

HORTICULTURE CLASS RULES

- A completed GCA Entry Form must accompany each entry. Forms may be obtained from the Class Chair.
- All plant material must be in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months (except as noted in Class descriptions.)
- Exhibitors may make up to three entries in a class of different species or of different cultivars of species (except as noted in Class descriptions.)
- Container measurements are taken from the inside diameter. Rectangular containers are measured on the diagonal.
- Wildflowers are not permitted unless grown by the exhibitor.
- Entries should have an adequate stem with foliage (e.g. roses should have 2 five-leaf leaflets on a stem.)
- Par Class: The exhibits in a Par Class are judged against perfection rather than against other exhibits (each on its own merit.) Entries can be anything that grows, including: container-grown plants, blooms, sprays, flowering or fruiting plants, rooted cuttings, seedlings, bulbs, vegetables, bonsai, etc.. Only exhibits that don't qualify for other classes in the Schedule may be shown in the Par Class. Exhibits are judged on a scale of 1 to 10 points.
- Novice: A member who hasn't won a Horticulture Class blue ribbon.
- Herb: An herb is a plant that (historically) has had a use or (presently) has a use, usually classified as: medicinal, aromatic, culinary, or industrial.
- Entries are to be passed by 10:00 a.m. and the exhibitor must stay with her entry until it is passed.