



**FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE**  
**May 2, 2026 ~ Senior's Centre, Gravenhurst**

**HORTICULTURE**

**SECTION A - Cut Specimens**

1. Large Bulb specimen – any cultivar, 1 stem (e.g. Daffodil, Tulip, Hyacinth)
2. Small Bulb specimen – one cultivar, 3 stems (e.g. Crocus, Galanthus)
3. Branch, flowering, may be forced, not to exceed 75 cm/30" from table
4. Pansy/Viola, foliage attached, one cultivar, 3 sprays
5. Any other spring blooming flower not listed above, 1 stem (e.g. Hellebore, Primrose)



Class 5. Any other spring blooming...  
Fritillaria imperialis

**SECTION B - House Plants**

6. Cactus, 1 specimen, max. 15.2 cm/6" diameter pot
7. Succulent, 1 specimen, max. 15.2 cm/6" diameter pot
8. Indoor plant grown for foliage, max. 20 cm/8" diameter pot
9. Indoor plant, grown for bloom (in bloom), max. 20 cm/8" diameter pot

**DESIGN**

**SECTION C - "Seasons"**

10. "Bring Up Your Dead" – a wayside\* design using dried plant material
- 10a. "Bring Up Your Dead" – a wayside\* design using dried plant material - NOVICE
11. "Memories of Summer" – a card using pressed plant material – not to exceed 11 cm/4-1/2" x 14 cm/5-1/2"
- 11a. "Memories of Summer" – a card; see above – NOVICE
12. "The Old Homestead" – a design using an antique/vintage container suitable for a dining table centerpiece
- 12a. "The Old Homestead" – a design; see above – NOVICE
13. "Spring's Focus" – a small\* design including a candle
- 13a. "Spring's Focus" – a small\* design including a candle - NOVICE
14. "Brr it's Cold" – a miniature design\* using fresh, dried, painted or coloured plant material
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\* - see design definitions below and refer to OJES (Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards)

**SECTION D - Special Exhibit**

15. Cacti/Succulent Collection\* - between 3-5 potted plants on a tray – name specimens

**BEST CUT SPECIMEN & BEST DESIGN**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**SECTION E - "Seasons"**

16. "There's Much to Love About Autumn"
17. "Two Seasons" – same view in Spring & Fall – 2 pictures
18. "Up Close & Personal" – flower with a bug
19. "Chilled Out" – snow/ice on plants or in the garden

**YOUTH**

**SECTION F**

20. Bulb specimen – 1 stem
21. Indoor plant, max. 25 cm/10" diameter pot
22. Succulent or Cactus, 1 specimen. Max. 15.2 cm/6" diameter pot
23. "Beauty to Behold" – a small\* design

## \* **DESIGN DEFINITIONS**

**Collection** – a specified number of different potted plants exhibited for cultural perfection. Individual items in the collection should be named.

**Miniature** – maximum 5” in any direction including container, base, accessories.

**Small** – 5-1/2” to 10” and not to exceed 10” in any direction, including container, base, accessories.

**Wayside** – composed of common and plentiful flowers, foliage, fungi and/or weeds such as bullrushes, ox-eye daisy, Queen Anne’s Lace, goldenrod, etc. Do not use: endangered, threatened, special concern, invasive plants

## **FLOWER SHOW RULES**

### **GENERAL**

1. All exhibitors must be paid members of a Horticultural Society in District 18. (exception for Youth)
2. Entries are to be on the show tables between 8:30 am and 9:45 am and remain on the tables until approximately 2:00 pm. Judging is to begin at 9:50 am. Fill in an entry sheet on that day.
3. There must be an entry tag for each exhibit. Each tag must include the Exhibitor’s name, Society, Specimen type (if entering a Hort specimen) and entry class. Tags can be obtained from your Society. Some will be available on that day.
4. No soil is allowed except in House Plant and Special Exhibits Sections or unless specified in a Design class.
5. The Flower Show Chair may split a class or delete a class if the number of entries warrants it.
6. No exhibitor will be awarded a prize unless, in the opinion of the Judge, it possesses sufficient merit, even though it may be the only entry in the class. **The Judge’s decision shall be final.**
7. Youth Division ages 6-9, 10-12, 13-17
8. Awarding of exhibitors for exhibits to be determined.

### **HORTICULTURE**

1. OJES (Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design & Horticulture, 2019) shall be followed by the exhibitors and judges. (available from Maureen Ranger, D.18 Board \$10)
2. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Remove all buds from flower specimens, except in a spray, as these are considered blooms. All specimens, including houseplants, must be groomed and disease and pest free.
3. Members benefit from using the common and Latin names.
4. An exhibitor may enter two specimens per class. They must be two different cultivars.
5. Exhibitors are asked to follow the show schedule regarding the number of blooms, scapes or stems. Failure to do so may result in an entry being “Not according to Schedule” (NAS) and excluded from placing.
6. All houseplants must have been grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of three months. Only one plant per pot unless otherwise stated. No leaf shine is permitted.

### **DESIGN**

NOVICE – Once you have placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> you are no longer a novice.

1. A design is “A combination of fresh and/or dried materials with or without other objects arranged to create an artistic unit. A design may include container(s), base(s), and/or accessories. The designer uses the elements of design: balance, rhythm, proportion, scale, contrast and dominance, to interpret the theme and create a design of harmony and distinction”. (OJES, pg 29)
2. An exhibitor may place one entry per class.
3. Plant material must predominate over all other components of the exhibit, unless otherwise stated.
4. The use of artificial plant material, cut or sliced fruit, dairy or perishable food is not permitted, unless otherwise stated.
5. Painted and/or artificially coloured plant material may not be used unless otherwise stated.
6. Accessories are permitted in all designs, unless otherwise specified. Check OJES, 2019, pg 129, for the definition on accessories.
7. Material may be obtained from any source, unless otherwise mentioned. Use of harmful, poisonous, invasive, or native/species-at-risk plant material is prohibited. Refer to:  
[www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com), [www.ontario.ca/page/species-at-risk-ontario#section-7](http://www.ontario.ca/page/species-at-risk-ontario#section-7) See OJES pg.14.
8. Designs for classes 11 to 13: 60.9 cm/24”x24” max., height unlimited.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Judging of each entry will be assessed as follows for a total of 100 points:

Interpretation	40%
Composition	40%
Appearance & Impact	20%

2. All photos must be taken by the exhibitor and not have been previously submitted in a district competition.
3. Photos can be taken using either a regular film or a digital camera.
4. Photos must include some horticultural content.
5. Only cropping of original photo is allowed. No special effects.
6. All photos must be in colour unless otherwise specified.
7. Prints (glossy or matte) must be 4" x 6" and be surface-mounted on 5" x 7" stiff backing.
8. Photo must be printed on proper photo paper.
9. Please write your name on the back.
10. Each print should be accompanied by a completed entry tag affixed to the bottom righthand corner.
11. Photos may be viewed by the public.

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