reduce the amount of free space that you have for storing other items.
- Framed opening: 7.5" wide x 7.5" high, staged approximately 54" from the floor. Interior measurements: Floor—8" wide x 8" deep; back and sides—16" high.
- The interior of each niche box is wood, finished with a sealer. The background, sides, and floor must be covered.
- . New for 2025: Backgrounds are not limited to mat board.
- Materials used for the background, sides, and floor must be rigid. If fabric is used, it must be mounted. Suggested mountings: mat board, foam core board. Curved backgrounds are permitted.
- Masking, mystic, or 3M tape may be used to hold background, sides, and floor to the inside of the niche. Not permitted: hammering, thumbtacks, staples, glue, putty, double-faced rug tape, duct tape, or any other material that leaves a residue.
- Make ample allowances for thickness of material used for the floor, back, and sides of backgrounds. The finished backgrounds must fit within the interior measurements given above.
 The niche may not be altered in any way to accommodate backgrounds.
- It is not advisable to use mirrors for backgrounds because they reflect the exhibit's mechanics.
- See the Staging Guide for mat cutting directions.
- You may not cover the top of the niche box. Only thin dowels for hanging are allowed.
 Note: You may not make any permanent alterations to a PHS niche box (e.g., drill holes). In
 addition, the size of the niche space may not be altered—that is, the dimensions must remain
 as noted above, with the exception of a curved mat board, which must touch the back wall of
 the box.
- Lighting is supplied by PHS. Light fixtures for Miniature Arrangements have one bulb (EcoSmart 14-Watt [65W] Soft White [2700K] BR30 LED Flood Light), which is fixed in place and can be dimmed but not moved. Light bulbs may be replaced by the exhibitor with comparable LED bulbs. PHS bulbs must be safely stored underneath and replaced in fixtures during exhibit removal.

LOOK FOR PHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Want to see the magic bloom before it arrives? Look for PHS on social media!

Follow Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, Pinterest, and X at @PHSGardening! Get exclusive peeks behind the scenes and exciting Flower Show updates delivered straight to you!

Please note: These rules apply to all Artistic and Design Classes.

PERMITTED

- Foliage, stands, mats, and accessories (unless otherwise stated).
- Cut fruit and vegetables and other food (except dairy products), properly treated to
 prevent spoilage. Any use of food must be approved by the Class Chair by
 February 1, 2024.
- Treatment of dried plant material.
- Plant preservatives that do not enhance the outward appearance of the plant in any way (e.g., no leaf shine).
- Brand names and/or logos of current commercial products (permitted only with approval of the Class Chair by December 31, 2024, and written permission from the product's producer, manufacturer, or owner). Show Management must also approve.
- · Plants in soil, if an integral part of the design.

NOT PERMITTED

- Artificial plant material of any kind.
- Locally invasive plants are not permitted. A current list of Pennsylvania Invasive Plant Species is at dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants.
- Coloring or embellishment of live plant material—rooted or cut. (e.g., leaf shine; Design Master or other spray paint; gluing on of sparkles, glitter, etc.).
- Flags of nations, states, municipalities, or other governmental entities.
- Taxidermy, feathers, bones, live or dead animals, fish, natural antlers, horns, coral, ivory, tortoise shell, sponges, sea fans, or anything from an endangered species list.
- Total covering of framed opening of niche.
- · Sound effects of any kind.
- Dairy products.
- Any material protruding beyond framed opening of niche or space.
- Scenes, dioramas, or scale models as the design or as a part of the design.
 If in doubt, contact the Chair or Class Advisor.
 - Scene: When the plant material and components are arranged in a representational manner that suggests a landscape or a place rather than a design. Exception: Pressed Plant classes, Design classes.
 - Diorama: A three-dimensional, miniature, or life-size scene viewed through an opening or from a distance. Exception: Miniature Settings classes
 - Scale model: A small construction that represents in detail a larger object.
 Exception: Miniature Settings classes.
- Spray-painting in exhibition areas.
- Painting, gluing, or otherwise permanently adhering anything to PHS-provided staging (e.g., head and dress forms, hanging frames, pedestals).

ARRANGEMENT CLASSES DESCRIPTIONS

Remember: Only exhibitors whose names appear on the entry cards are permitted in the set-up and staging area.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – MONDAY, MARCH 3 (4 days)

removed Tuesday, March 4, 6:30– 6:45 am

100-OP—Open Platform COCKTAIL HOUR

A functional table. The table is provided by PHS and cannot be altered; it must be fully covered.

Sustainability Challenge: Floral foam is not permitted in this class.

101-SP—Small Backed Pedestal INNER PEACE

102-S—Small Niche

ON TIME

Judges' Clipper Challenge Class. Flowers and all other materials are provided at the Show; bring your own clippers. The class is open to judges only. Note: Only one exhibitor per entry.

116-BP—Backed Platform

REFLECTIONS

The design must include reflective elements but no mirrors.

125-G—Galleria

A TWIST IN TIME

A design interpreting a poster provided by PHS.

129-LP—Large Backed Pedestal STARGAZER

A design using dried plant material only, in a table-top standing frame provided by PHS.

119-M—Miniature Arrangement

SPECTRUM OF FIRE

Component Challenge Class. Components and rules will be provided by PHS in January. Note: Only one exhibitor per entry; no co-exhibitors are permitted in this class.

120-M—Miniature Arrangement SHINING THROUGH

121-M—Miniature Arrangement COUNT YOUR LUCKY STARS

Novice Class. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Miniature Arrangement classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 4 – THURSDAY,	103-OP—Open Platform NATURE'S PALETTE Use of PHS pedestals is optional.		
MARCH 6 (3 days) removed Friday, March 7, 6:30–	104-SP—Small Backed Pedestal WATERFALL Sustainability Challenge: Floral foam is not permitted in this class.		
6:45 am	105-S—Small Niche SOLAR FLARE A design using dried plant material only.		
	117-BP—Backed Platform ROOTED		
	126-G—Galleria TREE OF LIFE Sustainability Challenge: Floral foam is not permitted in this class.		
	130-LP—Large Backed Pedestal SUBMERGE An underwater design.		
TUESDAY, MARCH 4 –	122-M—Miniature Arrangement SATURN'S RINGS		
SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (6 days)	123-M—Miniature Arrangement WHIRLIGIG		
removed Sunday, March 9, after the Show closes	124-M—Miniature Arrangement BURST		
FRIDAY, MARCH 7 – SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (3 days) removed Sunday, March 9, after the Show closes	108-OP—Open Platform BACK TO THE FUTURE A garment made primarily of plant material, displayed on a dress form provided by PHS. Fresh plant material should predominate. Dried plant material is allowed. Some fabric or other mechanics may show if they are an integral part of the design. Accessories such as a necklace or belt are permitted, but not required, in this class if made entirely of plant material.		
	109-SP—Small Backed Pedestal ANGLES		
	110-S—Small Niche LUNAR ECLIPSE Sustainability Challenge: Floral foam is not permitted in this class.		
	118-BP—Backed Platform FROST AND FIRE		
	127-G—Galleria TOMORROWLAND		
	131-LP—Large Backed Pedestal BOOKWORM A hat inspired by a book. Name the book. No duplicates are permitted. Sustainability Challenge: Floral foam is not permitted in this class.		

ARRANGEMENT CLASSES SCALES OF POINTS

ARRANGEMENTS	
Design	35
Creativity	20
Interpretation	20
Distinction	15
Conformance	10
	100

MINI ARRANGEMENTS		
Design	35	
Scale	20	
Originality	15	
Interpretation	10	
Distinction	10	
Conformance	10	
	100	

ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOPS 10 am - 12 pm

Town Hall (first floor), PHS, 100 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA, 19103

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Arrangement workshops are informal and open to Flower Show exhibitors as well as arrangers who want to learn about entering the Show. Lectures and demonstrations are given, and exhibitors are encouraged to try ideas and consult with their advisors. Samples of the staging will be available at the January workshops. This is a good opportunity to test your backgrounds and lighting ideas.

Saturday, December 7, 2024: Master Class

Creativity on Demand-Inspiration and techniques to take your floral designs to the next level

Presenter: To be announced

Fee: \$10 PHS members, \$15 non-members. Registration opens November 26.

Saturday, January 11, 2025:

Floral Design Essentials—Taking the mystery out of the Arrangement Classes. Free, but registration is required. Registration opens November 26.

Saturday, January 18:

Design 2025—New trends and methods for this year's floral design classes. Free, but registration is required. Registration opens November 26.

Saturday, January 25: Snow make-up date.

Register at phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes. Check this site for updates, too.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis.

To find out if a workshop has been cancelled due to inclement weather, call 215-988-8850.

ARRANGEMENT CLASSES RESOURCES

For a selection of videos about best practices and new trends, including design, mechanics, techniques, and large-scale arrangements, see pennhort.libquides.com/FlowerShowArtisticClassesResources

PRESSED PLANT MATERIAL CLASSES

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Class Chairs/Advisors provide support to exhibitors to ensure the proper completion of all paperwork and compliance with all rules leading up to and during the Show. Class Chairs/Advisors should be contacted for questions regarding the clarification of rules or Class descriptions. Class Chairs/Advisors are not permitted to give design advice. If the Chairs or Advisors cannot be reached, PHS staff are available to answer your questions.

For questions about the entry form or to confirm your application, please email compclasses@pennhort.org.

New: ALL entries must be accompanied by an intent statement of no more than 20 words. The intent will be posted with the exhibit. Deadline for intents is January 26, 2025.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

141—ROOTED IN OUR FUTURE

Trees are foundational to supporting all life. Trees breathe for the earth and should be a focal part of the design. A framed piece. Limited to 15 entries. See age restrictions below.

142—FRUITFUL FUTURE

The actions we take today to commit to gardening will lead to a fruitful tomorrow. Create a pressed-plant artwork centered around fruit. Imagery must be fruit-inspired, such as a fruit still life or a creative fruit image. A framed piece. Limited to 15 entries. See age restrictions below.

143—GLOBAL GARDENS

3-Dimensional Class. Decorate a world globe with pressed plant material. Fill each continent with blooms. Globe must not exceed 12" in diameter (37.7" circumference), must be **100%** covered with pressed plant material, and must be able to stand upright on a pedestal or stand. Any pedestal or stand supporting your globe must also be covered with pressed plant material. The height of the globe and pedestal must not exceed 20". Limited to 8 entries. See age restrictions below.

144—PRODUCTIVE SEEDS

Mixed Media Class. Seeds are magical. Show the entrancing evolution of seeds in different stages of growth to a finally developed magnificent bloom. Illustrate this experience and how it feeds the soul of the gardener and looks to the promise of our future. Create a mixed media two-dimensional (2D) artwork that includes at least **50%** flat, pressed plant materials. Mediums such as watercolor, pen and ink, acrylic, decorative papers, colored pencil, etc. can be integrated with the pressed plant materials. A framed piece. Limited to 15 entries. See age restrictions below.

145—PROMISE OF TOMORROW

Novice Class. Beyond the gate is your beautiful garden. Design a pressed plant scene with an enticing entrance. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Pressed Plant classes at the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025. A framed piece. Limited to 15 entries. See age restrictions below.

146—FACES OF OUR FUTURE

Youth Class. Investing in horticultural education to our youth promises a cultivating future! Youth in grades 3 to 12 create their self-portraits out of pressed plant material. A framed piece that is any size under an 8"x10" frame, with the exterior molding not exceeding 9½"x 11½". All Youth entries will be juried. See below for details and deadlines.

PRESSED PLANTS IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration opens—September 16, 2024
- Pressed Plant Workshop—October 5 and November 15, 2024 (same content; see page 22)
- Entry deadline for classes 141-145—January 10, 2025
- Youth class 146 deadline—January 27; jury results announced—January 31
- Mailed exhibits received—between January 26 February 23, 2025
- Deadline for intents—January 26, 2025
- Hand-delivered exhibits—Wednesday, February 26, 2025, between 10 am–12 pm at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.
- Removal—Sunday, March 9, 2025, after the Show closes and removal is announced, approximately 6:30 pm.

PRESSED PLANT RULES AND GUIDELINES (ALL CLASSES) General rules (pages 7-9) also apply.

- You must be 17 years or older to enter Classes 141, 142, 143, 144, or 145.
- Please note: ALL entry forms must be submitted by Friday, January 12. No entry forms will be accepted after that date; no walk-in entries will be accepted.
- Enter online at https://phsjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025pressedplantsentries. Entries are accepted on a first-come basis. Entry in Classes 141, 142, 143, 144, and 145 will be acknowledged and accepted upon completed submission of the entry form. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the entry form, email your request to compclasses@pennhort.org or call 215-988-8850.
- You may make only one entry per class.
- All exhibits must be original and never before entered in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show.
 Please note: No previously published pressed plant art is to be copied in any form.
- Only pressed plant material (flowers, foliage, fruits, and vegetables) may be used. See "Not Permitted" section (page 15). All pressed material must be flat and dry. Use well-pressed flowers, leaves, fruits, or vegetables without tears or blemishes. Use of endangered plant material is prohibited.
- Exhibits in classes 141, 142, 144, 145, and 146 are to be covered with glass, Lucite, or plastic; framing is required. No exhibit may exceed 14" x 18" (35.6 cm x 45.7 cm), including the frame. Class 146 cannot exceed an 8" x 10" frame, with the exterior molding not exceeding 9½" x 11½". Entries exceeding maximum dimensions will not be judged.
- If matting is used as a part of framing, it must function only as matting and must not be used as a design component.
- VERY IMPORTANT: Make sure the hanging device is strong and secure. The
 recommended hanging device is the triangular D-ring hanger placed upright and
 centered on the top back of the artwork. PHS reserves the right to attach fixtures for
 hanging your entry to the back of the frame. These attachments may be permanent.
- Your name, address, and class number must appear on the back of each exhibit.
- Vacuum- and non-vacuum-sealed entries will be judged in separate sections. If there
 are fewer than seven entries in either section, classes will be combined for judging. When you
 enter you will be asked to indicate which entries (if any) have been prepared using the vacuum
 process.

YOUTH PRESSED PLANT (CLASS 146) RULES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES

Due to overwhelming popularity in the Youth Pressed Plants and space restrictions at the Show, all Youth Pressed Plant entries must be juried by a PHS-appointed committee. No entries will be accepted after the following deadlines. Entries not adhering to the following rules will not be selected for entry into the Show.

Class 146 is for school-age exhibitors in grades 3 through 12. Please list your school grade
as of March 2025 on the entry form. International students may submit their birthdates instead
of school grades. The class may be subdivided by grade groupings.

- Youth Class submissions must include the following two items: an entry form and a
 digital image of the completed entry. Digital images will be juried and assessed for
 compliance with class rules. Enter online at
 https://phsjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025pressedplantsentries
- All Youth Pressed Plant entry forms and digital images must be received by January 10, 2025.
 You will be notified by PHS staff whether your entry is selected for further review by January 20, 2025. If your entry is selected for exhibition, follow the installation and removal rules below.
- All Youth entries that are accepted for entry into the Show will be passed upon arrival to determine compliance with Class rules. Any entries that do not pass may not be judged and will be displayed as "For exhibition only" and identified with a red dot.
- The exhibitor's name, address, class number, grade level, and school or garden club must appear on the **back** of each exhibit.
- Frames in Class 146 can be any size under an 8" x 10" frame, with the exterior molding not exceeding 9½" x 11½".
- For more resources, go to https://pennhort.libguides.com/FlowerShowPressedPlantTips

INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL (ALL CLASSES)

Mailed exhibits must be received between January 26 and February 23.

If you are mailing your exhibits, please send them to this address:

Khara Flint 25 Scott Dr Churchville, PA 18966

- Hand-delivered exhibits should be taken to the Pressed Plant staging area in the
 Pennsylvania Convention Center on Wednesday, February 26, between 8 am and 10 am. No
 one under 12 is permitted at the Show during exhibit staging; exhibitors between 12 and 16
 must be accompanied by an adult—parent, guardian, teacher, or group leader.
- Removal: Sunday, March 9, between approximately 6:30 pm and 7 pm after the Show has
 closed to the public and the removal announcement has been made. No one under 16 is
 permitted at the Show during exhibit removal. All exhibits must be picked up by 8:30 pm.
 Exhibits not picked up during the assigned time will be charged a return mailing fee.
- Parking and credential details will be provided to all accepted exhibitors closer to the Show date.

RETURN MAILING FEE

- To help defray the cost of postage for entries that need to be returned by mail, there is a
 nonrefundable return mail fee associated with each exhibit item. Exhibits being returned to the
 U.S. or Canada must contain a self-addressed prepaid label. Do not use stamps to pay for
 postage. For exhibits being returned outside the U.S. or Canada, the fee is \$80 for each. PHS
 cannot confirm your status as an exhibitor until payment is received.
- PLEASE NOTE: No international checks or money orders can be accepted. International
 (including Canada) payments must be made online at time of entry. Exhibitors must
 select the option for return mailing on the entry form and pay at time of entry. You will receive
 a receipt of payment addressed to the email listed on your entry form. You may be charged an
 additional fee by your credit card company. U.S. checks are still accepted. Email
 compclasses@pennhort.org for details on how to pay by check.
- If you pick up your entry after the Show closes, no return mailing fee is needed.

NOT PERMITTED (ALL CLASSES)

- No overlays of non-plant material; underlays, including lamination or glossy paper of any kind; patterned mat board. Monochromatic fabric may be used in lieu of mat board for background.
- No fabric, rice paper, lace, matting, or pictures used as part of the design or in place of plant material in the design. Exception: Mixed Media Class 144.
- No lamination with plastic or coating of plant material. Exception: Class 143 may be coated with clear matte (not glossy) spray for protection.

- No drawing or painting of backgrounds. Entries with visible pencil marks will not be accepted.
 Exception: Mixed Media Class 144.
- No artificial plant material of any kind. No artificial coloring or enhancing of plant material. No glitter, visible glue, or shine.
- No three-dimensional plant material, such as seeds of any kind, twigs, small branches, or any other plant material that is not flat. Exception: Class 143.
- · No signature on artwork.
- No copyrighted images, characters, brand names and/or logos of current commercial products are permitted without written permission from the product's producer, manufacturer, or owner. Show Management must also approve.
- No flags of nations, states, municipalities, or other governmental entities.
- See also the list of permitted/not permitted items on page 15.

