



Poway Valley Garden Club Guide to Flower Show Entries 2024

Consult the Schedule for Entry Details

The Basics

The Flower Show Schedule is the official guide and the law of the show. It contains specific rules and guidelines for entries. **You must consult the Schedule to assure your entry meets the show's requirements.** The Schedule can be viewed or downloaded from the club website. Paper copies are available at the general meeting or upon request. www.powayvalleygardenclub.org

PVGC 45th Annual NGC Standard Flower Show
"Celebrate"
Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Old Poway Park

Hours & Location for Entries

Thursday, April 11 from 4:00pm-7:00pm
Friday, April 12 from 8:00am-10:00am.
Porter House at Old Poway Park
14134 Midland Rd, Poway, CA

Entry Divisions

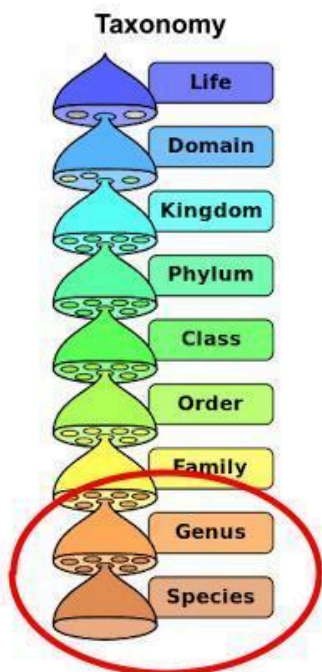
Division I. Horticulture
Division II. Design
Division III. Education
Division IV. Botanical Arts

National Garden Clubs, Inc.				Entry Date
PVGC				
Flower Show	Division	Section	Class No.	Entry No.
BINOMIAL NAME				
VARIETY OR CLASS NAME				
genus*	species	Rosa rugosa		
or				
genus + 'cultivar'	Rosa 'Julia Child'			
EXHIBITOR YOUR NAME				
ADDRESS YOUR ADDRESS				
CLUB PVGC				
1st	2nd	3rd	Honorable Mention	
EXHIBIT SCORED 80+				
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See Schedule for Entry Tag sample

Disclaimer: This unofficial guide was created to take the mystery out of entering the Flower Show. It is a guide only, the accuracy of the content is not guaranteed! Please send any corrections, suggestions or comments regarding this guide to Janice S. at PVGC@Outlook.com.

Demystifying Binomial Names



People have binomial names: last name, *Smith*, and first name, *John*. For plants, the binomial names are the *genus* and the *specific epithet*.

A specific epithet is a unique descriptor and can be: species, variety, cultivar, series or patented name. These are accepted scientific designations.

The binomial name for the majority of entries will be:

Genus + species ex: *Euphorbia pulcherrima*

The genus is always capitalized and underlined if handwritten, italicized if printed. The species is lowercase and underlined if handwritten, italicized if printed.

Genus + cultivar ex: *Euphorbia* 'Santa Claus Pink'

The genus is always capitalized and underlined if handwritten, italicized if printed. The cultivar is capitalized, never italicized or underlined, and enclosed in single quotes.

Common names may be included on an entry tag within parentheses (*Poinsettia*) but are not a substitute for the plant's binomial name.

See *The Flower Show Handbook, Chapter 6* for more information on classification.

SECTION A - ROSES

One single stem rose with two (2) leaves, each with 3-5 leaflets displayed above the waterline



Single
Bloom

Spray

Roses belong to the genus *Rosa* which contains about 150 species.

