



**2024 Convention Flower Show Schedule
OHA 115th Convention
July 12-14, 2024**

Host: District 7 & 8 - Guelph

Theme: “The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing”

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title “**The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing**” to explore creative expression and stimulate viewing interest.
2. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to members in good standing of a society/club (hereafter society) In Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
3. **Entry:**
 - a. Design and Special Exhibit entries must be **pre-registered by June 1, 2024.**
 - b. Entries can be placed at the convention on Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and are to remain in place until the show closes on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
 - c. No late entries will be accepted, no exceptions.
 - d. Exhibitors may enter all Divisions. All entries must have a generic entry tag (sample appended below), giving necessary information including class name and number, exhibitor’s name, society and district. Tags will be supplied at the convention by the OHA. To make entry easier you may use a return address label in the space for your name.
 - e. Reasonable security will be provided for exhibitor’s property; however, neither the OHA nor the Delta Hotel assumes any responsibility for loss or damage.
 - f. Exhibitors are to place their entries on the show table. The show committee reserves the right to move Horticulture entries when necessary to accommodate exhibitors or to subdivide in any class. For this show, exhibitors may have someone else bring their completed entries and have them place the entries on the show table as instructed by the Show Committee.
 - g. Exhibitors are encouraged to use reusable mechanics for design entries as floral foam is not biodegradable.
 - h. Noxious weeds (http://omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/noxious_weeds.html), invasive plants (<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/>), scarce, protected, or endangered native plants (www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk) will be disqualified. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Show Committee.

- i. Judging is in accordance with the *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards (OJES) for Floral Design and Horticulture (2019)*. Please use this reference for information and definitions. Copies may be purchased from OHA (www.gardenontario.org/shop/omdex/php).

Entries – Horticulture:

- a. Exhibitors must provide their own containers.
- b. Exhibitors are allowed up to two (2) entries per class provided they are different cultivars.
- c. Entry tags should include both the common name and the botanical name (if possible).
- d. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- e. For potted plants (Section D), the exhibitor must have owned the entry for at least three months prior to exhibiting. Entries may have more than one plant in a container provided they are the same cultivar, except for African Violets. Pot slipcovers (cache pots) are allowed and should be unobtrusive.
- f. A bud showing colour will be considered a bloom.
- g. Exhibits must be kept in good condition during the show. An entry may only be watered during non-viewing hours either by the exhibitor or the Show Committee.

Entries – Design:

- a. Pre-registration is required for each class. **Exhibitors must register by June 1, 2024**, with the Registrar (see contact information above). Only five entries can be accommodated per class, so register early. Space will be reserved for each entry upon registration. Any exhibitor who finds it necessary to withdraw must make every effort to find a substitute and advise the show chair if unable to reach the registrar.
- b. Exhibitors may enter any number of design classes, but may submit only one entry in each class.
- c. Allocated space, unless otherwise stated is 61 cm (24") wide by 76 cm (30") deep on white tablecloth. The registrar will assign a specific space to an exhibitor for their entry. An exhibitor is not to change this space. An exhibitor may not impinge on another space or move an entry by another exhibitor unless authorized by the show committee (see next).
- d. Exhibitors must have created their entry and if in person, place it on the show table. Exhibitors may have someone else bring their completed entries and have them place those entries as instructed by the show committee.
- e. Entries must be kept in good condition for the duration of the show. An entry may be refreshed by the exhibitor only during non-viewing hours but must retain its original form and colour.
- f. Accessories are permitted unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- g. Fresh plant material must predominate over other components of the entry, unless otherwise stated. No artificial plant material or cut or sliced fruit is allowed.
- h. No soil is permitted in design entries. Use of decorative sand is permitted but should not be placed directly onto the show table or other staging surfaces.
- i. Plant material may be obtained from any source.

