



**STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
DIVISION I - HORTICULTURAL ENTRIES**

*General Guidelines and Rules (2021)
Poway Valley Garden Club*

The Horticulture Class contains numerous Sections with each section having multiple classes. Most common Sections are Roses, Flowering Cut Stems, Succulents, Fruits-Nuts-Herbs & Vegetables, and Trees & Branches. *These Sections may vary each year, please consult the current Flower Show Schedule.*

General Entry

1. Individuals may submit more than one entry per Section as long as the class or subclass is a different variety, cultivar or color.
2. The exhibitor must identify all entries by its binomial name (*Zinnia: Zinnia elegans*) or correctly acceptable scientific designation on the entry cards. Help with correct identification is available the two days before the show.
3. Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible. Use pencil or water-proof ink. Entry cards are available from the Horticulture Consultant, at General Meetings, or the two days before the show.
4. A specimen can be entered under "Any Other" class only if it does not fit into any other class designation.
5. Plant material must be fresh. No substance (spray, oil, dye, etc.) may be applied to enhance the entries.
6. Flower Show officials may subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
7. Plants on the [California Threatened and Endangered Species](#) or the [Invasive list](#) are not allowed.

Cut Stems (Ex: Roses, Flowering Cut Stems, Trees & Branches)

8. Cut stems must have been grown by the exhibitor and be in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days. Woody ornamentals must have been in the exhibitor's possession for 6 months.
9. Plants grown for their flowers should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Plants grown for their leaves should be exhibited as foliage plants even though they may flower.
10. Cut specimens should be no longer than 30" and displayed with no foliage below the water line. Rose stems must have a minimum of 2 leaves, each with 5 leaflets above the water line. Each entry is limited to one stem, smaller flowers such as violas may have up to 3 cut stems.

11. Trees and Branches entries should have one stem, 6-30" long from apical tip to the cut end including several nodes per entry.
12. Exhibitors may supply their own size appropriate clear glass vases or containers that have no distracting markings. *Note: Loaner containers are available the day prior to the show.*
13. Wedging and or anchoring material to keep the exhibit upright is permitted but must not protrude above the lip of the container. Wedging must be a clear material such as cling wrap. *Note: Help with anchoring is available the day prior to the show.*

Edibles (Fruits, Nuts, Herbs & Vegetables)

14. Fruit, Nuts, Herbs and Vegetables must be displayed on a white paper plate provided by the club. Up to three specimens per entry are allowed, with 1 to 3 medium stems or one large stalk for Herbs.
15. Cut fruits or vegetables are not permitted.
16. Vegetables and fruits must be in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days except for early maturing crops such as lettuce.

Container Grown Plants (Ex. Succulents, Houseplants)

17. The pot size for container plants is 12" or less at top opening. The entries may be double potted and top dressed. Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, poultry grit, pea gravel, etc, may be used in container-grown specimens.
18. Container grown plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days.

This is to be used as a guideline for entries and is not all-inclusive. Consult the current Flower Show Schedule as these guidelines may change. For more information, contact the [Flower Show Horticulture Consultant](#).

This flower show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows (HB), 2017 Edition*, with revisions printed in the National Gardener magazine (TNG), is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the Law of the Show.

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