PRESSED PLANT CLASSES SCALE OF POINTS

Originality	
Imaginative interpretation of class title10	
Originality of depiction15	j
Design	
Creativity and scale of piece10	
Unity and rhythm10)
Craftsmanship	
Mechanics	j
Condition and choice of material	
Difficulty of pressed plant material)
Imaginative choice and quality of pressed plants	
(no tears, wrinkles, enhancements)10)
Color	
Harmony of color to enhance design10	
Balance in texture and shape of material10)
Total)

Flower Show Pressed Plants Workshops Saturday, October 5, 12 pm – 2:30 pm Saturday, November 16, 12 pm – 2:30 pm (same program) Town Hall (first floor), PHS, 100 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Interested in entering the Pressed Plant section of the Flower Show? In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to execute a pressed plant scene, including pressing methods, storage, project sketch and execution. You must be 18 years or older to attend this workshop.

Fee: \$10 for PHS members; \$15 for non-members. Registration is required. To register, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes.

Registration for October 5 opens on Sept. 6; registration for Nov. 16 opens Oct. 18.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis.

BOTANICAL ARTS CLASSES

Chair	Lisa Walker	215-858-3885	lwwalker3@gmail.com
Vice Chair	Tonya Young	717-870-5721	Tonyay614@aol.com
Advisor	Hollis B. Bauer	917-359-2407	holldollnj@mac.com

Class Chairs/Advisors provide support to exhibitors to ensure the proper completion of all paperwork and compliance with all rules leading up to and during the Show. Class Chairs/Advisors should be contacted for questions regarding the clarification of rules or Class descriptions. Class Chairs/Advisors are not permitted to give design advice. If the Chairs or Advisors cannot be reached, PHS staff are available to answer your questions.

For questions about the entry process, or to confirm your application, please email compclasses@pennhort.org.

Botanical Arts classes feature authentic-looking jewelry and accessory designs created from dried plant material. Entries must appear to be wearable and/or functional. There are 4 categories of Botanical Arts.

The descriptions below apply to the 2025 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show and are noted in each class listing:

- Botanical Jewelry: A design created entirely from dried plant material and made to resemble
 wearable jewelry in both size and function. Plant materials may be treated. No mechanics or
 structural base materials may be visible
- **Botanical Embellishment:** A man-made object enhanced with dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated. Complete coverage of the object is not required.
- **Botanical Couture:** A design emulating an item of clothing and/or other fashion accessory created from all dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated.
- **Botanical Forms:** A design of any other form (e.g., not Botanical Jewelry, Botanical Embellishment, or Botanical Couture) created from all dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated. No mechanics or structural base material may be visible.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

180—PURPLE RAIN (Botanical Couture)

Expert Pedestal Class. Open only to exhibitors who have been awarded a blue ribbon in a previous PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Botanical Arts or Jewelry class.

A monochromatic hat design in purple. A 25-word (maximum) statement of intent is required and will be displayed with the entry. Entries will be displayed in a quarter-circle (wedge) segment with a radius of $34\frac{1}{2}$ ". The: segment is 30" from the floor; the height of the two dividing walls is 40" from the top of the segment. A diagram will be sent to exhibitors. Limited to 4 entries.

181—THREE TIMES A LADY (Botanical Jewelry)

Design a collection of 3 bangle bracelets. Displayed against a neutral-angled backdrop. Staging area is limited to 8" wide x 10" high. Limited to 6 entries.

182—WALKING ON SUNSHINE (Botanical Forms)

Create a flip-flop design for a sunny summer day. A single base sole will be provided for you to design and build the remainder of the shoe. The design must be completely covered in plant material. Displayed against a neutral-angled backdrop. The form will be sent to exhibitors after acceptance has been confirmed. Limited to 6 entries.

183—WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD (Botanical Jewelry)

Design a necklace inspired by a specific culture, to be named. Duplicate cultures are not permitted. Exhibitors must submit 3 choices at registration, and culture will be assigned soon after the class has been filled. Necklace not to exceed 8" wide x 10" high. Displayed against a neutral-angled backdrop. Limited to 6 entries.

184—WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR (Botanical Jewelry)

Create constellation-inspired earrings that sparkle like the stars in the sky. Constellation to be named. A neutral display stand will be provided at installation (6.5" high, crossbar 2.5" wide. 2" between post holes). Limited to 6 entries.

185—SUGAR, SUGAR (Botanical Forms)

Create a fanciful box filled with delectable candies. Box not to exceed 6" square or diameter. Displayed on a raised, slightly angled platform that will be placed on the bottom of the case. Limited to 6 entries.

186—KISS FROM A ROSE (Botanical Forms)

Youth/Novice Class. Create a lipstick case inspired by a designer of your choice. Staged on a 4"x 4" cube wrapped in a neutral fabric. Designer must be named.

Open only to high-school students or exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Botanical Arts or Jewelry classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025. Student entries will have priority. Limited to 6 entries.

BOTANICAL ARTS CLASSES SCALE OF POINTS

Design	30
Craftsmanship	25
Originality	20
Interpretation of theme	15
Distinction	10
Total	100

BOTANICAL ARTS RULES AND GUIDELINES

See also General Rules (pages 7-9) and the list of permitted/not permitted items (page 15). Submit your entry form. Enter online at

https://PHSjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025_botanical_arts_To receive a paper copy of entry form, email your request to compclasses@pennhort.org or call 215-988-8850.

- Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will be acknowledged beginning in early October.
- Because of limited space in Botanical Arts classes, each exhibitor may make only one entry.
- Entries may not exceed 8" wide by 10" high. Specific class dimensions supersede this size limitation.
- Original designs only. All exhibits must be your own original design and must not have previously been entered in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show.
- Jewelry must appear to be wearable and functional. For instance, jewelry must be sized to wear and include a working or implied fastener.
- Display cases open in the front. All entries will be staged against a neutral background. The
 base on which the exhibits are installed is on an angle, like a drafting table, unless noted
 otherwise in the class description. Direct questions about staging props to the Botanical Arts
 Chair, Vice Chair, or Class Advisor.
- Only dried plant material may be used. Select plant material for shapes and textures that will support the design and structure of your creation.
- Artists are encouraged to create textural details and relief design through the use of plant material. Painting scenes on plant material is discouraged.
- Permitted: Dried flowers, foliage, seeds, pods, peas, beans, corn, nuts (in or out of shells), grapevine twigs, basket reeds, etc.
- Not permitted: Carved wood, epoxy resin, manufactured materials (e.g., pasta, couscous, craft wood, plant-based string, toothpicks), clay, seashells, real or simulated gems, loose glitter, byproducts of plants (e.g., pine sap, pine resin, pollen, extracted components such as juice). No exceptions.

- Treatment of plant material: Paint, lacquer, and gloss finishes should be carefully applied in thin coats. Paint or polish with shimmer, pearlized, metallic, and sparkle is permitted, but no large pieces of glitter. Applied finishes must be fully dry before staging, or the exhibit will not be passed.
- Mechanics must not be visible. Non-plant material may be used for construction but must not be able to be seen. String, cording, backing, and other structural components must be completely concealed with permitted dried plant material.
- Head forms for Class 180 may be picked up from PHS beginning in January. If head forms
 must be shipped to exhibitors, exhibitors must pay shipping charges.
- Contact the Class Chair or Vice Chair in advance with all questions about the suitability of
 plant material or the intended treatment of plant material to ensure that all entries can be
 passed and entered for competition.
- Entries that do not follow guidelines will need to be altered before they are passed in order to be judged. Entries not passed will not be staged and exhibited.
- A white 5"x 7" nomenclature card with mounted, untreated samples of the materials you have
 used is required and will be displayed with your entry. Instructions for submitting the
 information for this card will be sent with your acceptance letter.
- Use of endangered or threatened plant material is prohibited. Exhibiting any plant on the United States List of Endangered and Threatened Plants is prohibited in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. A current list is available at www.iucnredlist.org/.
- For more resources, go to https://pennhort.libguides.com/FlowerShowBotanicalArts

INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL (ALL CLASSES)

- Drop-off, Passing, and Staging: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 10 am − 2 pm or as arranged with the Chair and Advisor.
- Judging: Thursday, February 27.
- **Removal:** Sunday, March 9, promptly after the teardown announcement has been made (approximately 6:30 pm 7 pm). **No one under 16 is permitted on site at teardown**.
- You must install your exhibit, although the Chair, Vice Chair, and Advisor will be available to help. Bring all mechanics with you, including fine pins and pliers with wire cutters for securing your entries into the foam core base of the display case. If you have questions about this procedure, please contact the Chair or Vice Chair.
- Special considerations may be made for exhibitors living outside a 150-mile radius of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. With prior approval and at the risk of the exhibitor, the Chair or Vice Chair can install the entry. Contact the Botanical Arts Advisor or Chair to make arrangements. Mailed entries must be received no later than February 12, 2025. Submit approved mail entries to Lisa Walker, 704 Wyndmoor Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.
- Return Mailing: Exhibits being returned by mail are done at the risk of the exhibitor.
 Precautions will be made to secure the exhibit for mailing. All mailings must include a pre-addressed label, prepaid return label, and packaging material. Exhibits will not be mailed back unless all these items are supplied. Do not send stamps, cash, or checks.

Botanical Arts Presentation: Design and Craftsmanship Saturday, November 23, 10 am – 12 pm Town Hall (first floor), PHS, 100 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Presenters: Hollis Bauer, Jennifer Morello, Lisa Walker, all previous award winners

Continue to delve into the fundamentals of Botanical Arts and how entries are critiqued. We will focus on the development of a design concept as well as the importance of craftsmanship—the foundations of an entry. Past award-winning designs as well as tools and treatment mediums will be on hand to explore and ask questions about.

Free. Registration is required. To register, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/artistic-classes Registration opens on Oct. 25.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

Chair......Kate Fahey.....katefahey7@gmail.com

Class Chairs provide support to exhibitors to ensure the proper completion of all paperwork and compliance with all rules leading up to and during the Show. Class Chairs should be contacted for questions regarding the clarification of rules or Class descriptions. Class Chairs are not permitted to give design advice. If the Chairs cannot be reached, PHS staff are available to answer your questions.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

191—CATALYST

A photo of a pollinator in the insect family. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

192—TRANSFORMATION

A diptych featuring two phases of the life cycle of a flower or plant. Image must have a border. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

193—ROOTED

A photo of a tree or group of trees. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

194—EMERGE

A macro image of a flower where the entire frame is filled with flower details and no background is visible. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

195—ETERNAL

A portrait of a bird or birds. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

196—PRISM

A portrait of a flower using creative techniques. Creative Techniques: The use of manipulation or alteration in any stage of the photographic process to achieve an effect that the original subject is no longer discernible or reflective of reality. Compositing techniques are allowed. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

197—CONTEMPLATE

A photo of a reflection in water. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

198—HERITAGE

A still-life image that includes flowers and an aged object. Still Life: A photograph of an intentionally composed arrangement of inanimate objects. Color. Limited to 8 finalists.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Photography registration opens September 16, 2024, at 8:00 am.
- Photography registration closes October 28, 2024. Classes that fill before the deadline will be closed to any further submissions.
- Finalists and non-finalists notified by January 6, 2025.
- Prints must be received by February 10, 2025.

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY RULES AND GUIDELINES

- General rules (pages 7-9) also apply to these classes.
- The Photography classes are limited to amateur photographers only. An amateur is a person who earns less than 50% of their income from photography.
- ALL Photography classes require online registration and will be juried to determine the finalists for display in the Show.
- The first 30 entries received per class, with correct specifications, by date of receipt, will be submitted to the jury. From these, finalists will be selected.
- New: You may make only one entry per class and cannot enter more than two classes in total.

- No image may be entered in more than one class
- All work must be done by the exhibitor, including any editing or digital manipulation of the photo.
- All exhibits must be original and never before entered in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show or any other flower show. No previously published photograph is to be copied in any form.
- New: Plant material is required in all images. No identifiable people are permitted in the images.
- New: For each entry, a statement of intent, limited to 20 words, is required upon entry and will be posted with the exhibit.
- Digital manipulation of photographs is allowed. No graphics may be added (e.g., no borders) unless specified. Exception: Class 192 TRANSFORMATION requires a border.
- Online submissions to the jury must be full resolution and a minimum 2 megabytes file size and a maximum of 15 megabytes.
- **New:** The overall dimension of entry must be a minimum of 54" and a maximum of 64" in total perimeter measurement. For more information, see the box on page 28.
- Images of brand names and/or logos of current commercial products are not permitted.
- Images of flags of nations, states, municipalities, or other governmental entities are not permitted.
- To submit an entry, go to https://PHSjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025photographyentries and complete the form. Rename photographs before uploading to the entry form and submit photographs with the following naming format: Last Name, First Name, and Class Number (e.g., Fahey, Kate, 191.jpg).

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL SUBMISSION

- For more information about print sizes, please see 2025 Photography Size, Cropping, and Printing Specifications (page 28).
- The printed photograph must match the submitted digital image in all respects of editing, color, cropping, and/or manipulation.
- All photographs must be printed on lustre paper. Lustre is a finish between glossy and matte.
- Printing and mounting can be done professionally.
- All photographs must be mounted on black foam core and cut to the photograph's edge (no borders). Black foam core must be of standard thickness of 3/16" (5mm).
- Mounted photos shipped directly from the printer will not be accepted.

DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

- Your name, address, and class number must appear on the back of each photograph. The top of the photograph must be indicated.
- All exhibits must be received by the Photography Chair, Kate Fahey, by February 10, 2025.

Kate Fahey 302 Freedom Ct Newtown Square, PA 19073

- Please contact Kate (<u>katefahey7@gmail.com</u>) to indicate that your photo has been mailed.
- The Photography Committee will pass all photographs upon receipt to verify that class specifications have been met and that the photograph is in good condition. If a photograph is NOT passed, the exhibitor will be notified and allowed, if time permits, to make the necessary changes and submit a replacement.
- If a print is damaged in transit, the Photography Committee will notify the exhibitor, who will be requested to submit a replacement.

 PHS will use double-stick tape or something similar to adhere the photos and identification cards to the display panels. These attachments may be permanent to the back of the photo.

REMOVAL

- Comment cards and awards will be mailed to each exhibitor after the Show.
- Please consider allowing PHS to donate your photo to a local nonprofit organization or school. (Recommended)
- If you prefer to have your photo returned, please follow these guidelines:
 - PICK-UP from the Pennsylvania Convention Center: Sunday, March 9, between approximately 6:30 pm and 7 pm from the Photography display area, after the teardown announcement has been made. PHS will provide entry credentials to those exhibitors who choose to pick up their exhibits.
 - RETURN SHIPPING: If an entry is to be shipped back to the exhibitor, return packaging and a pre-paid shipping label must be provided with the entry when it is sent to the Committee before the Show. Return packaging with postage stamps will not be returned.
- If mailing requirements are not met or if no return is requested, photos will be donated to a local nonprofit organization or school.
- While PHS will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits, responsibility for damage or loss cannot be assumed.

2025 Photography Size, Cropping, and Printing Specifications

New: The overall perimeter size of all entries must fall within the range of a minimum of 54" and a maximum of 64".

Here is an example of how to calculate the overall perimeter.

An 11 x 16 inch print will yield an overall perimeter of 54".

Formula: 11 + 11 + 16 + 16 = 54"

- Some suggested print sizes that meet the requirement of overall perimeter:
 - o 11 x 16 = 54"
 - o 14 x 14 = 56"
 - o 10 x 18 = 56"
 - o 12 x 18 = 60"
 - 10 x 20 = 60"16 x 16 = 64"
- Your photo may need to be cropped to fit within these print sizes.
- Photos can be in landscape, portrait, or square format.
- The initial digital submission should conform to these print perimeter measurements, which will ensure the printed photo will match the digital photo exactly.
- Foamboard, foam core, Gatorboard are all acceptable mounting products.
- Do not send photos to the Vice Chair directly from the printer.
- Mounting can be done by the exhibitor, a frame shop or an online printing company.
 The following companies offer printing and mounting: BayPhoto; MPix; ProDpi (must request black foam core in the comment box at checkout), Printique.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES SCALE OF POINTS

Creativity	25
Composition	25
Technical proficiency	20
Quality of light and tonal range	10
Interpretation of class	15
Distinction	5
Total	100

DESIGN CLASSES

The Design classes require considerable advance planning. Registration for these classes takes place before the *Exhibitor's Guide* is published, and the classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis in the spring and summer. Meetings are scheduled throughout the year to review exhibitors' plans, explain the logistics, etc. If you are interested in exhibiting in these classes in the future, please write to Competitive Classes, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or email compclasses@pennhort.org

Please note: Arrangement Rules (Permitted/Not Permitted) on page 15 also apply to Design classes; please note exceptions for Design classes.

GARDEN DESIGN

CLASS 160—BACK TO THE FUTURE

Design a garden that has distinct historical elements but is designed for the future. Must include at least one sustainability element.

Staged in an area 16' x 12' x 1' deep. Exhibitors are permitted to add outdoor containers, pavers, furniture, and other accessories. Fresh cut flowers and uncut fruits and vegetables are permitted. A plant list is required, and all rooted plants must be labeled.

Limited to 4 entries. Subsidy: \$2,000. Judged on Friday, February 28, as Class 160, and Wednesday, March 5, as Class 160A.

ENTRYWAY					
Chair	Chair Carol Perovich				
Vice Chair	Mark Pulcini	267-294-5696	markpulcini@hotmail.com		

CLASS 161—GOOD FRIENDS ENTER HERE

Design an inviting backyard entrance in a space 12' x 8' with a 12' high wall. Must include one design element constructed out of recycled/repurposed materials. Exhibitors must supply a door and trim (if desired) as well as a way to enter the door. Window(s), shutters, window box, or any other decorative elements are optional and must be supplied by the exhibitor. No roof construction permitted. Exhibitors are permitted to add outdoor containers, pavers, and furniture. A plant list is required, and all rooted plants must be labeled.

Limited to 4 entries. Subsidy: \$1,500. Judged on Friday, February 28, as Class 150, and Wednesday, March 5, as Class 150A.