Entries – Special Exhibits:

- a. In Special Exhibits, horticulture perfection and overall exhibit design are evaluated. Plants should be chosen with similar cultural requirements with variations in form, colour texture, etc., for visual effect. Kinds/cultivars to be named, if possible, on a separate card. Consult *OJES 2019, p. 118-119*.
- b. **Pre-registration is required for each class.** Exhibitors must register **by June 1, 2024**, with the registrar (see contact information above). Only five entries can be accommodated per class, so exhibitors are encouraged to register early. Space will be reserved for each entry upon registration. Any exhibitor who finds it necessary to withdraw must make every effort to find a substitute and advise the registrar or the show chair if not able to reach the registrar.
- c. Exhibitors may enter any number of Special Exhibits classes but may submit only one entry in each class.
- d. The allocated space is 61 cm (24") wide x 76 cm (30") deep on a white table covering. The registrar will assign a specific space to an exhibitor for their entry. An exhibitor may not change this space or impinge on another space or move an entry by another exhibitor unless authorized by the show committee (see next).
- e. Exhibitors must have created their entry and if in person, place it on the show table. Exhibitors may have someone else bring their completed entries and have them place those entries as instructed by the show committee.
- f. Entries must be kept in good condition for the duration of the show. Any entry may be refreshed by the exhibitor only during non-viewing hours but must retain its original form and colour.
- b. A Special Exhibits entry should conform to *OJES 2019* definitions unless otherwise stated in class description.
- c. Accessories are permitted.
- d. Plant material may be obtained from any source and may be newly acquired.

4. Judging:

- Judging is in accordance with *OJES 2019* on Friday July 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.
- Honourable Mention (HM) to be awarded at the judge’s discretion.
- *A Best in Show* is based on merit and selected from 1st placed entries.
- *A Judge’s Choice* need not be a 1st place winner. It is based on the Judge's recognition of an entry that is notable in some aspect.
- Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no entry is worthy.
- The judge’s decision is final.

5. Awards:

Horticulture

OHA ribbon and cash prize

Collections:	1st \$6	2nd \$4	3rd \$2	HM \$1
All Other Sections:	1st \$3	2nd \$2	3rd \$1	HM \$1

Best in Show – OHA Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Host Districts)

Judge’s Choice – OHA Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Host Districts)

Design

OHA ribbon and cash prize - 1st \$10 2nd \$8 3rd \$6 HM \$2
Best in Show – OHA Rosette and \$40 (Donated by Host Districts)
Judge’s Choice – OHA Rosette and \$25 (Donated by Host Districts)

Special Exhibits

OHA ribbon and cash prize: 1st \$10 2nd \$8 3rd \$6 HM \$2
Best in Show – OHA Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Host Districts)
Judge’s Choice – OHA Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Host Districts)

6. Viewing:

All entries will be displayed with tags open.
 The show will be open on Friday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7. Return:

Entries and prizes are to be picked up by the exhibitor (or authorized designate) on Sunday between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or if necessary, by special arrangement with the Flower Show chair. A signature is necessary for removal of entries and receipt of cash prizes.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Convenor: Jane McDonald

Note:

- Exhibitors must provide their own containers and tray as stated in the schedule.
- A spray is the terminal flowering growth carried on one stem ideally showing flowers in bloom, buds showing colour, green buds, and leaves (see *OJES 2019, p.152*).
- A bud showing colour is considered a bloom.
- The Hosta standard of leaf size measurement has been changed (see *OJES 2019 p.76*).
- Entry tags should include both the common name and the botanical name, if possible.

SECTION A – ANNUALS and BIENNIALS

Class

1. Cleome, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
2. Cosmos, 1 cultivar 3 stems
3. Marigold, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms with own foliage
4. Petunia, single, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
5. Petunia, semi-double/double, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
6. Salvia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
7. Snapdragon, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
8. Zinnia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
9. Any other annual or biennial not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms, stems, spikes or sprays

SECTION B – PERENNIALS, BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES and TUBERS