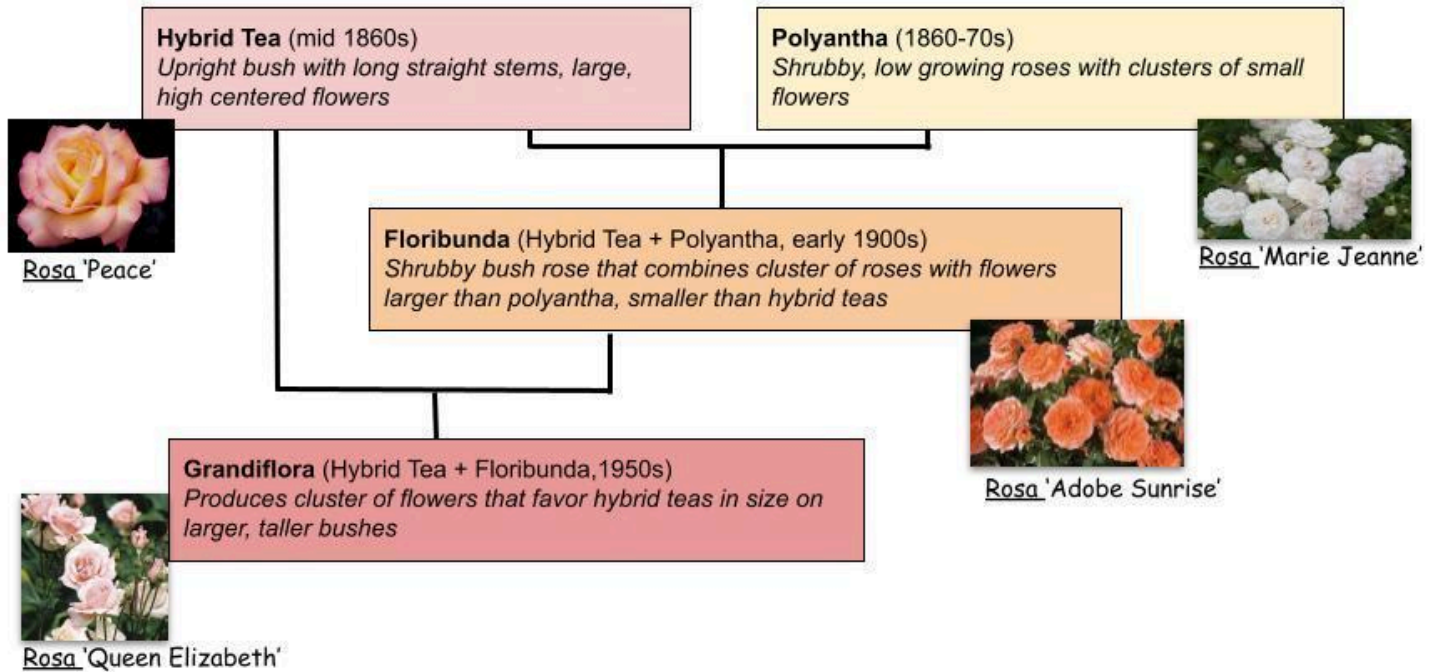
The [American Rose Society](#) groups roses into three main groupings: Species (i.e. wild roses); Old Garden Roses (classes in existence before 1867); and Modern Roses (classes not in existence before 1867).

Hybrid tea, polyantha, grandiflora, floribunda and *shrub* are terms used to describe different classes of Modern Roses. The proper scientific binomial name should include Genus + species - *Rosa rugosa* or Genus + 'cultivar' - *Rosa* 'Julia Child'

Preparing Your Entry:

- Use one of the many Plant Identifier apps available for your smartphone to help identify your rose.
- Cut when ¼ open, and do not immediately remove any petals.
- Cut stem longer than needed and place in warm (100°F) water with floral preservative. Put in a cool area (to 38°F).
- At the show, re-cut the stem to the proper length.
- Use warm water to open the flower if the bud is too tight.

Modern Rose Classes



Shrub & Other Rose Classes

Shrub Roses



Rosa 'Sophy's Rose'



Rosa 'Grace'



[Knock Out® Roses](#)



[Drift® Roses](#)

Shrub (Classic & Modern):

- Shrub rose bushes are defined by the American Rose Society (ARS) as "a class of hardy, easy-care plants that encompass bushy roses that do not fit in any other category of rose bush."
- Shrubs are easily characterized by their sprawling habit. They can grow from 5 to 15 feet or more in every direction. They are usually hardy, vigorous and produce large quantities of clusters of flowers.
- The unique group of roses hybridized by David Austin (often called [English Roses](#)) belong to this class. They resemble old garden roses in shape and form but are recurrent bloomers and often have fragrance.
- More on [Shrub Roses](#)

Other:

- **Climbing roses** generally are mutations or variations of bush or hybrid tea varieties of roses that produce extra-long canes that continue to grow.
- **Miniature and Miniflora roses** are smaller in bush, foliage and bloom size. They range from the "micros" with blooms as small as 1/4 inch in diameter to larger minis.



