

Gardeners of the North Shore

Annual Flower and
Garden Show
Junior Schedule and
Guide

Chicago Botanic Garden
August 12-13, 2017



1. In those Sections in which the judges find the exhibits worthy, awards will be made as follows:

First Place.....Blue Ribbon
Second Place.....Red Ribbon
Third Place.....Yellow Ribbon

2. The **John Dusold Trophy** will be awarded to the Junior Exhibitor with the best horticultural exhibit in any class. This award is named after a member of our club who volunteered for many years at the Children's Garden at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The winner will have their name engraved on it and will be able to keep it.

ABOUT GARDENERS OF THE NORTH SHORE

We have a wide variety of activities throughout the year which will appeal to the wide variety of gardening interests represented in our club membership.

- Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of April thru November and feature speakers and programs on a variety of gardening subjects. Meetings are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden
- Publication of a monthly club newsletter, *Garden Pants*.
- Garden Walk featuring club member's gardens which are open to the public.
- Annual December Awards Dinner
- Annual Flower and Garden Show and Plant Sale

Dues are \$30 for an individual, \$45 for a family. Members joining on or after the Annual Show are not required to pay additional dues for the following year.



WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Gardeners of the North Shore Show.

Our club is the only non-specialty plant society, which meets at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where you have a chance to exhibit any horticultural material that you have grown indoors or out, under lights or in a greenhouse. Entry tags will be available at the August meeting to give you a chance to prepare them in advance and to make the registration process run as smoothly as possible. Additional tags and Show Schedules will be available at the Garden when you check in on Friday afternoon or Sunday morning.

General Rules For the Show

There is a separate competition available for Junior Exhibitors under the age of 18. They should mark entry tags "Junior Exhibitor". The Exhibitor's age should be written on the upper right hand corner of the tag, and again on the bottom half so that it will show when the tag is folded for judging. Exhibits so marked will be shown separately and judged separately.

Many exhibitors bring in their potted material on Friday evening and their cut plant material on Saturday morning. You can drive around to the back of the building to unload your material if you ask for the gate code at the garden entrance. The code changes daily and you need to punch it into the gate that allows you to drive around the back of the gardens to the portico on the west side of the building. We try to have carts in the west bonsai court for you to use to transport your entries safely. On Saturday morning the room opens around 7. There are always people to help you get your entries set and answer questions. You have until 10:15 to get your entries properly placed and labeled. All entries must have an entry tag with the plant information and your exhibitor number on it. We provide the vases and plates to display your entries in.

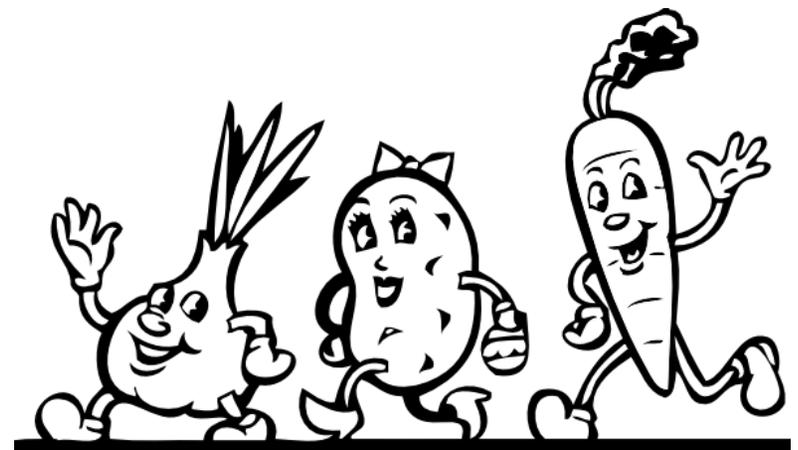
CLASS 9: HERBS

Herbs may be shown in one of three ways: as a plant with roots staged in water, cut stems in water or planted in a pot.

900.....Any herb

CLASS 10: FRUITS AND MELONS

1000.....Any fruit, 1 large or 3 small



CLASS 8: VEGETABLES

Section # BUSH VEGETABLES

- 801.....Beans, all types, 6 pods
- 802.....Cabbage, 1 head
- 803.....Eggplant, 1 eggplant
- 804.....Pepper, over 3" long, 3 peppers
- 805.....Pepper, under 3" long, 6 peppers
- 806.....Any other bush vegetable

Section # ROOT VEGETABLES

- 807.....Beet, 3 beets
- 808.....Carrot, 3 carrots
- 809.....Onions, 3 onions
- 810.....Any other root vegetable

Section # VINE VEGETABLES

- 811.....Cucumbers, 1 cucumber
- 812.....Squash, 1 squash
- 813.....Tomatoes (may be shown with stems on or off, but all entries must be shown the same way.
 - A) Over 3", 1 tomato
 - B) From 2" to 3", 3 tomatoes
 - C) Under 2", 6 tomatoes
 - D) One branch of 6 or more tomatoes (all tomatoes on the branch need not be ripe).
- 814.....Any other vine vegetable not listed above
- 815.....Any unusually shaped or really big vegetable.