WINDOW BOX & LAMP POST

CLASS 167—SPECTRAL. Youth Class. One color must predominate. No duplicates.

Judged on Friday, February 28; removed on Wednesday, March 5.

CLASS 168—STREET SERENADE. Novice Class. Name the neighborhood and city where the lamp post and window box are located. No duplicate themes are permitted. Open to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in a Design class at the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to the current year.

Judged on Wednesday, March 5.

Limited to 6 entries each. Subsidy: \$150.

POCKET GARDEN

Chair	Lisa Armstrong	. 215-962-3154	l.joan.armstrong@gmail.com
Vice-Chair	Dawn DiGiovanni	. 610-324-6472	ddigiovann@brynmawr.edu

CLASS 175—FOR PEAT'S SAKE

Design a small garden that incorporates a bog garden area. Dimensions are 4' x 4' x 18" deep (box). The exhibit may not exceed 8' tall. Accessories are permitted. A plant list is required.

Limited to 6 entries. Subsidy: \$400. Judged on Friday, February 28, as Class 175, and Wednesday, March 5, as Class 175A.

MINIATURE SETTING

Chair	Midge Ingersoll	. 856-235-1877	Ink5606@gmail.com
Vice-Chair	Liz Murray	. 267-687-2648	lizmurray272@gmail.com
Vice-Chair	Rebecca W. Flemer	. 917-655-1670	beccaflemer@gmail.com

CLASSES 135 AND 136—REEL TIME!

Design a setting inspired by a movie. Name the movie. No duplicates are permitted. You must use at least 8 live plants. A plant list is required. Scale: one inch equals one foot. These classes will be juried.

Minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 entries in each class. Subsidy: \$400. Judged on Thursday, February 27.

FLORAL DESIGN

STORE WINDOW

ChairBonnie M. Hays	. 610-656-1081 .	bonniehays@comcast.net
Vice ChairPatsy Walls	. 610-547-5847 .	patricialeighmw@gmail.com

CLASS 156—ON THE AVENUE

Design a store window on an iconic avenue; name the avenue. No duplicates. Store window to be staged on a platform 10'4" x 6', 18" above floor. Windows are 9'6" wide by 5'10" high, 26" above the floor. The interior walls are 8' high; exterior walls are 10' high. The store type or display product must be named in the intent; no duplicates are permitted. The exhibit must contain fresh cut flowers. Dried plant material, dried treated plant material, and accessories are permitted.

Limited to 4 entries. Subsidy: \$750. Judged on Friday, February 28, as Class 156, and Wednesday, March 5, as Class 156A.

TABLE (WITH ARRANGEMENT)

ChairCarol Simonetti	610-207-8713	@ptd.net
Vice ChairJo Ann Jones	267-373-7096	jbradleyjones@aol.com

CLASS 134—AT LAST, WE MEET

A table set for two historic/celebrity personalities to meet for the first time. Name the people. No duplicates are permitted. Must include two place settings. An arrangement of fresh cut plant material must predominate and may include uncut fruits or vegetables, dried treated plant material, or treated dried plant material. Seating is permitted. Accessories are permitted with the approval of the Committee. To be staged on an 8' x 10' platform, 4" high, in an open area (no walls). No construction is permitted.

Limited to 4 entries. Subsidy: \$750. Judged on Friday, February 28, as Class 134, and Wednesday, March 5, as Class 134A.

HORTICULTURE AND ORCHID CLASSES

Horticulture			
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IMPORTANT DATES

2024

- Saturday, September 28—Challenge Plant Program and challenge plant pick-up (page 62).
- Saturday, October 12—Program: Blooming Bulbs (page 61).
- Saturday, November 2—Program: Grooming Your Plants for Competition (page 45).
- Saturday, November 2—Kokedama workshop (page 60).
- Sunday, December 1—All plants must be in your possession by this date unless otherwise noted.
- Monday, December 2—FSDB opens for online pre-entries. (Please note date change because of holiday weekend.)

2025

- Friday, January 31—Deadline for pre-entry registration.
- Saturday, February 1—Deadline to contact Horticulture Committee members about accessories, etc.
- Monday, February 10—Deadline for preliminary plant list for entries with 2 or more different plants.
- Monday, February 10—Last date to add or change plant names for entries.
- Thursday, February 27—Entries passed, recorded, staged: 1 pm-5:30 pm.
- Friday, February 28—Entries passed, recorded, staged: 7 am–9:30 am.
- Monday, March 3—Entries passed, recorded, staged: 7 am–9:30 am.
- Thursday, March 6—Entries passed, recorded, staged: 7 am-9:30 am.
- Sunday, March 9—Entries may be removed after the teardown announcement has been made (approximately 6:30 pm); all entries must be removed by 8 pm.

WHAT'S NEW

- Kokedama classes and a Kokedama workshop (pages 56, 60)
- More Challenge Plant classes (page 62)
- Novice hanging plant class (page 59)
- New Youth succulent class (page 50)
- Four new Orchid classes, including Box Store Beauties (pages 66, 67)
- Back by Popular Demand: Living Wall (page 57)
- Judging criteria listed for each Horticulture class (page 46)
- More assistance for schools and youth groups (page 73)

RESOURCES FOR EXHIBITORS

You can find links to YouTube videos about how to enter the Show and the judging process at https://pennhort.libguides.com/FlowerShowHorticourtExhibitorResources.

The Flower Show website (PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/plant-entries) will also contain new information as it become available. We suggest that you check it periodically for updates.

HORTICULTURE CLASSES DEFINITIONS

- Accessories: Artificial elements such as ceramic frogs or miniature tables.
- **Beginner's Luck classes:** Open only to first-time exhibitors in the Horticulture classes. The exhibitor is considered a beginner for all judging cycles of the current Show.
- Challenge classes: All exhibitors start with the same plants and grow them for competition. Only plants purchased from PHS are eligible to be entered.
- **Episcia** bowl: A shallow bowl with a clear plastic dome, often with a hole in the center to allow some air circulation while maintaining high humidity.
- Enter All Days (EAD): EAD entries may only be made in classes designated "Eligible for EAD" in the Exhibitor's Guide. See pages 36-37 for important information.
- Flowering plants must be in bloom. Non-flowering plants must not be in bloom.
- Foliage plants: Plants exhibited primarily for foliage will be classified as such, although a few flowers or buds on non-orchid plants are acceptable. Orchids may not be in flower.
- Formal vs. informal: Plants pruned and/or trained, altering their natural form or shape, are
 considered formal. All other plants, although selectively pruned for grooming purposes, are
 considered informal. No trellis or framework is allowed in an informal class; a single stake is
 allowed.
- **Hardy:** Plants that can reliably survive outdoor winter conditions in the Greater Philadelphia region are considered hardy. Entries need not have been grown outdoors.
- Horticourt: All Horticulture and Orchid entries are displayed in the Hamilton Horticourt, located in the center of B Hall in the Philadelphia Convention Center.
- Kokedama: Kokedama is a centuries-old Japanese art form in which plant roots are wrapped in a ball of soil that is covered with moss. See pages 55 and 60.
- Miniature plants are mature plants of miniature stature (also known as "true miniatures"), not just young or small plants that will eventually grow into large plants. Please see additional information in the Miniature Plant section, page 60.
- Novice Classes: Novice classes are only open to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon
 awarded by the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025 within designated divisions of the
 Show. If an exhibitor wins a blue ribbon in a Novice Class in 2025, the exhibitor may
 remain in subsequent Novice classes within that designated division through the
 remainder of the 2025 Show. Designated divisions include Bulbs, General Horticulture, and
 Orchids.
- Plants grown in house or office: Plants that are grown in exhibitor's home or office, not in a greenhouse.
- Rock garden plants: Rock garden plants are small-scale plants that thrive in well-drained stony or sandy soil; in the wild they are typically found in the mountains or other rocky habitats.
- Show quality: Plants should have a vigorous, healthy appearance (including foliage, flowers or fruit) and a form characteristic of a well-grown plant. See also "What Do the Judges Look For" on page 46.
- Terrariums: Glass or clear plastic containers for displaying plants, especially plants that need high humidity. Terrariums must have clear covers.
- Wardian-Style cases: Glass enclosures employing a metal or wooden frame; they should resemble greenhouses or conservatories, should include a roof, and must be capable of being closed. Wardian-style cases should display plants that need high humidity.
- Youth classes: See page 73 about assistance for teachers and youth-group leaders.

HORTICULTURE AND ORCHID CLASSES RULES General rules (pages 7-9) also apply.

- Anyone can enter the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. You do not have to be a member of any
 garden club or horticultural organization (including PHS). However, there are many benefits of
 PHS membership—see PHSonline.org/support-phs/membership
- Plants entered in the Flower Show must be of Show quality in form and condition, free of pests and diseases.
- All plants must be in your possession by December 1, 2024, unless otherwise specified.
- FSDB (Flower Show Database) is the online system for registering your entries, updating your plant lists, and monitoring your scores. FSDB opens for pre-registration on December 2, 2024 (see page 40).
- If you cannot enter online, please request a paper form from compclasses@pennhort.org or write to Competitive Classes, PHS, 100 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.
- Online pre-registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, January 31. Paper forms must be received at PHS by January 31 (not postmarked January 31). You may add or change the names of plants being entered until midnight on Monday, February 10 (see page 39).
- New: All Youth Class entries from an entire class of students must be pre-registered. This
 allows for a smoother entry process and sufficient display space. The teacher should preregister the entire class and remove those entries that are not of show-quality at the time of the
 Show. See page 73 for guidance for teachers and youth group leaders.
- The preliminary plant list for entries with two (2) or more different plants must be received by February 10 (see page 39). This can be done in the FSDB entry.
- Post-entries are limited to six (6) entries in Horticulture classes and six (6) in Orchid classes for each judging day (see page 36).
- For most classes, you may make up to three (3) entries per class unless otherwise specified.
 However, they must be of different species, varieties, or cultivars. (Exceptions: Clivia and
 Amorphophallus classes, where you may make up to three (3) entries of the same species per
 class.)
- You may make only one (1) entry per class in "named" classes (e.g., Narcissus 'Jetfire') or where otherwise specified (e.g., Wardian-Style Cases).
- For most classes, only one plant per pot is permitted. Exceptions: Plants with naturally occurring
 pups, attached offsets, etc.; terrariums, container gardens, living walls, etc. For bulb classes
 (including rock garden bulbs), there is no limit to the number of bulbs per pot, unless otherwise
 specified.
- Important: You may substitute another plant for one that has been pre-entered in a class, if it
 fits the requirements of the class. You will not need to post-enter any substitution for which
 you already have an unused "reservation" in a class.
- Exhibitors or their representatives must stay with all entries until they are passed and recorded.
- Every plant must be properly identified (see page 39). Please try to provide the names for all cultivars.
- The exhibitor's name <u>must</u> be marked with indelible ink on the bottom of each pot; a cell
 phone number is also helpful.
- Wild-collected plants of endangered and threatened species are forbidden in any PHS
 Philadelphia Flower Show exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure these
 plants are not on exhibit. See General Rule 28 on page 9.
- Orchids may only be entered in classes 5000 through 7215, with one exception—small orchids (flowering and foliage) are now permitted in Terrariums and Wardian-Style Cases.
- No bonsai are permitted.
- No water or electrical hookups are permitted for any exhibits.

- Accessories are not permitted unless they are specifically allowed in the class description.
 If in doubt, contact a member of the Horticulture Committee by February 1, 2025. For a definition of accessories, see page 33.
- Food items are not permitted as accessories.
- Plants may not be removed before the designated removal dates or times. Neither PHS nor the Committee can be responsible for plants left beyond removal times (between 6:30 am and 7 am on Monday, March 3, and Thursday, March 6; between approximately 6:30 pm to 8 pm on closing day, March 9, after the teardown announcement has been made).

ENTRY PROCEDURES

The Horticulture classes Rules and Entry Procedures sections provide the answers to most questions about exhibiting. If you require further support, please contact one of the members of the Horticulture or Orchid Committees.

PRE-ENTERING THE SHOW

- THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-ENTRIES IS JANUARY 31, 2025
- We encourage exhibitors to pre-register ("pre-enter") their entries so that nomenclature can be verified and official PHS cards can be prepared in advance. Pre-entering is advantageous because there are no limits on the number of entries exhibitors can make (within class limits). In addition, pre-entries qualify for entry points (see page 67). Exhibitors should read the Guide carefully to determine which classes to enter. Careful attention to class regulations and requirements (e.g., pot sizes) is important.
- There is no penalty if exhibitors do not exhibit all the plants that they have pre-entered.

THREE WAYS TO PRE-ENTER

- The preferred way is to use FSDB (Flower Show Database), the online registration system for Horticulture entries (<u>register.theflowershow.com/SignIn.aspx</u>). The online system will be available for **pre-entry** from December 2, 2024, through January 31, 2025.
- After December 2, you may download a paper entry form from PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/plant-entries, request one from compclasses@pennhort.org, or write to Competitive Classes, PHS, 100 N 20th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495.
- You may submit a typed or computer-generated list of entries using a format similar to the
 official entry form. Use at least 12-point type; use gridlines if possible; allow space for the
 nomenclature checkers to make notations; and make sure your name is at the top of each page.
 Fill out the top of the official entry form and attach it to your typed or computerized list.

PRE-ENTRY SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Pre-entry forms (online or on paper) must be received at PHS by January 31, 2025 (not
 postmarked January 31). Entries received after that deadline or entered at the Show will be
 considered post-entries (see below).
- You can check the status of your pre-entries entered via FSDB on the My Entries tab of your
 account. If the Status is "To Be Entered," you must click on the Checkout button to complete the
 process. "Submitted" indicates that the plant name needs to be verified by the Nomenclature
 volunteers; once that happens, or if the plant name is already in the system, the entry will be
 marked "Accepted."
- Select "Save to pdf" above the Status column to create a printable entry list; select "Save to CSV" to export the list to a spreadsheet.
- All exhibitors who have pre-entered will be mailed a packet containing credentials for admittance to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, parking information, and other pertinent information. The packet will be mailed after Presidents Day (February 17, 2025).

POST-ENTRIES

- You should make every effort to pre-enter any plants that you think might be suitable for exhibition, even if those plants do not eventually make it to the Show.
- However, if you miss the pre-entry deadline (January 31, 2025)—or if you have pre-entered some plants and realize that some additional plants look great at Show time—you can "post-enter" up to a total of six (6) entries in Horticulture classes and up to a total of six (6) entries in Orchid classes on each entry day. Within each class, the number of entries per class, including post-entries, cannot exceed three (3) or the number permitted as stated for that class (e.g., a named bulb).
- Remember: You may substitute another plant for one that has been pre-entered in a class if
 it fits the requirements of the class. You will not need to post-enter any substitution for
 which you already have an unused "reservation" in a class.
- If you have not pre-entered any plants and wish to post-enter, you must contact PHS (call 215-988-8822 or email FSDB@pennhort.org) to request entry credentials.
- Make every effort to correctly identify your plants. Provide two (2) 4"x6" cards for each entry (see page 41).
- Go to the Post-Entry Window on the Show floor to register. Please note the Post-Entry closing times listed on each entry day schedule.
- If you have also pre-entered, please be sure to use the same form of name that you used on pre-entries. This assures that you receive proper credit for all your entries.
- After you have post-entered your plants, please notify a passer, recorder, or the Horticulture chairs that you have post-entry plants ready for passing and recording.
- Reminder: Plants that you are substituting for pre-entered plants in the same class are not
 considered post-entries if they meet the original class description. If they do not, they will need
 to be post-entered in other classes.
- Post-entries receive award points but only receive entry points on Second Thursday, March 6.

ENTER ALL DAYS (EAD)—AN OPTION FOR MANY BUT NOT ALL ENTRIES.

Please read this section carefully.

- The Enter All Days (EAD) option is designed to reduce exhibitors' time so that they do not have
 to return and re-enter plants on the second and third judging days—they take entries to the
 Show for the first judging day and remove them at the end of the Show. Classes eligible for EAD
 include plants that do not need grooming throughout the Show, primarily succulent and/or
 nonflowering plants as well as most flowering orchids.
- The EAD entry process is only available for entries in classes designated "Eligible for EAD" in the Exhibitor's Guide.
- All EAD plants must be entered in the Show on Thursday, February 27, or Friday, February 28, in the EAD class in which they were pre-entered and must remain in the Show for all three judging days. No plants can be entered using EAD on Monday and Thursday or by post-entry. You will be required to agree to these terms when pre-registering each EAD entry.
- All EAD-eligible classes may also be entered in the traditional day-by-day way. This allows
 entries to be moved to a different class on a subsequent entry day.
 - **Remember:** Entering a plant on all three entry days does not **automatically** make it an EAD entry. If the plant is not in an EAD-eligible class or if there is no asterisk after the PHS ID in your FSDB entry list (e.g., 2-12345*), the plant is not an EAD entry, and you must go in on each entry day to re-enter it.
- Only plants that have been pre-entered (online or on paper) in EAD classes can take part
 in EAD. Plants that have been pre-entered as EAD are identified with an asterisk after the PHS
 ID number on the entry list as well as on the PHS card displayed after judging.
- An EAD plant cannot be replaced with another plant after the first entry day.

Once a plant has been registered as an EAD entry in a particular class, it cannot be moved into
a different class as an EAD—it must be entered in the new class as a post-entry and will no
longer be eligible for pre-entry points in the new class. For this reason, you should consider
registering an EAD plant in any classes for which it qualifies, including the classes for the next
smaller or larger pot size.

Tip: If you are ambivalent about committing to an EAD entry because you might want to move it later to a different class, you may register it as both an EAD and a non-EAD entry in a class, as long as you do not exceed the exhibitor limit of entries in that class (usually 3). Then you can decide when you arrive whether to keep the plant in an EAD slot or a non-EAD slot. PHS cards will be ready for you with different PHS ID numbers for each option. Be sure to tell the Recorder which slot you are taking.