SECTION B – CUT STEM FLOWERS

One (1) cut stem per entry except Petites (3 stems), maximum 30" length. May include foliage attached to the stem, displayed above the vase lip. This includes plants that are treated as annuals in our San Diego gardens. **MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY BINOMIAL NAME.**



Annuals

ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Snapdragons
- Larkspur
- Viola
- Poppies
- Marigold
- Dianthus
- Papaver
- Sweet pea

Orchids can be entered as a Cut Stem Flower (Section B) or as a Container Grown Flowering Plant (Section H).



Cymbidium
(Sec. B)



Epidendrum
(Sec. H)



Camellia* (floating)
Camellia japonica (Genus + species)
or
Camellia 'Debutante' (Genus + cultivar)



Epiphyllum* (cut bloom)
Epiphyllums only last 1-2 days so they should be entered on Friday morning.

More: [Epi Care Info](#)

*appropriate vases will be available at the Entry table

SECTION C - BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES & TUBERS (Cut Stem)

One (1) cut stem per entry, maximum 30" length. **MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY BINOMIAL NAME.**



Iris 'Art Deco'

Can be displayed with buds and leaves attached to the single stem.

Crocoshmia
corm



Freesia
corm



Misc Bulbs



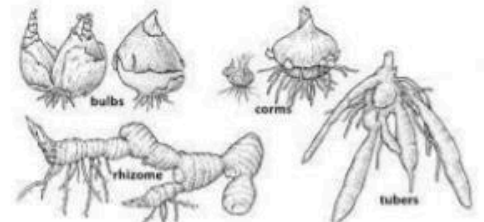
Iris
rhizome



Alstroemeria
tuber



Watsonia
corm



To learn more:
<https://ucanr.edu>

Amaryllis can be entered as a cut stem bulb (Sec. C) or as a container grown flowering plant (Sec H).



SECTION D - FLOWERING HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS (Cut Stem)

Soft stemmed perennials and tropicals. One (1) cut stem per entry, unless noted otherwise, maximum 30" length. Leaves attached to the stem may be displayed above the vase rim. MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY BINOMIAL NAME.



Herbaceous plants most often are low-growing plants, different from woody plants like trees and shrubs, tending to have soft green stems and often seasonal in duration. These include *perennials* that rejuvenate each year, *tropical plants* like Bird of Paradise as well as *subshrubs* such as lavender and rosemary.



Pelargonium entered as a cut stem (Sec. D). Pelargoniums should include a set of leaves.

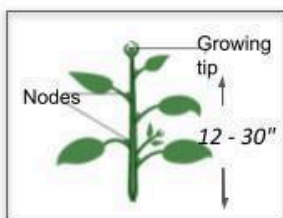


Pelargonium entered as container grown (Sec. H).

Basically, if it has a flower and doesn't fit anywhere else, it goes in Section D!

SECTION E - ARBOREALS, WOODY PERENNIALS (Cut Stem)

Woody perennials, shrubs, and trees. One (1) cut stem per entry, 12 - 30" long from growing tip to the cut end including several nodes. Leaves attached to the stem may be displayed above the vase rim. MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY BINOMIAL NAME.



Proteaceae Family



Cone Plant
Leucadendron 'Safari Sunset'



Pin Cushion
Leucospermum 'Flame Giant'
or
Leucospermum cordifolium



Sugar Bush*
Protea 'King Pink'



Spider Flower
Grevillea 'Peaches & Cream'

California Natives



Manzanita
Arctostaphylos pungens



California Lilac
Ceanothus 'Concha'



Sugar Bush*
Rhus ovata



Toyon
Heteromeles arbutifolia

Fruit trees and berries (canes) are included in woody perennials.

No flowers? Non-flowering branches may be entered in Section E.

Binomial name:
Genus + species or Genus + 'cultivar'

*Two Sugar Bushes? That's why we use binomial names!

