

Plant Entry Rules

1. WHO MAY ENTER/EXHIBIT?

- Any person who by their own effort grows plants, vegetables, flowers, etc.
- Exhibitors do **not** need to be members of the Culver City Garden Club.
- Children and teens may enter plants they have grown. They may enter individually or as a group (such as a class). They may enter plants in the Student Division or in the Standard (Adult) categories.
- Couples or families may enter together as one Exhibitor, if they desire,
- Clubs & Societies may enter plants for display purposes only. Their entries will **not** be judged.

2. PLANT & CUT FLOWER ENTRIES:

- Entries must be from the Exhibitor's private collection and personally grown.
- Entries must have been owned and grown by the Exhibitor for at least **60 days** prior to the Show. A **30-day** rule applies to plants the Exhibitor started and grew from seed or cuttings.
- Plants must be groomed **before** entry. **No grooming** is allowed after entry without Club permission.
- The Show Co-Chairs and Entry Officials may refuse to enter an inferior, diseased, insect-infested plant or cut flower and may remove from the Venue any damaged or unsightly Exhibits.
- Hanging entries are welcomed. Show Officials will attempt to display such entries appropriately.
- Plants grown primarily for their blooms may **not** be entered if not currently in bloom. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to fuchsias, orchids, begonias and gesneriads.
- Entries in glass bowls or terrariums may be displayed either open or sealed.
- **Flower Arrangements - Exhibitor Grown** may contain only plant materials grown by the Exhibitor. If the arrangement contains both grown and purchased materials, it must be entered in **Not Exhibitor Grown**.
- **Flower Arrangements - Not Exhibitor Grown** are judged solely on their aesthetics. Arrangements may not have been purchased pre-arranged.
- **No silk flowers** or other artificial flowers/plants are allowed in **any** category.
- Foreign objects, such as ceramic figurines, are **only** allowed in **Terrariums, Bonsai & Dish Gardens, etc.**

3. CONTAINERS:

- Must be neat and clean. Containers should also be proportionate to the plant.
- Metal or plastic nursery containers are discouraged except for pots larger than 14" or 5 gal +.
- Pots should be of a color that does not draw attention away from the plant.
- Use of white pots is generally not recommended. Use of unique, artistic or humorous containers are allowed if the container adds to the overall presentation.
- Individual potted plants generally should be centered in their containers.
- Dressing: Gravel, small rocks, bark or lava is allowed in pots at the base of the plants. If used, it should be inconspicuous in color and not draw attention away from the entry.
- Cut flower Exhibitors must furnish their own containers, preferably clear and unetched.
- Exhibitors of Harvested Fruit or Vegetables will be provided with an appropriate dish, bowl, plate, etc. for display purposes. Do not mix different kinds in one container.

4. ENTRY/REGISTRATION:

- Entries will be accepted **Friday, June 8 between 7:30 – 9 PM.**
All others should be entered on Saturday, June 9, from 7 PM to 8:30 AM.
No late registration will be accepted.
- A limit of ten plants plus 5 cut edibles may be entered due to venue space limitations.
- Entries should include the plant's name/variety when possible. However, no labels/name tags should remain visible on the plant when entered.
- Entries must be brought to the Teen Center at the address above.
- Exhibitors should have their entry paperwork completed prior to registering. This includes completing one **Plant Entry Slip** for each plant to be entered and an **Exhibitor Entry Sheet**, listing all the plants/flowers to be entered. Forms and assistance will be available before the Show
- Each Exhibitor will be assigned an **Exhibitor Number**, to assist in registering and identifying entries. Please, obtain one before entering your plants.
- **Plant Entry Slips** must be reviewed and initialed by a Data Desk, then recorded into the Entry Records
- Only recorded exhibits are eligible for awards.
- Exhibitors (other than **Cut Flowers** and **Arrangements**) may not place exhibits on display tables without the permission of Show Officials.
- Exhibitors may place cut flower entries and arrangements on tables if each one is finished, classified and entered by **9:00 AM**, when Plant Entry is stopped.
- Entries not in place can be Non-Competitive Entries only.

5. AWARDS:

- **Ribbons:** A team of **Judges** will determine on 1st place (blue), 2nd place (red) and 3rd place (white) ribbons for each plant when merited. For ribbons only, each plant will be judged on its own merits and not in competition with any other plant.
- **Certificates:** Will be awarded to the 1st place (blue) ribbon winner whose plant is voted

- **Best-in-Division** as calculated by Show Judges. If there are no 1st place (blue) ribbon winners in a division, no Certificate will be awarded.
- Certificates are awarded at the discretion of Show Officials.

Special Awards include:

- **Best in Show – Still Growing:** Awarded to the Certificate winner whose entry is voted best among all Certificate winners in the **Still-Growing Plant Divisions**.
- **Best in Show – Harvested/Cut:** Awarded to the Certificate winner whose entry is voted best among all Certificate winners in the **No Longer Growing Divisions**.

The final two trophies cannot be won by the same person:

- **Culver City Garden Club:** Will be awarded to the Club member who has received the most Blue Ribbons in the **Growing** and **No Longer Growing Divisions**. In the event of a tie, both Entrants will receive the Award.
- **Best Overall Gardener:** Will be awarded to the Club member earning a Blue Ribbon in the largest number of different classes.
- Special Awards are usually presented to the winners at the next Club Potluck.
- The Show Chairs/Officials have the final decisions in all matters relating to Show Awards.

7. **SHOW HOURS:** The Show is open to the Public: Saturday, June 9, 11 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, June 10, 10 AM – 4 PM.

8. **REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:**

- No entry may be removed until the Show closes at 4 PM on Sunday, without the permission of a Show Chair
- All entries must be removed by Sunday at 5:00PM.

9. **SHOW RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY:**

- Show volunteers and Club Officials will exercise the utmost care in safeguarding Exhibits, but we cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage to property or for personal injury.