- Four (4) 4"x6" plant identification cards (page 41) are required for each EAD entry. The 4"x6" cards must contain the class numbers for all three entry days (2xxx, 3xxx, 4xxx; 5xxx, 6xxx, 7xxx) listed one under another and all three PHS ID numbers (see page 41 for an example).
- EAD plants will be judged on all three judging days; any ribbons and rosettes awarded during
 the week will be collected by the Horticulture Committee and given to exhibitors at tear-down.
 Please look for a table or counter with packets situated along the path to the freight elevator.
- Reminders about the EAD process will be part of the entry process if you enter online. Instruction
 reminders will be mailed with your credential packets in February and will also be available
 closer to Show time at PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/plant-entries.

DEMYSTIFYING THE ASTERISKS

Asterisk after a botanical name

(e.g., NARCISSUS APRICOT IMPRESSION*)

This asterisk indicates that the name needs to be checked. The entry appears on the entry list as "Submitted" rather than "Accepted" and might also appear in red. "Submitted" only refers to the plant name, not the entry itself.

Why?

- The plant name already exists in FSDB but the exhibitor has typed it in rather than selecting it from a pull-down list of options, so FSDB does not recognize it.
- The plant name is new to the Flower Show Database (FSDB) and has not yet been verified with authoritative sources. The Nomenclature Committee will review it and might ask the exhibitor for additional information, such as where the plant was purchased or if a photograph can be provided to aid in identification. After the plant name has been verified and punctuated correctly, the entry will be changed to "Accepted" (NARCISSUS 'APRICOT IMPRESSION').

Important: Entries marked "Submitted" may still be brought to the Show, along with any marked "Accepted." They might be verified by the time the PHS cards are printed, or they might be verified at the Show.

Asterisk after a PHS ID

(e.g., 2-12345*, 3-12346*, 4-12347*)

This asterisk indicates that the entry is an Enter All Days (EAD) entry. The * tells the Recorders and Stagers that the entry will stay in place throughout the Show, although the class numbers will change depending on the judging day.

Remember: If there is no asterisk after the PHS ID, the entry is not considered an EAD entry.

The PHS IDs for EAD entries will usually be consecutive, but it is wise to check each number carefully. Automatic numbering depends on how many other exhibitors are preregistering their plants at the same time.

ENTRY SCHEDULE

There are three Horticulture and Orchid entry/judging cycles during the Flower Show. These are the only times that entries can be entered and removed.

Days and Classes	Entry times	Non-EAD entries (entries without an asterisk [*] after the PHS ID number	EAD entries (entries with an asterisk [*] after the PHS ID number
Thursday, February 27* 2002-2730, 5000-5215 Entered, passed, recorded, and staged.	1:00-5:30 pm		
Friday, February 28 2002-2730, 5000-5215 Entered, passed, recorded, and staged; judged beginning at noon. Vehicles must be out of F Hall by 9:30 am.	7:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am) Grooming and passing tables will be available after 6 am		Stay in place for Monday and Thursday judging.
Monday, March 3 3002-3735, 6002-6215 Entered, passed, recorded, and staged; judged beginning at noon. Vehicles must be out of F Hall by 9:30 am.	7:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am) Grooming and passing tables will be available after 6 am.	Entries from Friday's judging must be removed between 6:30 am and 7 am. Take them home or enter them in Monday classes (7- 9:30 am).	Stay in place for Thursday judging.
Thursday, March 6 ("Second Thursday") 4002-4750, 7000- 7215) Entered, passed, recorded, and staged; judging begins at noon.** Vehicles must be out of F Hall by 9:30 am.	7:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am) Grooming and passing tables will be available after 6 am.	Entries from Monday's judging must be removed between 6:30 am and 7 am. Take them home or enter them in Second Thursday classes (7 and 9:30 am).	
Sunday, March 9	pm and 8 pm, after	unday night between a the teardown annou st be removed by 8 pr	ncement has been

^{*} **Note:** On Thursday, February 27, if you are entering only one or two plants or are post-entering, we suggest that you plan to arrive **after 3 pm**, by which time many of the exhibitors with large numbers of entries will have been registered.

^{**} Remember: On Thursday, March 6, two (2) entry points are awarded for each pre-entered plant that is actually entered in the Show; post-entered plants receive one (1) entry point.

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

- Please make every effort to submit correct botanical names on your entry forms so that they can
 be verified in advance by the Competitive Classes Nomenclature Committee. All plants must be
 correctly named. Primary references are the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Database
 (register.theflowershow.com/Botanicalview.aspx), RHS Plant Finder (rhs.org.uk/plants/searchform), and Plants of the World (powo.science.kew.org/).
 - For orchids, hybrids are verified via the RHS International Orchid Register (apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp); species are verified via Plants of the World. Orchid genus abbreviations are spelled out; abbreviations adhere to the American Orchid Society (AOS) standard.
- Do not guess. If you are unsure about a botanical name, it is permissible to use sp. for a species and cv. for a cultivar (e.g., Begonia cv.). Please try to find the name for each cultivar. If in doubt, send a photo to fstb@pennhort.org, and the Nomenclature committee will try to identify it. For orchids, spell out the words Species and Hybrid (e.g., Phalaenopsis Hybrid).
- If you are entering via the FSDB entry screen, either select a plant name from your My Plants list or start typing the name of the plant in the botanical-name box. If the plant is in the database, it will appear on a drop-down list; click on the name to select it. Tip: Instead of beginning to type at the beginning of the plant name, type the second name or cultivar name—for instance, instead of typing Narcissus 'Bridal Crown', just type Bridal Crown.
- If you see instructions to use a different name (e.g., PELARGONIUM 'LEMON CRISPUM' USE: PELARGONIUM CRISPUM), go to the correct name and select it for your entry.
- If the plant name you enter is not in the database, it will appear in your entry list as a proposed name in red, followed by an asterisk (*), and the entry status will say "Submitted." The Nomenclature checkers will attempt to verify it using authoritative sources. Please use the updated name they provide.
- Any corrections for proposed names will be updated on your My Entries list and will be printed on the PHS cards waiting for your entries at the Show. (If you enter on a paper form, an updated entry list will be included in your credential packet.)
- Please note: Verification of a botanical name does not ensure that a plant is correctly identified or is entered in the appropriate class.
- You are allowed (and encouraged) to add or change the names of plants being entered
 via FSDB until midnight on Monday, February 10. This will reduce errors and the number of
 PHS cards to be reprinted on entry days. Note: You may not add or move entries in FSDB after
 January 31; the February 10 deadline is only for adding or changing plant names.
- PRELIMINARY PLANT LISTS: If you are entering a class that permits two or more different plants per entry (e.g., bulb garden, miniature rock garden, terrarium, stuffed form), you must submit a preliminary plant list—online in FSDB, by email to fsdb@pennhort.org, or with your paper entry form by Monday, February 10. The earlier you submit this list, the sooner it can be checked by the Nomenclature Committee. On the preliminary list, it is advisable to include all of the plants that you might enter, even if you do not actually include all of those plants as part of your entry. If you are entering via FSDB, you should check your plant list prior to the Show to see if proposed names (in red, followed by an asterisk) have been corrected. If you enter on a paper form, your corrected plant list will be sent in your credential packet. Please be sure that your final list has the correct names.

At the Show, you must provide two (2) copies of a **final**, corrected, legible, numbered plant list in waterproof ink on a 4"x6" index card along with the 4"x6" cards required for each entry. You must also provide a diagram of your entry no larger than 8½"x11," with the plants numbered to correspond to your final corrected plant list.

For questions about plant identification of your entry at the Flower Show, please check with the volunteers at the Horticulture Information Booth at the center of the Horticourt.

THE FLOWER SHOW BOTANICAL DATABASE (FSDB)

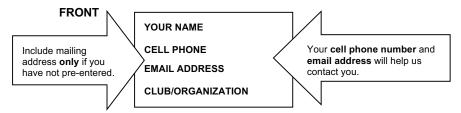
- The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Botanical Database lists the names of over 20,000 plants that have been entered in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show over the years. The Database is updated continuously. We urge you to use this Database to check the names of plants before you submit them on a plant list or registration form. In many cases, the Database will lead you to photographs or descriptions that will assist you in properly identifying a plant.
 - You can find a link to the database at register.theflowershow.com/Botanicalview.aspx.
- For many of the plants on the list, you will see links to Google Images or Google Search. Those
 links will take you to pictures of the plants or to more information about them (often including
 where to buy them). The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society takes no responsibility for the
 accuracy of this information.
- Do not use any variants of botanical names that you may find using Google Images or Google Search. They may be incorrect or out of date. Use the spelling and punctuation guidelines in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Botanical Database.

NEVER USE A PHS ID MORE THAN ONCE!

- Each PHS ID number (5 digits plus prefix indicating day) is a unique number that identifies a particular entry on a particular day. Think of it like a Social Security number
- Award points and entry points for a plant on a specific judging day are attached to that PHS ID. If you try to re-use that ID for a different day or different plant, you might lose award and entry points. (See more about entry and award points on page 67.)
- Re-using PHS IDs also creates confusion when entries are being judged, because
 there is probably already an existing, correct pre-entry PHS ID for that plant on the
 new day. Sorting out what "really" should be the ID takes a lot of volunteer time and
 labor.
- Remember the codes!
 - Friday entries in Horticulture/Orchid classes start with the prefix 2 (e.g., 2-12345); Orchid entries start with 5 (e.g., 5-23789).
 - Monday entries in Horticulture/Orchid classes start with 3 (e.g., 3-12346);
 Orchid entries start with 6 (e.g., 6-23790).
 - Second Thursday entries in Horticulture/Orchid classes start with 4 (e.g., 4-12347); Orchid entries start with 7 (e.g., 7-23791).
 - Do not assume that numbers for all three days will be consecutive. Automatic numbering depends on how many other exhibitors are pre-registering their plants at the same time.

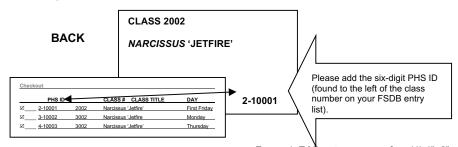
PLANT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

- On each entry day, each entry must be accompanied by two (2) white 4"x6" cards. (EAD entries need four (4) cards.) Note: If your entry consists of more than one (1) pot (e.g., Double Your Pleasure, Parent and Offspring), you must bring two (2) cards for each plant/pot in the collection.
- Please use waterproof black ink (e.g., Sharpie).
- On one side of each card, clearly print your name, best phone number, email address, and
 garden club or horticultural organization (if applicable). Note: You may use pre-printed labels or
 rubber stamps if they are easy to read and the form of your name is consistent.



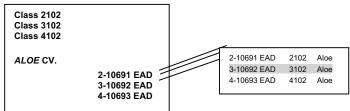
 On the other side of each card, print the class number and botanical name in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS. This is the card that the judges see, so legibility and accuracy of nomenclature is to your advantage. Be sure to incorporate any nomenclature corrections—including spelling—made by the Nomenclature Committee. Please note: Corrections or verifications should not be construed as an acknowledgment that your plants are in the appropriate classes.

You can find the PHS ID numbers in the My Entries tab of your account in FSDB (see examples below). If you do not have access to your account or cannot find the number, it will be provided when your entry is recorded at the Show. Providing it on your card in advance just facilitates the recording process.



• For each **EAD** entry, prepare four (4) 4"×6" cards. Please put all three (3) class numbers at the top left of the card and all three (3) PHS ID numbers at the bottom right.

Note: PHS ID numbers might not be in consecutive order). Please check carefully before
preparing your cards.



PLANT PREPARATION

POTS AND CONTAINERS

- Pots must be labeled! Write your name and cell-phone number on the bottom of each pot with a waterproof pen (e.g., Sharpie). When you purchase a new pot, label it right away.
- Pot size for traditional clay or plastic pots refers to the largest inside measurement at the top.
 Rectangular containers will be measured on the diagonal. Oval containers will be measured at their widest diameter.







- We recognize that obtaining pots of the exact measurements specified for a class can be challenging—you may have metric pots, or handmade pots, or pots from the past, when sizes may have been different. For that reason, we permit a ½" leeway in size—for example, 7½" and 8½" will be accepted for an 8" pot. For all pots under 4", a leeway of only ¼" will be allowed. No further leeway can be given.
- If no pot size is specified, select a pot that seems appropriate for the size of the plant.
- Containers should be clean, unobtrusive, and compatible with the exhibit.
- Strongly recommended—simple unglazed, unpainted terra-cotta, brown, or black clay pots or other clay pots.
- Acceptable (recommended for heavy or hard-to-move plants)—terra-cotta-colored plastic pots, dark green rigid plastic pots, metal pots or tubs, wooden tubs.
- Also acceptable for orchids and epiphytes—natural fiber, wooden, or plastic baskets, and undecorated ceramic containers.
- Orchids may be exhibited in a clear closed container not to exceed 18" in any dimension.
- Not acceptable—white, brightly colored, or highly glazed ceramic pots, fiber pots, ridged containers (including black or green nursery "production pots"). Note: Please see a Horticulture Chair or Passing Chair for assistance with pots and top dressing for sleeving plastic pots inside a tera-cotta pot. The Passing Committee has a small supply of pots and top dressing available for this purpose.
- If in doubt about the appropriateness or conformity of a container, please contact a member of the Horticulture Committee (see page 31) by February 1, 2025.
- Remember: Plants will be moved during staging. All containers must be strong enough to
 withstand being moved. If your plant is in a delicate or particularly awkward pot, we suggest that
 you repot it before bringing it to the Show.
- Hanging containers are allowed in designated classes only (see page 59-60). No half-baskets
 or ornamental hangers are allowed. Please be certain that the containers, hangers, chains,
 hooks, etc., are strong enough to withstand being moved during staging.
- Top dressing is limited to natural material in brown, black, gray, or tan (such as very small
 natural pebbles used for aquariums) or small wood chips/bark; no bright colors (including
 white) are permitted. Underplanting with additional plant material is not permitted. Exceptions
 will be made at the discretion of the Horticulture Chairs for inconspicuous, naturally
 occurring mosses that cannot be covered.

When top-dressing your entries, remember to leave room for water to sink in. Top dressing that is mounded high, especially around dense plant crowns, makes it difficult for the Horticourt Watering Committee to water entries from above—the top-dressing may wash out of the pot. In addition, some top dressings, including fine black sand, repel water added from above.

The use of fine sand as top dressing is discouraged because it easily washes away when the plant is watered.

- Substrates: Substrates other than soil are permitted but must be top dressed with natural
 material. When selecting the substrate for your exhibit, please consider that your plant will be
 handled by Stagers while being displayed during the Show. Your preferred substrate should not
 impede on a Stager's ability to move your exhibit freely as they would with a soil-based medium.
 Additionally, please be sure to complete a Watering Request Form if your plant requires specific
 care instructions (see Grooming and Watering). Examples of alternative substrates include but
 are not limited to Stratum, LECA clay pebbles, Pon, or other soilless options. Exception: LECA
 does not require a top dressing in the Horticourt.
- Sustainability alert: Sphagnum moss may be used in or as part of growing medium and as top
 dressing. (Sphagnum should consist only of "natural" sheet moss or fibers; shredded and milled
 sphagnum peat is not permitted.) Dyed or colored moss is not permitted. Spanish moss
 (Tillandsia sp.) is not permitted as a top dressing. It is allowable as a companion plant with other
 bromeliads.
- Sustainability alert: The use of Tree Fern bark and stem material for a mounting medium is strongly discouraged.
- Moss-lined, log, or bark containers will be accepted only for begonias, ferns, gesneriads, and orchids. Class dimension restrictions will apply.
- Sizes for Terrariums, Wardian-Style Cases, and all other non-standard containers will refer to
 outside dimensions, excluding bases, stands, feet, etc. The measurement includes any object
 or material that extends beyond the base container that supports the plants in any way.
- Terrariums must have clear covers. Wardian-Style Cases must be capable of being closed.
- Glass or clear plastic containers are permitted in Bog and Carnivorous Plant classes (see page 56).
- Inconspicuous clear plastic saucers are required for Bog and Carnivorous Plant and Life on the Rocks classes (see page 56) and Phragmipedium classes (see page 65). Write your name on the bottom of the saucer with a waterproof pen. If possible, write the plant name on the saucer, too
- No aquariums are permitted in Terrarium classes.
- Episcia bowls are permitted in Terrarium and miniature gesneriad classes.
- Unless no pot size is indicated, all bulbs must be grown and shown in pots of the size specified.
 However, an entire clump of bulbs may be transplanted into a clean pot of the same size for the Show.
- "Double-potting" is permitted. The outer container should be in proportion to the plant size and
 must conform to the size requirements of the class. The inner pot should not be visible; top
 dressing should cover the underlying pot. Please be aware that double-potting may affect the
 ability to water the plants, especially African violets. See information above about top-dressing.
- If supports are needed, they should be inconspicuous (e.g., green wood or green bamboo stakes
 available at garden stores). Staking should be as unobtrusive as possible (tied with green string;
 stake cut no higher than the plant). Single-stalk Hippeastrum are best judged without
 stakes, but stakes are permissible.

GROOMING BEFORE THE SHOW

- A well-groomed plant has been properly pruned. Dead and damaged flowers and leaves should be removed. The flowers and leaves should be clean.
- Containers must be clean (no stains, streaks, crusts, chips, or other blemishes).
- Plants may be transferred from a dirty pot into a clean pot of the same size for the Show.
- Space and time for grooming at the Show is extremely limited. All major grooming should be done at home. Only last-minute tweaking is advisable at entry time.

TAKING ENTRIES TO THE SHOW

- Information about getting you and your entries into and out of the Pennsylvania Convention
 Center and around the Show floor will be sent in your credential packet. Packets will be mailed
 after Presidents Day (February 17, 2025).
- New: Early morning exhibitor parking in F Hall will be available until 9:30 am on Monday, March 3, through Thursday, March 6. Detailed information about parking will be available closer to the Show.
- Dollies and carts are in short supply. We suggest that you bring your own dolly, wagon, or cart.

HELPERS

- Entering lots of plants? Need a helper to move your car while you enter? Please bring
 enough helpers to assist you. Request helpers' credentials either by mail or in an email to
 fsdb@pennhort.org by Monday, February 10, 2025. Provide their names and note the dates
 they will be assisting you. Requests after that date may delay mailing the helper
 credentials.
- Please DO NOT request helpers by using the Notes section of FSDB, as these notes are not checked daily. Follow the directions above.