Class

10. Astilbe, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
11. Begonia, Tuberous, male bloom, one leaf unattached, displayed in low glass dish provided by exhibitor
12. Dahlia, under 10 cm (4”), 1 cultivar, 3 stems
13. Dahlia, 10 cm (4”) and over, 1 stem, disbudded
14. Echinacea, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
15. Gaillardia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
16. Heuchera/Heucherella, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
17. Hosta, 193 sq.cm to less than 413 sq. cm (30 sq. in to less than 64 sq. in), 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
18. Hosta, 39 sq.cm to less than 193 sq. cm (6 sq. in to less than 30 sq. in), 1 cultivar, 3 leaves
19. Lilium, 1 stem (no more than 1/3 of stem to ensure future growth of the plant)
20. Monarda, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
21. Phlox, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
22. Rudbeckia, 1 spray
23. Sedum, low growing, foliage, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
24. Sedum, upright, 1 stem
25. Any other perennial, bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 stems, spikes, or sprays

SECTION C – ROSES

Class

26. Hybrid Tea, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded)
27. English Rose (David Austin, Beales, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray
28. Hardy Canadian Rose (Explorer, Artist, 49th Parallel, Morden, Parkland, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray
29. Any other Rose (Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray
30. Miniature/Patio, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray

SECTION D – POTTED PLANTS

Note: Maximum pot size 20 cm (8”) in diameter.

Class

31. African Violet, single crown, in bloom
32. Cactus, any cultivar, not grafted
33. Pelargonium, in bloom
34. Any other plant grown principally for decorative foliage
35. Any other plant grown principally for bloom, in bloom

SECTION E – COLLECTIONS

Note: See *OJES 2019* (pp.38-39). A collection is a specified number of stems of different kinds (cultivars): exhibited for cultural perfection, named on a separate card with common names and botanical names, if possible, and for this Show, specimens are to be exhibited in individual containers on a tray or mat (fabric or paper) supplied by the exhibitor. Tray/mat not to exceed 30 cm. x 46 cm. (12" x 18").

Class

- 36. Roses, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, 1 specimen bloom or 1 spray of each, named
- 37. Mixed cut garden flowers excluding branches or vines, minimum of 5 different cultivars/varieties, 2 stems of each, named
- 38. Cut herbs, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, 1 specimen of each, named
- 39. Cut garden foliage excluding branches, minimum of 3 different cultivars/varieties, 1 stem of each, named

DESIGN DIVISION

Convenor: Sharon Nivins

Note: Pre-registration per class is required (see above). Only five entries can be accommodated per Class 40-46. Allocated space, unless otherwise stated, is 61 cm (24") wide X 76 cm (30") deep on white tablecloth in a white niche 61 cm (24") wide x 76 cm (30") high.

See *OJES 2019* for definition and exhibiting of miniature (p.32) and small (p.33) designs.

Class

- 40. **Rivers Flowing:** a water-viewing design
- 41. **Gardens Grow:** a design
- 42. **Summer's Glory:** a satellite design
- 43. **Healing Garden:** a parallel design
- 44. **Mellow Yellow:** a small design staged in a white, "L" shaped niche, 29 cm (11 ½") wide x 25.4 cm (10") deep x 30.5 cm (12") high, viewed at eye level
- 45. **New Beginning:** a miniature design with fresh plant material staged in a white "L" shaped niche, 14.6 cm (5 ¾") wide x 15.2 cm (6") high x 12.7 cm (5") deep, viewed at eye level.
- 46. **Happy Ending:** a miniature design with dried plant material staged in an "L" shaped niche, 14.6 cm (5 ¾") wide x 15.2 cm (6") high x 12.7 cm (5") deep, viewed at eye level.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

Convenor: Sharon Nivins

Note: Pre-registration per class is required (see above). Only five entries can be accommodated per class. The allocated space is 61 cm (24") wide X 76 cm (30") deep, no height restriction, on a white tablecloth.

Class

- 47. **Enchanted:** a fairy garden
- 48. **Rivers Flowing:** a bottle garden
- 49. **No Rivers Flowing:** a dish garden

Entry Tag

CLASS _____

SECTION _____

ARTICLE _____

*Keep Exhibitors Name & No. Covered
Until After Judging.
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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Entry Tags will be available at the Convention.