SECTION F - EDIBLES

Displayed on a white paper plate supplied by the club, attached stems optional, no foliage. Three (3) samples for small and medium specimens (nuts, berries, most fruits & vegetables), one (1) sample for large specimens (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli). **MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY BINOMIAL NAME.**



3 samples for small or medium



1 samples for large

Just for fun:

Vegetables That Are Technically Fruit

- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Pumpkins
- Cucumbers
- Peas
- String beans
- Eggplant
- Okra
- Corn
- Squash
- Beans

[Read more...](#)

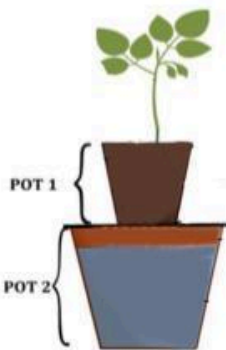


Potted herbs?

Enter in Container Grown Foliage Plants (Sec. I).
Sorry, no cut herbs.

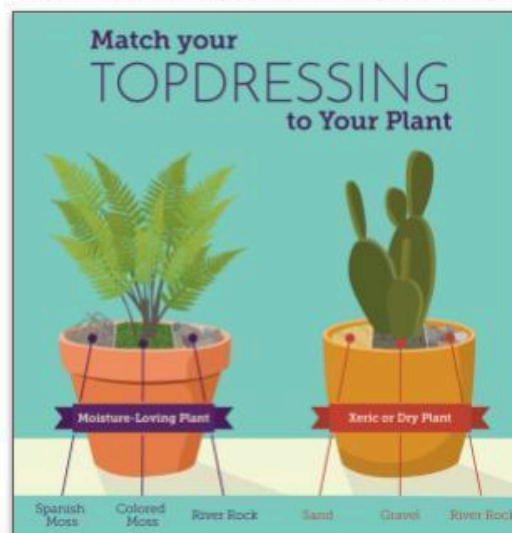
"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad." Miles Kington

CONTAINER PLANTS - BASIC PREPARATION



Container grown plants and combination plantings may be double potted as long as the inner pot is not visible.

Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, pea gravel, etc. are permitted.

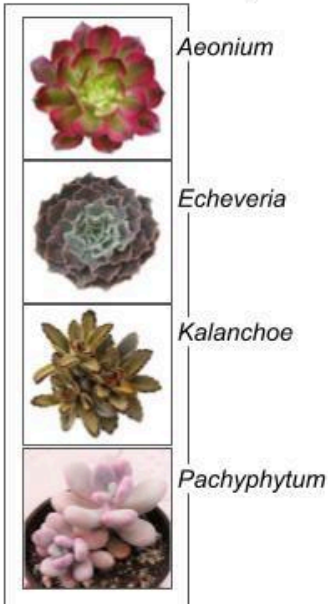


The specimen should be centered and the top dressing and container should complement the plant.

SECTION G - CONTAINER GROWN SUCCULENTS AND CACTI

A **single container** must have only one species grown in the container. A **combination container** must have at least 3 different species grown in the container. All pots must be less than 8" at the largest dimension unless otherwise noted (Class 40). Double potting and top dressing with appropriate material is permitted. **MUST BE IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR 90 DAYS!**

Crassulaceae Family



Combination Container

Three (3) or more succulents/cacti of different species

Picture labels on this page are the plant genus.
Sorry, no decapitated Aeoniums!

Asphodeloideae Family



Cactaceae Family



SECTION H - CONTAINER GROWN FLOWERING PLANTS

A **single container** must have only one blooming species grown in the container. More than one plant of the same species may be exhibited in the container. A **combination container** must have at least 3 different species grown in the container. All pots/mountings must be less than 12" at the largest dimension. Double potting and top dressing with appropriate material is permitted. **MUST BE IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR 90 DAYS!**

Entries must include binomial name: Genus + species - Pelargonium domesticum or Genus + 'cultivar' - Pelargonium 'Strawberry Queen'

Pelargoniums



Holiday Cactus



Bromeliad



Calla Lily



Gloxinia

African Violet

Orchids

Peace Lily

Lavender

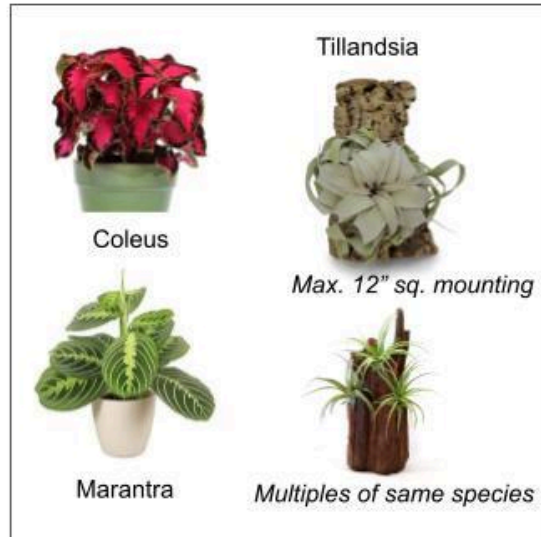


Combination Pot

Three (3) or more plants of different species with at least one blooming specimen.

