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OHA Virtual Flower Show Guidelines: Organizing, Judging, Exhibiting

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These guidelines are available from the OHA website Shows tab. Click on Useful Guides for Show Organizers, Judges & Competitors

The guidelines draw on the information sources listed below to provide help schedule writers, show organizers, exhibitors and judges respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

If the virtual Flower Show is to be judged, organizers are encouraged to select someone from the OHA Judges List on the OHA website Shows tab

These guidelines may also be useful in organizing other types of virtual competitions such as Photography, Arts or Youth

Judging criteria for these other types of competitions are not covered in OJES (2019) so Show organizers should make an effort to find other qualified judges

Schedules for OHA Convention competitions - Photography, Art, Creative Writing, Publications, Youth - typically include a scale of points for judging

The OHA Judging Committee has also just produced more detailed Photography Judging Guidelines (January 2021) presented below

Flower shows are meant to be

- ✓ fun
- ✓ interesting
- ✓ educational
- ✓ creative
- ✓ encourage community participation, and
- ✓ provide an opportunity for all members to participate

Hence our interest in having virtual shows given on-going COVID-19 constraints on getting together in person

Even after COVID-19, virtual shows or shows with virtual class(es) may continue to be valuable to enable a broader range of participants and eliminating the need to travel

INFORMATION SOURCES

- OHA website *Shows* tab
- *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture. Second Edition. 2019.* Garden Clubs of Ontario and Ontario Horticultural Association
- OHA District 2 Virtual Floral Design Competition, July 2020
- Garden Club of Toronto International Virtual Floral Art Show, March 2021
- International Friends of Floral Art & Design Virtual Show, March 2021
- South African Flower Union Show, March 2021
- Gananoque Horticultural Society Show, April 2021
- Burlington Rose Society, Spring 2021
- Ottawa Horticultural Society, Virtual Spring (June) and Fall (September) Shows, 2021
- Ontario Regional Lily Society, draft virtual design schedule Jun-Jul 2021

Given the recent rise in virtual flower shows, the current guidelines are clearly a work in progress

We would appreciate learning about your virtual shows, along with your feedback and suggestions for additions and improvement as we all gain more experience

Please send your input to ohajudges@gmail.com

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OHA Photography Judging Guidelines

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- The OHA Judging Committee released these guidelines because as OHA Certified Judges in Horticulture and Floral Design, we are sometimes asked to also judge photography classes
- The guidelines are available from the OHA website Shows tab
Click on Useful Guides for Show Organizers, Judges & Competitors
- It is based on a 100 point scale as in OJES (2019)

SCALE of POINTS:

Composition35

The arrangement of the centre of interest and all other elements in the photo

Artistic Merit25

An original artistic concept in the choice and organization of all of the components of the photo

Impact 10

Creativity..... 10

Other aspects..... 05

Technical Merit25

The technical aspects include:

Colour 05

Lighting 05

Other aspects..... 15

Presentation 15

Compliance with schedule requirements and quality of production.
Deductions for non-compliance should be proportional to the degree of non-compliance

- The guidelines explore each category in more detail through a series of questions
- OHA Districts and Societies should consider revising their photo judging scale of points to these new OHA guidelines

REFERENCE SOURCES

Alberta Horticultural Association. 2007. Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural Shows. Photography pp. 134-138.

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. 2020. Homecraft Judging Standards. Edition 1. Photography p. 40.

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Recent Questions & Answers

Question?

What guidance does OHA have for Judges
doing Judging during COVID -19?

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ANSWER:

Judges must always feel personally comfortable in taking on any Judging assignment

The key during COVID 19 is to check with the **Health unit for the location of the show** and make sure you are in compliance with what the requirements are on the day of the Show

The requirements can change quickly so call the health unit. Do not depend on the Society local news, etc.

Question?

Can I use oiled leaves in a floral design?

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ANSWER: Yes

Unless the show schedule prohibits it

OJES 2019 (p.22), *Tips In Preparation of Entries* states: Wiring, oiling, spraying with leaf shine and artificial colouring is prohibited in the **Horticultural Division**

Note: it does not say in the Design Division, where it is permitted

QUESTION?

In the Horticultural Division, can faded petals be removed from the back of a Dahlia specimen when showing?

ANSWER: Yes

OJES 2019 (p.63) states that the removal of faded petals from the back of the Dahlia bloom is permitted **but** must not spoil the form.

Note:

A few may be removed but when you remove too many you've gone too far and spoiled the flower form and will be penalized.)

In the Design Division, you were always allowed to manipulate flower form and structure.

We are here to help Judges, Exhibitors,
Schedule writers and Show Organizers

Send your questions to ohajudges@gmail.com

Our committee will review them and get
you an answer

Check the OHA website Shows tab which also includes:

- Our quarterly newsletter 
- OHA Judges List
- Q & A's
- Judging Forms and Applications
- Judges Learning Library
- Upcoming OHA Judging Schools/Updates

Thanks for attending this session

It counts as a credit towards the OHA
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