GROOMING AT THE SHOW

- You may groom and/or water your entries only before they have been passed.
- At the discretion of the Horticulture Committee, you may do minimal grooming of EAD plants in the bed (e.g., removal of dead or damaged flowers or leaves) that will not require removing the plant from the bench or bed.

WATERING

- · You may not water your entries after they have been passed.
- Entries are watered early every non-entry morning by a volunteer watering crew under the direction of the Horticourt Watering Committee. On entry days, watering cans are available upon request.
 - Not watered unless requested to do so via the Watering Request Form: Terrariums, cacti
 and other succulents, Clivia, Hoya, or any caudiciform type plants.
 - Misted: Tillandsias, Lycopodiums, hanging Nepenthes (tropical pitcher plant), and all other
 plants that cannot be watered effectively with a watering can, no matter the size. This
 includes miniature gardens and rock garden plants.
 - Watered from below using a saucer: Including but not limited to all Gesneriads, including Streptocarpus sect. Saintpaulia ionanthus (Saintpaulia), and all high-mounded plants where the top is too domed to water effectively from above, such as many of the small bulb classes and many of the Begonias.
- The Watering Committee also dusts the various types of glass terrariums and bowls.
- · Carnivorous and bog-type plants are checked daily.
- If you have special requests (e.g., Do Not Water, Water Well, Extra Water), please fill out a Watering Request Form in advance from PHSjoin.formstack.com/forms/2025hort_watering or on a paper form available from the Information Booth in the center of the Horticourt on entry days. If special water is required, you are responsible for providing enough for the Show. The water must be in clearly marked jugs, accompanied by a sheet that identifies the specific plants that need it. (See additional instructions under Bog/Carnivorous Plants and Cut/Forced Branches.)

Please note: When top-dressing your entries, remember to leave room for water to sink in. Top dressing that is mounded high, especially around dense plant crowns, makes it difficult for the Horticourt Watering Committee to water entries from above—the top-dressing may wash out of the pot. In addition, some top dressings, including fine black sand, repel water added from above.

PASSING AND RECORDING

- Before they can be judged, all entries must be passed and recorded. Horticulture Aides (including Exhibitor Aides and Recorders) and Passers will be there to help you navigate each step of the entry process.
- Passers check to make sure that exhibits meet the specifications for the classes in which they
 are entered, are of Show quality in form and condition (see page 33), are properly groomed (see
 page 44), are pest-free and disease-free, are in appropriate containers, are identified with the
 correct botanical name (see page 39), and have the exhibitor's name on the bottom of the pot.
 Exhibitors or their representative must remain with plants until they are passed and
 recorded in order to correct any problems discovered.
- Once your entries have been passed, they may not be touched by you or anyone other than the Horticulture Committee. Stagers place the entries into the horticulture display areas after they have been passed and recorded. You may not touch other exhibitors' entries at any time.
- Passers and Recorders work together to make sure that the paperwork for each entry is accurate and complete.
- All EAD plants will be passed by Passers on the first entry day only. On Monday and Second Thursday, EAD plants will not be passed again.

JUDGING

- Flower Show Judges are invited by the Judges Committee and are highly qualified experts in their fields. Decisions of the judges are final.
- Panels of judges evaluate the Horticourt entries and award ribbons based on various criteria (see page 46). Horticulture Clerks accompany judging panels, record the judges' comments, and complete judging paperwork. Barrier Aides provide a perimeter around the Judge/Clerk panel, creating a safe and quiet place so that Judges can work without interruption and so the Clerks can hear to accurately record Judges' comments.
- Judging begins around noon, after the classes have been recorded and staged, and is usually
 completed by 3 pm. Ribbons and special awards will be attached to the PHS ID cards shortly
 after judging. Results should be updated in exhibitors' FSDB records within two days.

AFTER THE SHOW CLOSES

- All entries must be removed from the Show on Sunday, March 9, after the teardown announcement has been made (approximately 6:30 pm.). All plants must be removed by 8 pm. Detailed information will be made available during the Show.
- Any leftover ribbons from the Friday and Monday judging will be available at a table or counter situated along the path to the freight elevator. Any ribbons not picked up at that time will be mailed to exhibitors

Grooming for Gold:

How to Groom Your Plants for Competition in the Hamilton Horticourt Saturday, November 2, 10 am – 11:30 am

Town Hall (first floor), PHS, 100 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Presenter: Joe Alvarez, Vice Chair of Horticulture Classes

Interested in getting your plants in perfect condition for competition in the Hamilton Horticourt? Joe Alvarez, experienced horticulturalist, educator, and long-time blue-ribbon-winner will lead an engaging program on the tips and tricks of how to groom your plants for competition. New and prospective exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

Free, but registration is required. To register, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries. Registration opens at the end of August.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHAT DO THE JUDGES LOOK FOR?

Cultural Perfection: Vigorous, healthy appearance including foliage, flowers or fruit, and form characteristic of a well-grown plant. There should be no indication of pests or disease.

Distinctiveness: Meritorious in aesthetic appeal; noteworthy in size and relationship to container.

Bloom: Quality and quantity of bloom, including freshness and substance; mass effect if appropriate to the class.

Fruit: Quality and abundance of fruit, if appropriate to the class, including color and mass effect.

Difficulty: Challenging to grow (and bring to bloom, if applicable to the class); requiring specialized growing conditions, skill, and care.

Maturity: Size of plant and foliage characteristic of a mature specimen. **Rarity:** Seldom grown and exhibited by amateur horticultural enthusiasts.

New: The right-hand column indicates the point scale used to judge that class. For example:

3/1	3/3	3/6	Class name/description		l
2002	3002	4002	Narcissus 'Jetfire' (Div. 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8" or under.	В	l

HORTICULTURE SCALES OF POINTS FOR 2025

A	Cultural perfection 60 Distinctiveness 40 100	В	Cultural perfection .45 Bloom/Fruit .45 Distinctiveness .10 100
С	Cultural perfection 40 Bloom/Fruit 30 Distinctiveness 10 Difficulty 15 Rarity 5 100	D	Cultural perfection 45 Bloom/Fruit 20 Distinctiveness 10 Difficulty 10 Maturity 10 Rarity 5 100
E	Cultural perfection 55 Distinctiveness 30 Difficulty 15 100	F	Cultural perfection 60 Distinctiveness 20 Difficulty 15 Rarity 5 100
G	Cultural perfection 55 Distinctiveness 15 Difficulty 15 Maturity 10 Rarity 5 100	H	Cultural perfection 40 Distinctiveness 30 Suitability and compatibility 15 Difficulty 10 Rarity 5 100
I	Cultural perfection 40 Distinctiveness 35 Difficulty 10 Maturity 15 100		For an explanation of Orchid judging criteria, see page 65.

BULB CLASSES

These classes are judged on three days—Friday, Monday, and Second Thursday, unless otherwise noted. See the entry schedule on page 38.

Unless no pot size is indicated, all bulbs must be **grown and shown** in pots of the size specified. However, you may transplant an entire clump of bulbs into a **clean pot of the same size** for the Show. You may use bulb pans, azalea pots, or standard pots for all bulb classes.

See page 61 for information about a free program about forcing bulbs for the Show.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description			
2002	3002	4002	Narcissus 'Monal' (Div. 2, Large Cup). Pot: 8" or under.	В		
2003	3003	4003	Narcissus 'Bittern' (Div. 12, Other Daffodils). Pot: 10" or under.	В		
2005	3005	4005	Beginner's Luck: <i>Narcissus</i> 'Topolino' (Div. 1, Trumpet). Pot: 8" or under. Open only to first-time exhibitors in the Bulb classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show.	В		
2006	3006	4006	Youth Class. New grade levels. <i>Narcissus</i> 'Rapture' (Div. 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8" or under. Open only to students in 12th grade and under. (Formerly open only to students in 8 th grade or under.)	В		
2007	3007	4007	Novice Class. Any standard <i>Narcissus</i> cv. except 'Monal', 'Bittern', 'Topolino', or 'Rapture'. 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 2025.	В		
2010	3010	4010	Any standard <i>Narcissus</i> cv. except 'Monal', 'Bittern', 'Topolino', or 'Rapture'. Pot: 8"-10".	В		
2015	3015	4015	Narcissus 'Tête Bouclé (Div. 4, Miniature). Pot: 8" or under.	С		
2016	3016	4016	Any miniature <i>Narcissus</i> other than 'Tête Bouclé (as defined by the American Daffodil Society: 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.	С		
2020	3020	4020	Tulipa 'Apricot Beauty'. Pot: 10" or under.	В		
2021	3021	4021	Tulipa 'Pretty Princess'. Pot: 10" or under.	В		
2022	3022	4022	Tulipa 'Little Beauty'. Pot: 8" or under.	В		
2023	3023	4023	Any <i>Tulipa</i> cv. except 'Apricot Beauty', 'Pretty Princess', or 'Little Beauty'. Pot: 8" or under.	В		
2024	3024	4024	Any <i>Tulipa</i> cv. except 'Apricot Beauty', 'Pretty Princess', or 'Little Beauty'. Pot: 8"-10".	В		
Please note: For <i>Hippeastrum</i> classes, only one bulb per pot. Exception: 2037, 303 4037 (with attached offsets).						
2030	3030	4030	Hippeastrum (amaryllis), any standard single-flowered bulb.	В		
2031	3031	4031	Youth Class. New grade levels. Hippeastrum (amaryllis), any standard single-flowered bulb. Open only to students in 12th grade or under. (Formerly open only to students in 8 th grade or under.)	В		

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2032	3032	4032	Novice Class. Any red or red-and-white <i>Hippeastrum</i> . Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Bulb classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025.	В
2033	3033	4033	Hippeastrum (amaryllis), any standard double-flowered bulb.	В
2035	3035	4035	Hippeastrum cybister (amaryllis).	В
2036	3036	4036	Hippeastrum (amaryllis), miniature.	В
2037	3037	4037	Hippeastrum (amaryllis), one bulb with attached offsets.	В
2038	3038	4038	Hyacinthus orientalis 'Woodstock'. Pot: 8" or under.	В
2039	3039	4039	Novice Class: Hyacinthus orientalis 'Delft Blue'. 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 2025.	В
2040	3040	4040	Any <i>Hyacinthus</i> except 'Woodstock' or 'Delft Blue'. Pot: 10" or under.	В
2042	3042	4042	Crocus. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2048	3048	4048	Galanthus. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2065	3065	4065	Iris 'Rhapsody'. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2066	3066	4066	Any other Iris reticulata. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2067	3067	4067	Muscari aucheri 'Ocean Magic'. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2068	3068	4068	Any other <i>Muscari</i> . Pot: 6" or under.	В
2070	3070	4070	Trillium. May have more than one rhizome per pot.	С
Philade	elphia re	gion are	an reliably survive outdoor winter conditions in the Gree considered hardy. Entries need not have been grown outdoorms, rhizomes, and tubers, see page 55.	
2080	3080	4080	Any other hardy bulb(s), corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s). Pot: 6" or under.	С
2082	3082	4082	Any other hardy bulb(s), corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s). Pot: 6"-10".	С
2084	3084	4084	Any other non-hardy bulb(s), corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s); no Clivia. Pot: 6" or under.	С
2086	3086	4086	Any other non-hardy bulb(s), corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s); no Clivia. Pot: 6"-12".	С
In thes	e classe	s only, e	entries may be assembled from bulbs grown in different pots.	
2088	3088	4088	Bulb Garden—Any combination of yellow, blue, and white bulbs, arranged for artistic and horticultural excellence in a pot 12" or under. Bulbs do not need to be grown in the same pot. A preliminary plant list must be submitted by February 10 for checking (see page 39); two copies of the final corrected plant list are required at the Show.	В
2090	3090	4090	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. A preliminary plant list must be submitted by February 10 for checking (see page 39); two copies of the final corrected plant list are required at the Show.	В

Note: "Grand Old Bulbs" may be entered in the appropriate classes in Grand Old Plants (see page 61).

GENERAL HORTICULTURE CLASSES

These classes are judged on three days—Friday, Monday, and Second Thursday, unless otherwise noted. See the entry schedule on page 38. There are also Daily Specials (pages 63-64).

"Eligible for EAD" designates the only classes allowed to use the Enter All Days (EAD) process. Exhibitors will be required to agree to the EAD regulations in order to register any EAD entries in these classes. These classes can also be entered in the traditional way for each entry day. For more information about EAD, see pages 36-37.

Please consult the PHS list of succulent plants to determine if your plants are eligible for the cactus and succulent classes of the Philadelphia Flower Show. There will be a link at PHSonline.org/the-flower-show/plant-entries. You can also consult *The Timber Press Guide to Succulent Plants of the World: A Comprehensive Reference to More than 2000 Species* (by Fred Dortort, 2011). A reference copy is available in the PHS McLean Library.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2100	3100	4100	Agave. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2102	3102	4102	Aloe. Pot: 4" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2104	3104	4104	Aloe. Pot: 4"-6". Eligible for EAD.	G
2106	3106	4106	Bowiea. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	I
2108	3108	4108	Bowiea. Pot: over 6". Eligible for EAD.	I
2110	3110	4110	Cactus, flowering or fruiting. Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	D
2112	3112	4112	Cactus, flowering or fruiting. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	D
2114	3114	4114	Cactus, flowering or fruiting. Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	D
2116	3116	4116	Cactus, non-flowering, except <i>Mammillaria</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2118	3118	4118	Cactus, non-flowering, except Mammillaria. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	G
2120	3120	4120	Cactus, non-flowering, except <i>Mammillaria</i> . Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2122	3122	4122	Crassula. Pot: 4" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2124	3124	4124	Crassula. Pot: 4"-6". Eligible for EAD.	G
2126	3126	4126	Echeveria. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2130	3130	4130	Succulent <i>Euphorbia</i> ; no <i>Euphorbia cylindrifolia</i> or <i>Euphorbia milii</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2132	3132	4132	Succulent Euphorbia; no Euphorbia milii. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	G
2134	3134	4134	Succulent Euphorbia; no Euphorbia milii. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	G
2138	3138	4138	Euphorbia cylindrifolia. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Α
2142	3142	4142	Euphorbia milii. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Α
2144	3144	4144	Euphorbia milii. Pot: over 6". Eligible for EAD.	Α
2146	3146	4146	Gasteria. Pot: 4" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2148	3148	4148	Gasteria. Pot: 4"-6". Eligible for EAD.	G

	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2150	3150	4150	Haworthia and Haworthiopsis. Pot: 4" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2152	3152	4152	Haworthia and Haworthiopsis. Pot: 4"-6". Eligible for EAD.	G
2154	3154	4154	Mammillaria, non-flowering. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2156	3156	4156	Mammillaria, non-flowering. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	G
2159	3159	4159	Any <i>Huernia</i> , <i>Orbea</i> , or <i>Stapelia</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	С
2160	3160	4160	Succulent plant, flowering or fruiting; no Agave, Aloe, cactus, Crassula, Echeveria, Euphorbia, Gasteria, Haworthia, Haworthiopsis, Huernia, Orbea, or Stapelia. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	D
2162	3162	4162	Succulent plant, flowering or fruiting. Pot: 6"-10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	D
2164	3164	4164	Succulent plant, flowering or fruiting. Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	D
2166	3166	4166	Succulent plant, non-flowering; no Agave, Aloe, cactus, Crassula, Echeveria, Euphorbia, Gasteria, Haworthia, Haworthiopsis, Huernia, Orbea, or Stapelia. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2168	3168	4168	Succulent plant, non-flowering. Pot: 6"-10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2169	3169	4169	New class number for 2025. Succulent plant, non-flowering. Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2170	3170	4170	New: Youth Class. Cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under. Open only to exhibitors in 12th grade or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	
2171	3171	4171	Novice Class. Cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Α
2172	3172	4172	Succulent plant native to Africa, including Madagascar. Pot: 8" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2173	3173	4173	New class definition. Cactus or other succulent grown in a teacup less than 4" in diameter. Saucers are optional. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Α
2174	3174	4174	Bigeneric hybrid succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2175	3175	4175	Pubescent (woolly or hairy) <i>Mammillaria</i> . Pot: 8" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2176	3176	4176	Pubescent (woolly or hairy) cactus or other succulent plant except <i>Mammillaria</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2178	3178	4178	Sansevieria (syn. Dracaena). Pot: 8" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G
2179	3179	4179	New class. Sansevieria (syn. Dracaena). Pot: 8"-10". Eligible for EAD.	G
For mo	re succ	ulent cla	sses, check out the Daily Specials (pages 63-64).	