SECTION I - CONTAINER GROWN FOLIAGE PLANTS

A **single container** must have only one blooming species of a foliage specimen grown in the container. A **combination container** of a foliage specimen must have at least 3 different species grown in the container. More than one plant of the same species may be exhibited in the container and may have insignificant flowers or unopened buds present. Maximum mounted exhibits and pot size is 12" at the largest dimension. ***MUST BE IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR 90 DAYS!***



Combination Container
Three (3) or more foliage plants of different species

DIVISION IV. BOTANICAL ARTS

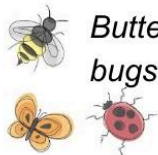
Container-Grown Miniature Gardens Theme: "Celebrate Diversity"

A reservation is required. Contact the Botanical Arts Consultant, Barbara Spain, by April 1, 2024

Four Footed Friends
Unicorns, elephants, puppies and kitties to name a few....

Feathered Friends
Chicks, hawks, hummers and parrots are among our friends...

Nature's Friend
Butterflies, bees, bats, beetles and bugs can be added to this list...



DIVISION II. DESIGN

“Celebrate Events”

About Design:

Advance registration is required by **March 23, 2024**. Contact the Design Consultants Jennifer Kennedy (858-735-6958) or Dyanna Madro (619-889-1773).

Design must be the work of one individual and contain some plant material. Plant material in a design need not be grown by the exhibitor. Artificial plants and foliage are not permitted.

Themes and Class titles are intended only to stimulate imagination. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style unless designated otherwise by the schedule.

A Novice is an entry level exhibitor who has never won a Top Award in the Design Division of an NGC sponsored Flower Show.

The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the [Handbook for Flower Shows](#), Chapter 7, “Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines”.

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SECTION A - DESIGNER’S CHOICE DESIGNS

“Festivals”

Class 1. *Dia De Los Muertos*

- A Creative Tapestry Design
- A solid-mass design with a geometric closed silhouette(s)

Class 2. *Lantern Festival*

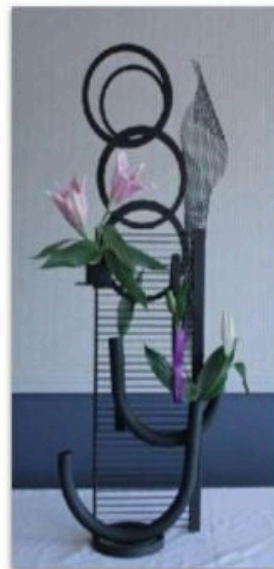
- A Creative Panel Design
- A design using a structural panel(s) as an integral component

Class 3. *Burning Man*

- A Creative Construction Design
- A design with strong architectural characteristics



Tapestry Design



Panel Design



Construction Design

New! Novice Class

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Class 4. *Mardi Gras* - Novice Only

- A Traditional Mass design
- Large quantities of plant material with a closed silhouette
- Plant material integrated and not grouped
- Choice of traditional flowers, no tropical flowers
- Must proportionally fit the frame of the back panel or niche



Traditional Mass Design

SECTION B - PETITE DESIGNS

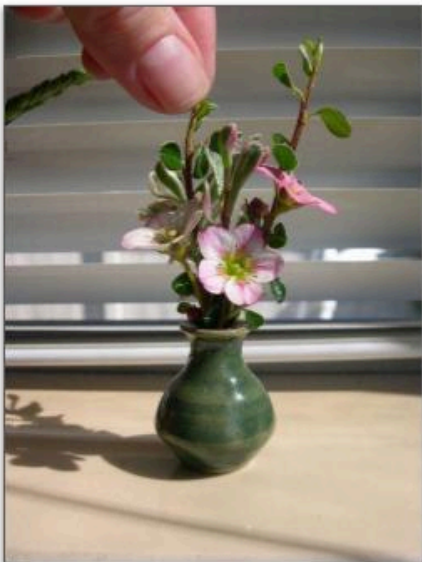
"Holidays"

Class 5. Theme: *"Valentines Day"*

Class 6. Theme: *"4th of July"* Novice Only!