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2180	3180	4180	New class definition. Aroid; no Alocasia, Amorphophallus, Caladium, Colocasia, Monstera, Philodendron, Thaumatophyllum, or Xanthosoma (see those classes below). Eligible for EAD.	F
2181	3181	4181	Elephant Ears (e.g., <i>Alocasia</i> , <i>Caladium</i> , <i>Colocasia</i> , <i>Xanthosoma</i>). Pot: 6"-10". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	В
2182	3182	4182	Elephant Ears (e.g., <i>Alocasia</i> , <i>Caladium</i> , <i>Colocasia</i> , <i>Xanthosoma</i>). Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	В
2183	3183	4183	Amorphophallus konjac. Konjac will be accepted only in this class. Up to three entries per exhibitor are permitted for this class. Eligible for EAD .	В
2185	3185	4185	Any other <i>Amorphophallus</i> . Up to three entries of the same species are permitted for this class. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	С
2190	3190	4190	Any species <i>Begonia</i> (no hybrids or cultivars), flowering or foliage. Pot: 6"-10".	F
2192	3192	4192	New class definition. Any species <i>Begonia</i> , informal flowering or foliage. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2194	3194	4194	Begonia, informal flowering, no rhizomatous, cane, or shrub. Pot: over 6".	В
2196	3196	4196	Begonia, rhizomatous, informal flowering. Pot: 6"-10".	В
2198	3198	4198	Begonia, rhizomatous, informal flowering. Pot: over 10".	В
2200	3200	4200	Begonia, cane, informal flowering. Pot: 6" or over.	В
2202	3202	4202	Begonia, informal foliage, no rhizomatous, cane, or shrub. Pot: over 6". Eligible for EAD.	F
2204	3204	4204	Begonia, rhizomatous, informal foliage. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2206	3206	4206	Begonia, rhizomatous, informal foliage. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2208	3208	4208	Begonia, cane, informal foliage. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2210	3210	4210	Begonia, cane, informal foliage. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2216	3216	4216	Begonia, shrub, Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2218	3218	4218	Begonia, shrub. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	F
For mo	ore Bego	onia clas	ses, check out the Daily Specials (pages 63-64).	
2219	3219	4219	Bromeliaceae grown in a container, flowering or fruiting; no Tillandsia. Eligible for EAD.	С
2220	3220	4220	<i>Tillandsia</i> grown as an epiphyte, flowering or fruiting. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	С
2221	3221	4221	Bromeliaceae grown in a container, non-flowering; no Tillandsia. Eligible for EAD.	F
2222	3222	4222	Tillandsia grown as an epiphyte, non-flowering. Eligible for EAD.	F

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
For Cli	via class	es, up to	o three entries of the same species are permitted in each cla	SS.
2223	3223	4223	New pot size. <i>Clivia</i> , solid green foliage. Pot: 10" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Α
2224	3224	4224	Clivia, variegated foliage. Pot: 8" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Α
2226	3226	4226	Clivia, flowering. Pot: 8" or under.	В
2228	3228	4228	Clivia, flowering. Pot: 8"-10".	В
2229	3229	4229	Clivia, flowering. Pot: over 10".	В
2230	3230	4230	Fern (pteridophyte). Pot: 6" or under. No hanging baskets. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	F
2232	3232	4232	Fern (pteridophyte). Pot: 6"-10". No hanging baskets. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	F
2234	3234	4234	Hedera, informal. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Α
2235	3235	4235	Hedera, informal. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	Α
2236	3236	4236	Hedera, informal. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	Α
2238	3238	4238	Hedera, formal. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Α
2240	3240	4240	Hedera, formal. Pot: over 6". Eligible for EAD.	Α
2241	3241	4241	Vine, trained; no ivy. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2242	3242	4242	Hoya. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2244	3244	4244	Lycopods, <i>Equisetum</i> , or <i>Psilotum</i> . Pot: 10" or under. No hanging baskets. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
			dron, and Thaumatophyllum, unobtrusive natural-looking sup d plastic supports are discouraged.	ports
2246	3246	4246	Monstera. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2247	3247	4247	Monstera. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2248	3248	4248	New class definition: <i>Philodendron</i> and <i>Thaumatophyllum</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2250	3250	4250	New class definition: Philodendron and Thaumatophyllum. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	F
2251	3251	4251	New class definition: Philodendron and Thaumatophyllum. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	F
Moss-l	ined con	tainers a	are acceptable for gesneriads (classes _252259).	
2252	3252	4252	Updated name: Streptocarpus sect. Saintpaulia ionanthus (formerly Saintpaulia [African Violets]):	В
2253	3253	4253	Primulina. Pot: 6" or under.	С
2254	3254	4254	Sinningia. Pot: 6" or under.	С
2255	3255	4255	Sinningia. Pot: 6"-10".	С
2256	3256	4256	Streptocarpus. Pot: 10" or under.	С
2257	3257	4257	Gesneriad, flowering, other than <i>Primulina</i> , <i>Streptocarpus</i> sect. <i>Saintpaulia ionanthus (Saintpaulia)</i> , <i>Sinningia</i> , or <i>Streptocarpus</i> . Pot: 6" or under.	С
2258	3258	4258	Gesneriad, non-flowering, other than <i>Primulina</i> , <i>Streptocarpus</i> sect. <i>Saintpaulia ionanthus (Saintpaulia)</i> , <i>Sinningia</i> , or <i>Streptocarpus</i> . Pot: 6" or under.	F
2259	3259	4259	Gesneriad, other than <i>Primulina</i> , <i>Streptocarpus</i> sect. <i>Saintpaulia ionanthus</i> (<i>Saintpaulia</i>), <i>Sinningia</i> , or <i>Streptocarpus</i> . Pot: over 6".	F

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2262	3262	4262	Selaginella. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD. Note: When grown in pots, these need to be covered with a clear glass dome in order to keep them hydrated for the duration of the Show.	F
2268	3268	4268	Caudiciform plant. Pot: 8" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2270	3270	4270	Flowering or fruiting plant grown in house or office ; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 6" or under.	С
2272	3272	4272	Novice Class. Flowering or fruiting plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 4"-8". Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025.	В
2274	3274	4274	Informal flowering or fruiting plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Begonia</i> , or <i>Clivia</i> . Pot: 6" or under.	С
2276	3276	4276	Informal flowering or fruiting plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Begonia</i> , or <i>Clivia</i> . Pot: 6"-10".	С
2278	3278	4278	Informal flowering or fruiting plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Begonia</i> , or <i>Clivia</i> . Pot: over 10".	С
2280	3280	4280	Formal flowering or fruiting plant. Pot: 6" or under.	С
2284	3284	4284	Formal flowering or fruiting plant. Pot: 6"-10".	С
2286	3286	4286	Formal flowering or fruiting plant. Pot: over 10".	С
2288	3288	4288	Foliage plant grown in house or office; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 4" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Е
2290	3290	4290	Foliage plant grown in house or office; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 4"-6". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Е
2292	3292	4292	Novice Class : Foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 4"-8". Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Ш
2293	3293	4293	Youth Class. New grade levels. Foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, <i>Clivia</i> , or bulb. Pot: 4"-8". Open only to exhibitors in 12th grade or under. (Formerly open only to students in 8 th grade or under.) <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	E
2294	3294	4294	Informal foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, Begonia, or Clivia. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Е
2296	3296	4296	Informal foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, Begonia, or Clivia. Pot: 6"-10". Eligible for EAD.	Е
2298	3298	4298	Informal foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, Begonia, or Clivia. Pot: over 10". Eligible for EAD.	Е
2299	3299	4299	Pubescent (woolly or hairy) foliage plant; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	E
2300	3300	4300	Formal foliage plant. Pot: 4" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Е
2302	3302	4302	Formal foliage plant. Pot: 4"-6". Eligible for EAD.	Е
2304	3304	4304	Formal foliage plant. Pot: 6"-10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Е
2306	3306	4306	Formal foliage plant. Pot: over 10". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	Е

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2308	3308	4308	Topiary, single-stemmed. Only one plant per pot permitted. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	
2309	3309	4309	Trained multi-stem formal plant. More than one plant of the same species or cultivar per pot permitted. Up to three entries of the same species or cultivar permitted in this class. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	A
2310	3310	4310	Helleborus, in bloom. Only one plant per pot permitted. Eligible for EAD.	С
2312	3312	4312	Any <i>Citrus</i> species, variety, or cultivar in flower or fruit, including <i>Clymenia</i> , <i>Oxanthera</i> , and <i>Poncirus</i> . Pot over 10". Only one plant per pot permitted.	D
2314	3314	4314	Camellia. Pot: 12" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted.	В
2316	3316	4316	Hardy flowering shrub. Pot: over 10". Only one plant per pot permitted. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	С
2317	3317	4317	Dwarf woody shrub, flowering or fruiting; no conifers. Pot: 10" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	D
2318	3318	4318	Dwarf woody shrub, non-flowering, non-fruiting; no conifers. Pot: 10" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	G
2319	3319	4319	Chamaecyparis, dwarf; plant must be a natural dwarf (grows less than 6" per year). Pot: 10" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted. Eligible for EAD.	G
2320	3320	4320	Chamaecyparis, miniature (grows less than 2" per year). Pot: 10" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted. Eligible for EAD.	G
2322	3322	4322	Dwarf conifer, other than <i>Chamaecyparis</i> . Must be a natural dwarf (grows less than 6" per year). Pot: 10" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2324	3324	4324	Miniature conifer, other than <i>Chamaecyparis</i> (grows less than 2" per year). Pot: 10" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2326	3326	4326	Informal woody plant, 5' and over (measured from the bottom of the pot).	F
Be sure	e to ched	k the Da	aily Specials for more entry options (pages 63-64).	

HERBS AND PELARGONIUMS

2330	3330	4330	Herb, informal. Pot: 6" or under. Only one plant per pot permitted.	Е
2332	3332	4332	Herb, informal. Pot: over 6". Only one plant per pot permitted.	Е
2334	3334	4334	Herb, formal. Pot: 4"-8". Only one plant per pot permitted.	Е
2336	3336	4336	Herb, formal. Pot: over 8". Only one plant per pot permitted.	Е

- For medicinal plants: To facilitate the preparation of the PHS cards at the Show—the ones the public sees—please mail or email the plant name, entry number, and medicinal use to fsdb@pennhort.org by midnight on February 10. For scented Pelargoniums, see class 2710.
- Exhibitors must also state the medicinal use on both 4"x6" cards that accompany the plant—the 4"x6" card is what the judges see!
- Only one plant per pot permitted.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2338	3338	4338	Medicinal herb; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 8" or under.	Е
2339	3339	4339	Medicinal cactus or succulent herb. Pot: 8" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Е
2342	3342	4342	Pelargonium, flowering. Pot: 6" or under.	В
2344	3344	4344	Pelargonium, formal. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	Е
2346	3346	4346	Pelargonium, non-flowering. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	E
2349	3349	4349	Pelargonium, flowering or non-flowering. Pot: 6"-10".	Е

ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

	Rock garden plants are small-scale plants that thrive in well-drained stony or sandy soil; in the wild they are typically found in the mountains or other rocky habitats.					
2350	3350	4350	Primula, hardy. Pot: 3" or under.	С		
2351	3351	4351	Primula, hardy. Pot: 4"-6".	С		
2353	3353	4353	Epimedium. Pot: 6" or under.	С		
2354	3354	4354	Rock garden plant in bloom, no corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s); no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under.	O		
2362	3362	4362	Rock garden bulb(s) in bloom. Pot: 6" or under.	С		
2364	3364	4364	Rock garden corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s) in bloom; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6" or under.	O		
2368	3368	4368	Rock garden plant, non-flowering, no cactus or other succulent plant, no conifers. Pot: 6" or under.	F		
2374	3374	4374	Herbaceous (non-woody) natural-cushion rock garden plant, foliage or flowering.	В		
2376	3376	4376	Rock garden cactus or other succulent plant, except Sedum or Sempervivum. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	G		
2380	3380	4380	Rock garden <i>Sedum</i> or <i>Sempervivum</i> . Pot: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G		

BOG AND CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2392	3392	4392	Nepenthes, flowering or non-flowering. Pot: 8" or over. Eligible for EAD.	H
2393	3393	4393	Bog plant other than Nepenthes or Pinguicula. Pot: 6" or under. Eligible for EAD.	F
2395	3395	4395	Bog plant other than <i>Nepenthes</i> or <i>Pinguicula</i> . Pot: over 6". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2396	3396	4396	New: Any insectivorous plant, flowering or non-flowering, except Nepenthes. Pot: 8" or under	F

GARDENS IN CONTAINERS; PLANTS ON STUFFED FORMS

- Exhibitors entering a class that permits two (2) or more different plants per entry (e.g., bulb garden, miniature rock garden, terrarium, stuffed form) must submit a preliminary plant list—online via the FSDB entry, by email to fsdb@pennhort.org, or with a paper entry form by February 10). The earlier this list is submitted, the sooner it can be checked by the Nomenclature Committee. On the preliminary list, it is advisable to include all the plants that might be entered, even if they do not eventually make it to the Show. People entering via FSDB should check the entry list prior to the Show to see if proposed names (in red, followed by an asterisk) have been corrected. If the entry is on a paper form, a corrected plant list will be sent in the February packet. Please be sure that the final list at the Show has the correct names.
- At the Show, exhibitors must provide two (2) copies of a final, corrected, legible, numbered plant list in waterproof ink on a 4"x6" index card along with the 4"x6" cards required for each entry. A diagram of the entry no larger than 8½" x 11", with the plants numbered to correspond to final corrected plant list, is also required.

2398	3398	4398	New. Kokedama. One plant with roots wrapped in soil and covered by moss. Plant not to exceed 12" in width and 24" height. The diameter of the moss ball should not exceed 7". Plants do not have to be in the exhibitor's possession by December 1, 2024. Accessories are not permitted. For hanging Kokedama, see page 60. For information about a Kokedama workshop, see page 60.	Н
2400	3400	4400	Life on the Rocks: One or more plants of one species, variety, or cultivar, grown on, in, or through a natural (or natural-appearing) rock. Inconspicuous clear plastic saucers are required in this class and must be provided by the exhibitor. Entry should not exceed 18" in any dimension.	F
2403	3403	4403	Life with a Log. One or more plants of one species, variety, or cultivar, grown on or around a wooden log, not to exceed 18" in length. Inconspicuous clear plastic saucers are required in this class and must be provided by the exhibitor. Tillandsias are acceptable in this class.	F

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2404	3404	4404	Back by popular demand: Living Wall. A minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars suitable for a living wall or vertical garden. To be grown in a frame not to exceed outside dimensions of 18" x 18"; no more than 4" deep. No accessories, including background artwork, are permitted. Frames must be capable of being displayed vertically without plants falling out. Eligible for EAD.	Н
2405	3405	4405	A miniature rock garden containing a minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars of flowering rock garden plants, in a container not to exceed 24" in any dimension, including diagonal. No artificial accessories are permitted. No terrariums, no covers. Rarity of plant material and difficulty in growing will be considered in judging. All plants must be rooted.	С
2406	3406	4406	A miniature rock garden containing a minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars of non-flowering rock garden plants, in a container not to exceed 24" in any dimension, including diagonal. No flowers permitted in this class. No artificial accessories are permitted. No terrariums, no covers. Rarity of plant material and difficulty in growing will be considered in judging. All plants must be rooted.	F
2408	3408	4408	A miniature garden or landscape design. A planting of a minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars in a shallow open container not to exceed 24" in any dimension, including diagonal. The plant material must be culturally compatible and in scale. Accessories are permitted. No food items are permitted. No terrariums, no covers. All plants must be rooted.	Н
2410	3410	4410	Novice Class. A miniature garden or landscape design. See 2408 for class description. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025.	Н
2412	3412	4412	A container garden—a planting of a minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars in an open container not to exceed 18" in any dimension, including diagonal. Plants need not be hardy. No artificial accessories are permitted. No terrariums, no covers. All plants must be rooted. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	A
2414	3414	4414	New: Novice Class. A container garden. See 2412 for class description. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025.	A

TERRARIUMS AND WARDIAN-STYLE CASES

- Instructions for plant lists (page 39) apply to Terrariums and Wardian-Style cases..
- Terrariums and Wardian-style cases are for plants that need high humidity. (See Terrarium definition on page 33.)
- Terrariums must have clear covers.
- Wardian-Style Cases must be capable of being closed.
- No aquariums.
- Artificial accessories are not permitted.
- Wardian-style cases are not permitted in Terrarium classes.
- **Update:** Small orchids (flowering or foliage) will be permitted in the Terrarium and Wardian-Style classes but plants other than orchids must predominate. See also Orchid Terrarium, page 67.

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2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2420	3420	4420	Terrarium. One <i>Begonia plant</i> , any species or variety, in a container not to exceed 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2422	3422	4422	Terrarium. One <i>Begonia</i> plant, any species or variety, in a container over 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2424	3424	4424	Terrarium. One plant, in a container not to exceed 8" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter; no Begonia Eligible for EAD.	F
2426	3426	4426	Terrarium. One plant, in a container not to exceed 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter; no Begonia. Eligible for EAD.	F
2428	3428	4428	Terrarium. Multiples of the same plant, in a container not to exceed 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2427	3427	4427	Terrarium. One plant, in a container over 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter; no Begonia. Eligible for EAD.	Н
2432	3432	4432	Terrarium. Multiples of the same plant, in a container over 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Н
2434	3434	4434	Terrarium. Multiple varieties or cultivars of one species, in a container not to exceed 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Н
2436	3436	4436	Terrarium. A minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars, in a container not to exceed 10" in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Н
2438	3438	4438	Terrarium. A minimum of three different species, varieties, or cultivars, in a container 10" or over in any dimension, including diagonal or diameter. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Н

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2440	3440	4440	Wardian-Style Case. A minimum of five different species, varieties, or cultivars, in a container with a diagonal measurement under 16". Only one entry per day per exhibitor. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	H
2442	3442	4442	Wardian-Style Case. A minimum of five different species, varieties, or cultivars, in a container with a diagonal measurement 16" and over. No artificial accessories are permitted. Only one entry per day per exhibitor. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	Н
2444	3444	4444	Plant(s) grown on a stuffed form; more than one species, variety, or cultivar permitted. Any non-plant component must be pre-approved by the Horticulture Committee Chair by February 1, 2025. Any regrooming must be done with <i>rooted</i> cuttings. No animals allowed; for animal stuffed forms, see next class. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	E
2446	3446	4446	Animal Kingdom. Plant(s) grown on an animal-shaped stuffed form, more than one species, varieties, or cultivars permitted. No accessories are permitted. Any re-grooming must be done with rooted cuttings. Eligible for EAD.	E

HANGING CONTAINERS

One (1) species, variety, or cultivar per container.

Remember: Hanging baskets are accepted in these classes only.

2500	3500	4500	Flowering or fruiting plant(s). Container: 6" or under.	С
2502	3502	4502	Flowering or fruiting plant(s). Container: 6"-12".	С
2504	3504	4504	Flowering or fruiting plant(s). Container: over 12".	С
2510	3510	4510	Foliage plant(s); no ferns (pteridophyte). Container: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2512	3512	4512	Foliage plant(s); no ferns (pteridophyte). Container: 6"-12". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2514	3514	4514	Foliage plant(s); no ferns (pteridophyte). Container: over 12". <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	F
2516	3516	4516	New: Novice hanging plant. Container: 12" or under. Open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (except Bulbs or Orchids) prior to 2025.	E
2518	3518	4518	Specimen fern (pteridophyte). Container: 6" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	F
2520	3520	4520	Specimen fern (pteridophyte). Container: 6"-12". Eligible for EAD.	F
2522	3522	4522	Specimen fern (pteridophyte). Container: over 12". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	F

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2524	3524	4524	Epiphytic plant(s); no <i>Tillandsia</i> , no orchids. For <i>Tillandsia</i> , see 2220, 3220, 4220, 2222, 3222, 4222, and	F
			2403. 3403. 4403.	
2526	3526	4526	New: Hanging Kokedama. One plant with roots wrapped in soil and covered by moss. Plant not to exceed 12" in width and 24" height. The diameter of the moss ball should not exceed 7". Plants do not have to be in the exhibitor's possession by December 1, 2024. Accessories are not permitted. For non-hanging Kokedama, see page 56. For information about a Kokedama workshop, see box below.	Н

MINIATURE PLANTS

- These classes are for miniature mature plants of small stature (also known as "true miniatures"), not young or small plants that will eventually grow into large plants.
- For pot sizes in these classes, a leeway of only ¼" will be allowed. No further leeway
 can be given.
- Only one plant per pot is permitted in these classes. No "pups" are allowed.
- Proper nomenclature is key for determining if a plant is a miniature. All plants in these classes must be identified by their species and/or cultivar. No "sp." entries will be allowed.

2530	3530	4530	Miniature flowering or fruiting plant; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 3" or under.	D
2532	3532	4532	Miniature flowering or fruiting cactus; no other succulent plant. Pot: 3" or under.	D
2534	3534	4534	Miniature flowering or fruiting succulent plant; no cactus. Pot: 3" or under.	D
2536	3536	4536	Miniature foliage plant; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 3" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2540	3540	4540	Miniature non-flowering cactus; no other succulent plant. Pot: 3" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2542	3542	4542	Miniature non-flowering succulent plant; no cactus. Pot: 3" or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2546	3546	4546	Miniature gesneriad. Pot: 3" or under. A clear, contained environment not to exceed 5" in any dimension is permitted in this class.	G

Kokedama Workshop Saturday, November 2, 1 pm – 2:30 pm PHS Town Hall (first floor), 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Presenter: Justin Dampman, Wedgewood Gardens event coordinator

Interested in creating a Kokedama for competition at the Hamilton Horticourt? Houseplant enthusiast Jason Dampman will lead an engaging hands-on workshop where you will learn the technique and make your own Kokedama. New and prospective exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

Kokedama is a centuries-old Japanese form of garden art closely tied to the practice of bonsai. It involves using a moss ball as the support and focal point for a tree, shrub, or plant. The plant's roots are wrapped in a ball of soil which is then covered with moss.

Plants and supplies are included in the fee: \$20 for PHS members; \$25 for non-members. Registration is required at phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries. Registration opens at the end of August. Limit: 25 participants.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact compclasses@pennhort.org for more information.

GRAND OLD PLANTS

- Grand Old Plant classes are now "par" classes, in which entries are judged individually against perfection rather than against each other. To determine what award an entry should receive, a scale of points from 1 to 100 is used: 90-100=First (blue ribbon); 85-89=Second (red ribbon); 80-84=Third (yellow ribbon). Honorable mentions are not awarded in par classes. Exhibits must be pre-entered.
- Exhibitors may make up to three entries per day per class, but they must be of different species, varieties, or cultivars.
- Permitted: More than one plant of the same species, variety, or cultivar per container.
- New: Bulbs may be entered in these classes.
- The age of the plant must be stated on both 4"'6" cards.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2550	3550	4550	Flowering or fruiting plants, 5-10 years old; no succulent plants.	D
2552	3552	4552	Foliage plants, 5-10 years old; no succulent plants. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2554	3554	4554	Flowering or fruiting plants, 10-20 years old; no succulent plants.	D
2556	3556	4556	Foliage plants, 10-20 years old; no succulent plants. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2558	3558	4558	Succulent plants, 10-20 years old. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2560	3560	4560	Flowering or fruiting plants, over 20 years old; no succulent plants.	D
2562	3562	4562	Foliage plants, over 20 years old; no succulent plants. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G
2564	3564	4564	Succulent plants over 20 years old. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	G

BEGINNER'S LUCK

2570	3570	4570	Informal flowering plant (no bulbs). Pot: 4"-8". Open only to first-time exhibitors in the Horticulture classes.	С
2572	3572	4572	Informal foliage plant (no bulbs). Pot: 4"-8". Open only to first-time exhibitors in the Horticulture classes. Eligible for EAD.	Α

CURB APPEAL COLLECTION

2610	3610	4610	A collection of three (3) or more specimens of annual	Н
			plants suitable for display on a front stoop, front porch, etc.,	
			in one container. Two (2) or more varieties are required. A	
			plant list is required (see page 39).	

Blooming Bulbs Presentation

Saturday, October 12, 10 am - 12 pm

PHS Town Hall (first floor), 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Presenter: Jenny Rose Carey, expert gardener, author, and educator.

Learn how to pot up flowering bulbs and enter them into the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show! New and prospective exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

Free, but registration is required. To register, go to phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries. Registration opens on September 13.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis

CHALLENGE CLASSES

In these classes, all exhibitors start with the same plants and grow them for competition. **Only plants purchased from PHS** are eligible to be entered in these classes. Plants (\$8 each for PHS members, \$10 each for non-members) must be paid for in advance at phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries.

- On Saturday, September 28, a free Challenge Class program will be offered from 10 am to 11 am, followed by plant distribution from 11:30 am to 1 pm. See box below.
- Only plants paid for in advance will be reserved.
- Challenge plants are eligible for Enter All Days (EAD), but if entered on a day-to-day basis may be entered in other classes on other entry days. For example, a foliage challenge plant could go into a different foliage class on another entry day.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2630	3630	4630	A <i>Sinningia</i> in a glass bowl (to be provided). Plant name provided at pick-up time. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> . Challenging to grow.	В
2631	3631	4631	A <i>Nepenthes</i> , name provided at pick-up time. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> . Moderately difficult to grow .	В
2632	3632	4632	A <i>Begonia</i> , name provided at pick-up time. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> . Easy to grow.	В
2633	3633	4633	Novice class. A <i>Streptocarpus</i> sect. <i>Saintpaulia ionanthus</i> (African violet), plant name provided at pick-up time. Open to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Horticulture classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> . Easy to grow.	В
2634	3634	4634	Youth class. A <i>Tradescantia</i> , name provided at pick-up time. Open only to exhibitors in 12th grade or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> . Easy to grow.	В

Optimize Growing Your Challenge Plant Saturday, September 28, 10 am – 11 am

PHS Town Hall (first floor), 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Learn from horticultural expert Anthony Giunta about the best practices for growing this year's challenge plants. This is a great opportunity for new and experienced exhibitors to participate in the world's oldest horticultural event. New and prospective exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

Plants (\$8 each for PHS members, \$10 each for non-members) must be paid for in advance. Register for the program and order plants beginning in late August at phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries. Only plants paid for in advance will be reserved. Limit one of each plant per exhibitor. Please contact compclasses@pennhort.org if you want to order multiple plants for a group or organization.

Challenge plants will be available for pick-up on **Saturday**, **September 28**, **11:30** am – **1** pm following the program. For information about subsequent availability of plants, check the Flower Show website: phsonline.org/the-flower-show/participate/exhibit/plant-entries.

Challenge plants may be entered in other classes on other entry days. For example, a foliage challenge plant could go into a different foliage class on another entry day.

On Saturdays, parking is available under the building on a first-come, first-served basis

FORCED BRANCHES

- Each entry must consist of a maximum of seven (7) branches of one variety in a single transparent glass container or vase (clear, pale green, or pale blue), with clear glass marbles inside or clear tape on the top to hold the branches in place.
- The "mouth" of the container must not exceed 6" in diameter; maximum height of the branches is 36" from the base of the container.
- For entries in Forced Branches, exhibitors should provide a one-gallon jug of water
 dosed with the floral preservative of their choice (e.g., Floralife) for use by the
 Watering Committee to add additional water to the vase(s) if needed. The jug must
 be clearly marked with the exhibitor's name and the words "Water for Forced
 Branches." A sheet that identifies the specific plants that need it must be provided.
 Water is also available in the Horticourt. Please see a Horticulture Committee chair
 (red apron) for assistance.
- For these classes, the branches do not need to be in the exhibitor's possession by Dec.1.
- For one source of information about forcing branches, see www.chicagobotanic.org/blog/how to/forcing branches bloom indoors.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
2650	3650	4650	Cut woody branches of winter-blooming species, timed to bloom at Show time (e.g., <i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i> , <i>Viburnum x bodnantense</i> , <i>Chimonanthus praecox</i> , <i>Prunus mume</i>). Must be hardy varieties that could bloom between December and March outdoors.	В
2655	3655	4655	Cut woody branches forced into bloom out of season (varieties hardy outdoors, not normally in bloom in early March).	В

FRIDAY DAILY SPECIALS

Entered, passed, recorded, and staged:

Thursday, February 28......1:00-5:30 pm

Friday, February 287:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am)

Removed......Monday, March 3, by 7:00 am

2/28	Class name/description		
2700	Fragrant flowering plant; no bulbs. Pot: 8" of	or under. B	3
2705	Fragrant foliage plant; no bulbs. Pot: 8" or u	under. E	Ξ
2710	Pelargonium, scented. Pot: 6" or under.	В	В
2715	Any succulent plant except Aloe, cac Echeveria, Euphorbia, Gasteria, H Haworthiopsis. Pot: 4" or under.		G)
2720	Cactus grown in house or office. Pot: 6" of	r under. G	Ð
2725	Flowering or fruiting plant grown in house cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 6"-10"		0
2730	Foliage plant grown in house or office; no succulent plant. Pot: 6"-12".	cactus or other E	

MONDAY DAILY SPECIALS

Entered, passed, recorded, and staged:

Monday, March 37:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am)

Removed...... Thursday, March 6, by 7:00 am

3/3	Class name/description			
3700	Variegated foliage plant; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 4" or under.	Е		
3705	Variegated foliage plant; no cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 4"-8".	Е		

3/3	Class name/description	
3710	Variegated cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 4" or under.	G
3715	Variegated cactus or other succulent plant. Pot: 4"-8".	G
3720	Succulent plant other than cactus, grown in house or office. Pot: 6" or under.	G
3725	Cactus or other succulent plant grown in house or office. Pot: 6"-10".	G
3730	Begonia, flowering. Pot: 4" or under.	В
3735	Begonia, foliage. Pot: 4" or under.	F

SECOND THURSDAY DAILY SPECIALS

Entered, passed, recorded, and staged:

Thursday, March 6 7:00-9:30 am (Post-Entry Window closes at 9:15 am)

Removed......Sunday, March 9, see note below.

Exhibitors are responsible for removing their entries on Sunday, March 9, after the public has left the Show floor and the teardown announcement has been made (approximately 6:30 pm). **Note: All plants must be removed by 8 pm.**

3/6 Class name/description				
AROUND THE GLOBE				
4700	Species native to New Zealand; no hybrids. Pot: 8" or under.	F		
4705	Species native to South America; no hybrids. Pot: 8" or under.	F		
4710	Plant native to Africa, including Madagascar; no succulent plants. Pot: 8" or under. For succulent plants, see 2172, 3172, 4172.	F		
4720	Species native to Japan, Korea, or China; no bulbs; no hybrids. Pot: 8" or under.	F		
4725	Bulb(s), corm(s), rhizome(s), or tuber(s) native to Japan, Korea, or China. Pot: 8" or under.	F		
	SMALL COLLECTIONS Provide two (2) 4"x6" cards for each plant.			
4730	Parent and one offspring: A specimen plant and an offspring propagated by the exhibitor from the mature plant, to be shown together in separate pots 8" or under. Indicate the parent on the appropriate cards. State the method and date of propagation on each 4"x6" card.	F		
4735	Matched pair, in identical pots 6" or under.	F		
4740	Double Your Pleasure: Two (2) different genera within the same family, each shown in a pot 8" or under. The family must be named on the cards.	F		
4745	A collection of three (3) different species, varieties, or cultivars of the same genus in separate pots 6" or under. No bulbs; no cactus or other succulent plants.	F		
4750	A collection of three (3) different species, varieties, or cultivars of the same genus of cactus or other succulent plants in separate pots 6" or under.	F		

ORCHID CLASSES

Orchid Committee

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			at small flowering or foliage
orchids are permitted	,		3 - 3 - 3

See the entry schedule on page 38 and Horticulture information and rules beginning on page 34.

Orchid Judging: Orchid entries are judged in two ways. First, individual plants are evaluated for American Orchid Society (AOS) awards by comparing them against defined criteria, including whether they meet the standards of perfection for that type of orchid. Only truly exceptional plants receive these awards, sometimes only one or two a year, and the designation AOS added after the plant's name. Then, for "ribbon judging," each entry is compared with the others in its class using criteria such as flower size, floriferousness, condition of blooms, and robustness to determine first, second, third, and honorable mention places.

Novice Classes are open only to exhibitors who have not won a blue ribbon in the Orchid classes of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2025.

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
5000	6000	7000	Cattleya and Alliance species except Epidendrum (see 5018, 6018, 7018). Eligible for EAD.	
5010	6010	7010	Cattleya and Alliance hybrids except Epidendrum (see 5018, 6018, 7018), flowers greater than 4" across. Eligible for EAD.	
5012	6012	7012	Cattleya and Alliance hybrids except Epidendrum (see 5018, 6018, 7018), flowers 2½" to 4" across. Eligible for EAD.	
5015	6015	7015	Cattleya and Alliance hybrids except Epidendrum (see 5018, 6018, 7018), flowers less than 2½ " across. Eligible for EAD.	
5017	6017	7017	Novice Class: Cattleya and Alliance species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5018	6018	7018	Epidendrum species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5020	6020	7020	Paphiopedilum multifloral species. Eligible for EAD.	
5025	6025	7025	Paphiopedilum single-flowered species. Eligible for EAD.	
5030	6030	7030	Paphiopedilum multifloral hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5040	6040	7040	Paphiopedilum single-flowered hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5045	6045	7045	Novice Class: Paphiopedilum single-flowered or multifloral species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5050	6050	7050	Phragmipedium species and hybrids. Inconspicuous clear plastic saucers are required in this class and must be provided by the exhibitor. Eligible for EAD.	
5055	6055	7055	Novice Class: Phragmipedium species and hybrids. Inconspicuous clear plastic saucers are required in this class and must be provided by the exhibitor. Eligible for EAD .	
5060	6060	7060	Phalaenopsis and Alliance species. Eligible for EAD.	
5070	6070	7070	Phalaenopsis and Alliance hybrids (flowers greater than 3" across). Eligible for EAD.	
5071	6071	7071	Novice Class: <i>Phalaenopsis</i> species and hybrids (flowers greater than 3" across). <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description	
5075	6075	7075	Phalaenopsis and Alliance hybrids (flowers 2"-3" across). Eligible for EAD.	
5077	6077	7077	Phalaenopsis and Alliance hybrids (flowers less than 2" across). Eligible for EAD.	
5078	6078	7078	Novice Class: <i>Phalaenopsis</i> species and hybrids (flowers less than 2" across). <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	
5079	6079	7079	Youth Class. Any blooming <i>Phalaenopsis</i> . Open only to students in 12th grade or under. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i> *	
5080	6080	7080	Vanda and Alliance species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5100	6100	7100	Cymbidium species and hybrids (flowers 3" across or greater). Eligible for EAD.	
5110	6110	7110	Cymbidium species and hybrids (flowers less than 3" across). Eligible for EAD.	
5115	6115	7115	Cymbidium section Jensoa species (e.g., ensifolium, goeringii, sinense). Eligible for EAD.	
5120	6120	7120	Dendrobium species. Eligible for EAD.	
5130	6130	7130	Dendrobium hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5150	6150	7150	Oncidium and Alliance species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5160	6160	7160	Miltonia, Miltoniopsis, and Alliance species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5165	6165	7165	Lycaste species and hybrids. Eligible for EAD.	
5170	6170	7170	Miniature orchids, any species and hybrids; plant at maturity not to exceed 6" in height, excluding inflorescence. No Phalaenopsis. Eligible for EAD.	
5175	6175	7175	Any other orchid species not listed above. Eligible for EAD.	
5180	6180	7180	Any other orchid hybrids not listed above. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>	
5182	6182	7182	Novice Class: Any other orchid species and hybrids not listed above. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	
5183	6183	7183	Youth Class. Any blooming orchid except <i>Phalaenopsis</i> . Open only to students in 12th grade or under. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .*	
5185	6185	7185	Any blooming orchid, mounted.	
5190	6190	7190	Any non-blooming orchid with interesting foliage. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	
5200	6200	7200	Out on a Limb. A collection of at least three (3) plants (no cut flowers), at least one of which is a blooming orchid, in an aesthetically pleasing arrangement on a natural log/branch/bark, not exceeding 36". Other blooming plants are permitted, but orchids must predominate. A plant list is required (see page 39). <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	
5202	6202	7202	New: Farther Out on a Limb. A collection of at least seven plants (no cut flowers), at least three of which are blooming orchids, in an aesthetically pleasing arrangement on a natural log/branch/bark not exceeding 60" in any direction. Other blooming plants are permitted, but orchids must predominate. In addition to 2 4"x6" cards, provide a diagram and one 4"x6" card with a printed plant list. (See bottom of page 39.) By invitation only for 2025; limited to 4 entries. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .	

2/28	3/3	3/6	Class name/description
5205	6205	7205	Orchid Terrarium. A terrarium containing an aesthetically pleasing arrangement of at least two blooming orchid plants (no cut flowers). Other non-blooming plants are permitted, but orchids must predominate. The terrarium may not exceed 20" in length, width, or height. (See Terrarium definition on page 33.) Terrariums must have clear covers. No aquariums.) A plant list is required (see page 39). <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .
5210	6210	7210	New definition: <i>Phalaenopsis</i> in a Teacup or Mug. One or more <i>Phalaenopsis</i> plants (no cut flowers). Other non-blooming foliage is permitted. No artificial materials. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>
5215	6215	7215	New definition: Orchids (other than <i>Phalaenopsis</i>) in a Teacup or Mug. One or more non- <i>Phalaenopsis</i> orchid plants (no cut flowers). Other non-blooming foliage is permitted. No artificial materials. <i>Eligible for EAD</i> .
5220	6220	7220	New: Orchids grown in home or office (not in a greenhouse), flower size greater than 2". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>
5222	6222	7222	New: Orchids grown in home or office (not in a greenhouse), flower size less than 2". <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>
5225	6225	7225	New: Box Store Beauties. An orchid of any type, purchased from a box store, grocery store, produce market, etc. Full botanical names are not required on the 4"x6" cards. Designations such as <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid are acceptable. Also provide the length of time the exhibitor has been growing the plant, from months to years. Plant must be in exhibitor's possession by December 1. <i>Eligible for EAD.</i>

HORTICULTURE AND ORCHIDS SWEEPSTAKES POINTS

Points are awarded for entries and awards in all Competitive Classes. At the end of the Show, sweepstakes awards go to exhibitors and organizations accumulating the most points in a specific area of the Show (e.g., Horticulture) or in all categories (grand sweepstakes). Clubs and organizations receive points based on their club entries plus points earned by their members.