Class 7. Theme: *"April Fools Day"*

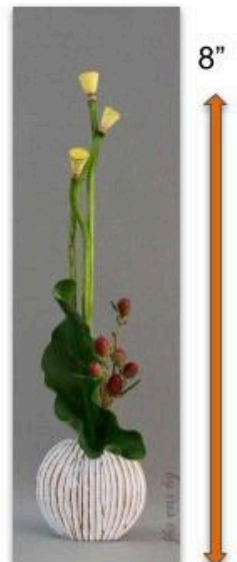
See the Flower Show Schedule for specifications



3.5"



5"



8"

SECTION C - TABLE ARTISTRY DESIGNS

"Parties"

Class 8. Theme: "Tea Party" Novice Only

A casual table tray design for one

Class 9. Theme: "Wine Tasting Party"

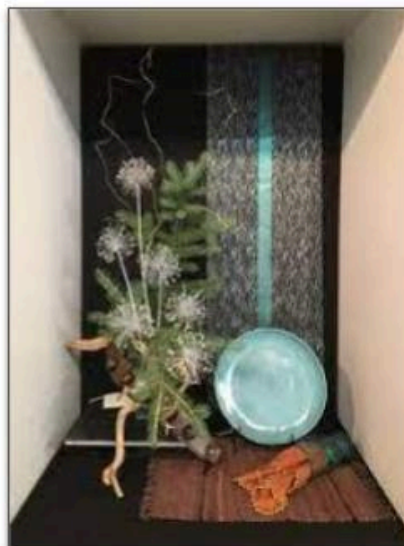
Exhibition Table -A table design that artistically suggests food service

Class 10. Theme: "Academy Award Party"

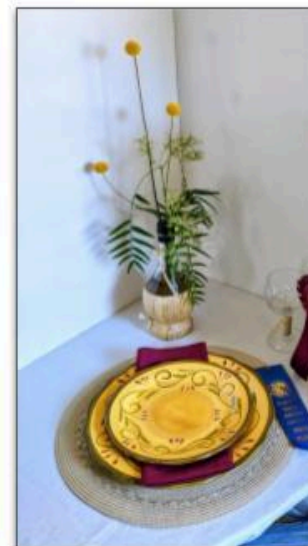
A functional, informal table design for one



A casual table tray design
Novice Only



Artistic suggestion of food service



A functional, informal table design for 1

Scale of Points

HORTICULTURE

Cut and Container Grown

Conformance	5
Plant ID	5
Peak of Perfection	75
Grooming	10
Staging	5
Total	100

Combination Plantings

Conformance	5
Plant ID/ Labeling	10
Peak of Perfection	35
Overall Effect	30
Creative/distinctive	5
Grooming /Staging	15
Total	100

DESIGN

Conformance to Type and Schedule	14
Design Principles	48
Selection of Components	8
Organization of Components	8
Expression	8
Distinction	14
Total	100

BOTANICAL HORTICULTURE

Conformance to Schedule	5
Plant ID/ Labeling	10
Form, color, maturity	35
Overall Effect	30
Creative/distinctive	5
Grooming /Staging	15
Total	100

NGC Standard Flower Show Schedule



Saturday, April 13, 2024
 9am - 3pm
 Old Poway Park, Poway, CA

NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDS

1st Place <i>Blue Ribbon</i>	90 points or more	One per class or subclass
2nd Place <i>Red Ribbon</i>	85 points or more	One per class or subclass
3rd Place <i>Yellow Ribbon</i>	80 points or more	One per class or subclass
Honorable Mention <i>White Ribbon</i>	75 points or more	As merited

To be eligible for a NGC Top Award, exhibits must score 95 points or more, be a first place blue ribbon winner, and meet all criteria associated with the Section Award. Descriptions and requirements for NGC Top Awards and PVGC Awards are listed in the Schedule under each Division.

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