Horticulture and Orchid Classes Entry and Award Points

	1 plant per container	3 or more plants
First place (Blue ribbon)	12	15
Second place (Red ribbon)	07	10
Third place (Yellow ribbon)	05	07
Honorable Mention (White ribbon)	03	05
Pre-entry (each judging day)	01	02
Second Thursday pre-entry	additional 01	additional 01
Second Thursday post-entry	01	01

The extra entry points on Second Thursday, including for post-entries, are an incentive to exhibitors to keep the Horticourt full and fresh for the second weekend of the Show. Additional points are given for special awards listed on pages 68-72. A copy of the current Points and Awards list will be available from fsquide@pennhort.org after February 1, 2025.

Exhibitors can view and download their results from the My Scores tab in their accounts in FSDB. After the Show, exhibitors and organizations can also request an emailed "report card" summarizing their entries, awards, and points from FSDB@pennhort.org. Exhibitors can also print out their own report cards from FSDB.

2025 FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

FEATURE AWARDS

- The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Cup—Best in Show award, for the highest-scoring Landscape major exhibit in the Show.
- The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Cup—Best in Show award, for the highest-scoring Floral major exhibit in the Show.
- 4. The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Silver Trophy—for the Landscape major exhibit receiving the second-highest number of points.
- 4. The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show Silver Trophy—for the Floral major exhibit receiving the second-highest number of points.
- 5. **The Alfred M. Campbell Memorial Trophy**—for the Educational major exhibit that demonstrates the most successful use of a variety of plants in a unique fashion.
- The Mayor's Trophy—for the Floral major exhibit that demonstrates the most innovative or unique design or use of plants or products.
- 7. **The Governor's Trophy**—for the Landscape major exhibit that demonstrates the most innovative or unique design.
- 8. **The Philadelphia Trophy**—for the Landscape major exhibit that demonstrates the best use of color.
- 9. The PHS Council Trophy—for the Landscape major exhibit with the most accomplished display of forced plants.
- 11. Anne Vallery Award—Awarded to the major exhibit that uses its intent to take a vibrant and strong stance on an issue—environmental, humanitarian, etc.—and encourages the viewer to be introspective about the topic.
- 14. **Chicago Horticultural Society Flower Show Medal**—to an Educational exhibit showing outstanding horticultural skill and knowledge in a nationally recognized flower show.
- 22. **The Phyllis M. Craig Award**—to the Floral major exhibit demonstrating the best use of color in flowering and/or foliage plants in an innovative or unique design.
- 82. **PHS Sustainability Award**—for the Educational major exhibit demonstrating the best use of sustainable gardening practices to the public.

PHS MEDALS

Judging criteria include quality of design, horticulture, plantsmanship, and visitor experience.

- 101. PHS Gold Medal—for major exhibits receiving 90-100 points.
- 102. PHS Silver Medal—for major exhibits receiving 80-89 points.
- 103. PHS Bronze Medal—for major exhibits receiving 65-79 points.

SPECIAL PANEL AWARDS

- 15. **The Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association Trophies**—showing the most effective use of plants and best use of design in the Landscape and Educational categories.
- 17. The American Horticultural Society Environmental Award—for an exhibit of horticultural excellence that best demonstrates the bond between horticulture and the environment and inspires the viewer to beautify home and community through skillful design and appropriate plant material.
- 18. The Bulkley Medal of The Garden Club of America—for a special exhibit in the field of horticulture, botany, or conservation. The exhibit of exceptional educational merit increases the knowledge and awareness of the viewing public. It is the exhibit that best combines an important message with the ability to convey that message to the public.
- 19. Special Achievement Awards of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania awarded, if merited, to exhibits of unusual excellence (1,000 square feet and over, and under 1,000 square feet) in the categories of Conservation, Education, Horticulture, and Creativity.

- 21. Society of American Florists Flower Show Award—for artistic presentation of flowers and plants for public enjoyment in the Floral category.
- The Emile H. Geschick Memorial Award—for distinctive orchid display, to be judged for quality and artistic arrangement in either group or individual specimens.
- 28. American Orchid Society Show Trophy—for the most meritorious orchid exhibit.
- 29. American Orchid Society Show Awards—presented, if merited.
- 80. The PHS Gold Medal Award—for the best use of PHS Gold Medal plants in a major exhibit.
- 85. The Kate & Robert Bartlett Award—for the best use of trees in a Landscape exhibit.
- 93. PHS Gardening for the Greater Good Award—for the Landscape, Floral, and Educational major exhibits that best exemplify PHS's mission to activate horticulture and gardening as a force for the "greater good" by advancing the health and well-being of people and their environments.

DESIGN CLASSES AWARDS

- Penn Valley Garden Club Trophy—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Garden classes (160-160A).
- PHS Awards—for daily maintenance and condition in the Table with Arrangement (134-134A), Miniature Setting (135-136), Store Window (156-156A), Garden (160-160A), Entryway (161-161A), and Pocket Garden classes (175-175A).
- 50. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Miniature Setting classes (135 & 136).
- 51. PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Entryway classes (161-161A).
- PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Pocket Garden classes (175-175A).
- 54. PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Store Window classes (156-156A).
- 61. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Table with Arrangement (134-134A). Awarded Wednesday.
- 62. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Window Box & Lamp Post classes (167 & 168). Awarded Wednesday.
- 83. **PHS Sustainability Award**—for the Design classes exhibit demonstrating innovative, creative, and inspiring approaches to sustainable gardening or floral design.
- 93. **PHS Gardening for the Greater Good Award**—for the Design classes exhibit that best exemplifies PHS's mission to activate horticulture and gardening as a force for the "greater good" by advancing the health and well-being of people and their environments.
- 96. The Betty K. Greene Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Design Classes.
- 98 Gail H. Lipman Outstanding Blue-Ribbon Award—for the best use of containers by a winner in the Design classes.

HORTICULTURE CLASSES AWARDS

- 24. **PHS Ribbon**—presented on each judging day, if merited, to the highest scoring blue-ribbon entry of one variety in the Horticulture classes.
- 24A. **PHS Ribbon**—presented on each judging day, if merited, to the second-highest scoring blueribbon entry of one variety in the Horticulture classes.
- PHS Ribbon—presented on each judging day, if merited, to the highest scoring blue-ribbon entry having two or more varieties.
- 25A. PHS Ribbon—presented on each judging day, if merited, to the second highest scoring blueribbon entry having two or more varieties.
- PHS Orchid Award—presented each judging day for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Orchid classes.
- 26A. **PHS Orchid Ribbon**—presented each judging day for the second-highest scoring blue-ribbon winner in the Orchid classes.

- 26B. Walter M. Off Award—presented on the last judging day, if merited, for the best species orchid.
- 26C. Lois and James Duffin Award—presented on the last judging day, if merited, for the best hybrid orchid.
- 26D. **PHS Novice Orchid Award**—presented on the last judging day, if merited, for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Novice Orchid classes.
- 30. **Philadelphia Unit of The Herb Society of America, Inc., Awards**—for an outstanding use of herbs or an individual specimen herb. A total of nine (9) ribbons may be awarded.
- North American Rock Garden Society Delaware Valley Chapter Doretta Klaber Award for the outstanding entry encompassing all Rock Garden classes over the course of the Show.
- North American Rock Garden Society Delaware Valley Chapter Ribbons—presented, if merited, to outstanding entries in the Rock Garden and Miniature Conifer classes. Four (4) ribbons per day may be awarded.
- 33. **Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Ribbons**—for the outstanding blue-ribbon winners in the *Narcissus* classes. One (1) ribbon per judging day may be awarded.
- 34. **Nancy H. Greenwood Award**—for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the bulb section, other than *Narcissus* classes. One (1) ribbon per judging day may be awarded.
- 35. American Primrose Society Award, Doretta Klaber Chapter Ribbons—for the best *Primula* in the Horticulture section. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- Far Out Cactus Award—for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in any cactus or succulent class.
- 37. **Meadowbrook Farm Indoor Gardening Trophy**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Terrarium and Wardian-Style Cases classes.
- 38. **The Edith Wilder Scott Award**—given by the Four Counties Garden Club for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Horticulture classes.
- 39. **Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society Ribbons**—presented, if merited, to outstanding cactus or other succulent entries in any class among the Horticulture classes of the Show. Four (4) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 40. **The Susie Walker Award**—given by the Wissahickon Garden Club for the outstanding blueribbon winner in the *Begonia* classes on each Horticulture judging day.
- 41. The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture--awarded to an exhibit of great distinction in a competitive horticulture class. The exhibit must have placed first, second, or third. A specific plant may receive the award only once and will no longer be eligible for this award in subsequent Shows. (The exhibitor may win the award later with a different plant.) Awarded in odd years (next awarded in 2025).
- 42. **The Gesneriad Society Liberty Bell Chapter Ribbon**—presented, if merited, to the outstanding flowering gesneriad entries in the Horticulture classes. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 43. **The Gesneriad Society Liberty Bell Chapter Ribbon**—presented, if merited, to the outstanding grown-for-foliage gesneriad entries in the Horticulture classes. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 68. **The American Ivy Society Ribbons**—presented, if merited, for the outstanding ivy entry. One (1) ribbon per judging day may be awarded.
- 81. **Elsa R. Efran Award**—presented, if merited, for an outstanding entry in the Novice Horticulture classes. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 86. **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Medal for Horticulture**—Awarded, if merited to the horticultural exhibit judged by a NGC, Inc. panel to be the finest in a major non-standard flower show. Must score 95 points or more. Awarded in even years.
- 88. The Gerald S. Barad Award—given by the Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the cactus and succulent classes on each Horticulture judging day.

- 89. **The Indoor Plant Society Ribbon**—presented, if merited, to the outstanding entry in a "grown in house or office" category. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 90. **Edwin D. MacFarland, Jr. Award** for the outstanding *Begonia* entry of the week in the Horticulture classes.
- 91. **The Delaware Valley Branch, American Begonia Society Ribbon**—presented, if merited, to the outstanding flowering *Begonia* entries in the Horticulture classes. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 92. **The Delaware Valley Branch, American Begonia Society Ribbon**—presented, if merited, to the outstanding foliage *Begonia* entries in the Horticulture classes. Two (2) ribbons per judging day may be awarded.
- 99 **Kizzie Lou Fann Vance Award**, for the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Novice Horticulture and Orchid classes at the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show.

ARTISTIC CLASSES AWARDS

- 44. **The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Floral Design**—for an exhibit of great distinction in a competitive class at a major flower show. The entry must have placed first, second, or third. Awarded in even years to an exhibit in the Artistic section.
- 45. **Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania**—presented each judging day to the highest scoring blue-ribbon winner in the Small Niche, Small Backed Pedestal, and Large Backed Pedestal classes scoring 95 or more points.
- 46. **Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania**—presented each judging day to the highest scoring blue-ribbon winner in the Miniature Arrangement classes scoring 95 or more points.
- 47. **Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania**—presented each judging day to the highest scoring blue-ribbon winner in the Galleria, Open Platform, and Backed Platform classes scoring 95 or more points.
- 48. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit in the Miniature Arrangement classes.
- 52. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Backed Platform classes.
- 55. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Galleria classes.
- 56. **Nancy Reid Clausen Award** donated by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Small Backed Pedestal classes.
- 57. Carolyn Waite Award presented by the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Small Niche classes.
- 59. **The Helen Hope Dechert Award**—presented by The Planters to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Small Niche and Small Backed Pedestal classes.
- 65. PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Open Platform classes.
- 66. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Large Backed Pedestal classes
- 87. **National Garden Clubs, Inc. Medal for Design**—Awarded, if merited, to the design exhibit judged by a NGC, Inc. panel to be the finest in a major, non-standard flower show. Must score 95 points or more. Eligible classes: Miniature Arrangements, Open Platform, Small Niche, Small Backed Pedestal, Large Backed Pedestal, Backed Platform, and Galleria. Awarded in odd years (next awarded in **2025**).
- 64. PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit in the Photography classes.
- 95. **The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Photography**—for an exhibit of great distinction in a competitive class at a major flower show. The entry must have placed first, second, or third. Awarded annually to an exhibit in the Photography division.
- 49. PHS Award—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Pressed Plant Material classes.
- 49A. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon winner in the Pressed Plant Material classes—Youth classes.

- 63. **PHS Award**—to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit in the Botanical Arts classes.
- 97. The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Botanical Arts—for an exhibit of great distinction in a competitive class at a major flower show. The entry must have placed first, second, or third. Awarded annually to an exhibit in the Botanical Arts division.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

- 70. **The Hamilton Greenhouse Award**—for the runner-up in the individual Horticulture classes Sweepstakes.
- 71. **Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland Horticultural Sweepstakes Trophy**—for the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in the Horticulture classes.
- 72. **PHS Award**—for the garden club or horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the Horticulture classes. A minimum of three (3) members must enter.
- 73. Sarah C. Z. Groome Award—to the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in the following Artistic classes: Open Platform, Backed Platform, Galleria, Small Niche, Small Backed Pedestal, Large Backed Pedestal, Miniature Arrangement, Botanical Arts, and Pressed Plant Material. The winner must have a minimum of three (3) Artistic entries and must have entered two or more Artistic categories.
- 74. Rosemarie P. Vassalluzzo Artistic Sweepstakes Trophy—presented by the Four Lanes End Garden Club to the garden club or horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the Artistic Section. A minimum of three (3) members must enter and must have entered two or more Artistic categories.
- 75. **Margaret Buckley Zantzinger Award**—for the garden club accumulating the greatest number of points in all competitive sections of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. A minimum of three (3) members must exhibit in Artistic classes in two (2) or more Artistic categories and a minimum of three members must exhibit in Horticulture classes.
- 76. **The PHS Grand Sweepstakes Trophy**, donated by Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr.—to the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in all competitive sections of the Show. A minimum of three (3) entries in Artistic classes (in two or more Artistic categories) and a minimum of three (3) entries in Horticulture classes is required.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Show is powered by volunteer energy! Join over 2,000 enthusiastic behind-the-scenes volunteers at the Show. To learn more about the roles below and many others and to sign up for shifts, please visit phs.volunteerhub.com/ or email volunteer@pennhort.org.

- Artistic Barrier Aides, Hort Barrier Aides—Secure active judging areas.
- Artistic Clerks, Hort Clerks—Accompany judging teams and record comments.
- Competitive Classes Information Booth—Answer questions about exhibiting and volunteering.
- Hort Exhibitor Aides—Assist exhibitors with unloading and transporting their plants.
- Hort Recorders—Help exhibitors enter plants and keep track of entries. Some iPad experience is helpful but not required.
- Hort Runners—Carry entry cards to the Typing Booth and run errands on the Show floor.
- Hort Stagers—Place individual entries into display areas. Handle plants that are often fragile and/or in heavy pots and placing them in difficult positions (e.g., maneuvering around/between plants already situated or up on high shelves).
- Points & Computer Support—Print and update entry cards; enter award information; type judges' comments; proofread judging results.
- Technology Distribution—manage distribution of tablets to recorders and clerks.

TEACHERS AND YOUTH-GROUP LEADERS

Are you planning to have your students enter the 2025 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show?

School and Youth Exhibitor Liaisons will offer assistance for schools and youth organizations that want to participate in the Show. They can advise you on a variety of topics including the most effective way to submit your entries, the logistics of preparing entry cards, taking plants to the Show, obtaining credentials for students and chaperones, scheduling bus trips, re-entering and removing entries, and the like.

Please plan to attend two informative virtual meetings to receive important information and support.

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM

What You Need to Know to Lead Youth Exhibitors at the Show

Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Getting Ready for the Show

Link to register and find more information:

https://PHSjoin.formstack.com/forms/school and youth leader information request form

For more information, please contact compclasses@pennhort.org as soon as possible.

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2025 ARTISTIC AND HORTICULTURE YOUTH CLASSES

BOTANICAL ARTS: Registration opens September 16.

KISS FROM A ROSE. Botanical Forms. Youth/Novice Class. Create a lipstick case
inspired by a designer of your choice. Open only to high-school students or novice exhibitors;
student entries will have priority. Limited to 6 entries. See page 24.

PRESSED PLANTS: Registration opens September 16.

• FACES OF OUR FUTURE. Youth Class. Investing in horticultural education to our youth promises a cultivating future! Youth in grades 3 to 12 create their self-portraits out of pressed plant material. All Youth entries will be juried. See page 19.

HORTICULTURE AND ORCHIDS: Registration opens December 2; see pages 31-67.

All Horticulture and Orchid classes are open to youth exhibitors. However, the following classes are open **only** to exhibitors in 12th grade and under. Please see cited pages for full class descriptions.

All Youth Class entries from an entire class of students **must** be pre-registered. This allows for a smoother entry process and sufficient display space. The teacher should pre-register the entire class and remove those entries that are not of show-quality at the time of the Show.

No more than two students may be listed as co-exhibitors on an entry.

- Youth Class. Narcissus 'Rapture' (Div. 6, Cyclamineus)—page 47.
- Youth Class. Hippeastrum (amaryllis), any standard single-flowered bulb—page 47.
- New Youth Class. Cactus or other succulent plant—page 50.
- Youth Class. Foliage plant; no cactus, other succulent plant, Clivia, or bulb—page 53.
- Youth Challenge Class. A Tradescantia, name provided at pick-up time—page 62.
- Youth Class. Any blooming Phalaenopsis—page 66.
- Youth Class. Any blooming orchid except Phalaenopsis—page 66.



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