All entries must be properly tagged. You can save time by using an address label or a rubber stamp for your name and address. If possible, complete your tags in advance of the Show.



GARDENERS OF THE NORTH SHORE

Class _____ Section _____

Variety _____

(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR JUDGE'S COMMENTS)

Reg. No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

1st	2nd	3rd	Hon. Men.
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Class _____ Section _____

Variety _____

Reg. No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Write the class and section numbers from the show schedule.

Put variety name, if known.

Write the registration number given to you by the show chairman.

Print your name and address.

Fill in the bottom section exactly the same as the top. Fold tag in half and tuck bottom edge under cut out flap. Place or attach the tag to each entry.



Suggestions for Preparing Flowers for Exhibition

Bring in any flower that you have grown that you are proud of! How you make up your entries is decided by the size of the flowers. One big one is an entry by itself. You can also enter 3 medium size ones or 6 small ones. Please refer to the rules on the next pages for more specific information.

If your entry consists of more than one large flower, the judges want to see identical flowers. This is where your gardening skill comes in! You need to have enough flowers to choose from that the three, or six flowers that you exhibit all look exactly the same. You can arrange them to look their best by using foam wedges that we have available. Make sure that you have cleaned off any dirt or bugs. It should look fresh too. Just as you wouldn't buy droopy flowers in a store, you shouldn't exhibit them either.

Bring your flowers to the show in a container of water. Some people like to use buckets with all of their flowers inside the water. You will transfer them into our vases. The people at the show are happy to help you make your entry look great!

If you know the name of the variety you have grown, please include that on your entry tag. The show visitors want to know what kind of plant they are looking at.

CLASS 3: ROSES

301.....Any rose, 1 stem.

CLASS 4: INDOOR POTTED PLANTS: These are plants that are kept inside all year round, like African Violets and Cacti. Please make sure that the pot is clean and you pick off any dead leaves.

401.....Any indoor potted plant with flowers.

402.....Any indoor potted plant without flowers.

CLASS 5: OUTDOOR POTTED PLANTS These are plants that live outside during the summer in pots, like geraniums and begonias.

501.....Any outdoor potted plant with flowers.

502.....Any outdoor potted plant without flowers.

CLASS 6: HANGING BASKETS

601.....Any hanging basket with flowers.

602.....Any hanging basket without flowers.

CLASS 7: ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

701.....Any kind of flower and/or vegetable arrangement.



SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASS 1: ANNUALS

Section # MARIGOLDS

- 101.....1 bloom over 3"
- 102.....3 blooms 2" to 3"
- 103.....6 blooms under 2"

Section# PETUNIAS

- 104.....3 blooms (1 to 3 stems), same color or variety

Section # ZINNIAS

- 105.....1 bloom 4" or over
- 106.....3 blooms 2" to 4"
- 107.....6 blooms under 2"
- 108.....Any other annual, 1 or 3 stems according to size.

CLASS 2: PERENNIALS

- 201.....Any perennial, 1 or 3 stems according to size.



These flowers look pretty but don't make a good entry. They are all the same kind of flower but they aren't the same color. The one on the left is kind of droopy too.



Now these flowers are perfect! They all look exactly the same. They look fresh and well cared for.



Suggestions for Preparing Vegetables and Fruits for Exhibition

Bring in vegetables that look ready to eat. They should look as good as ones you would get at a grocery store. Clean any dirt or bugs off of them but don't scrub them too much. You will display them on foam trays that we will provide.

The rules are similar to flowers in that the smaller the vegetable the more you have to bring in to make an entry. One big vegetable is an entry by itself. You can also enter 3 medium size ones or 6 small ones. Please refer to the rules on the next pages for more specific information. Each vegetable should be as identical as possible to each other. This can be hard but just do your best! Everyone wants to see what you have grown.



These carrots look pretty good individually but are too different to make a good entry.



Now these carrots look very much alike and make a good entry. Even their tops are cut the same way!

These peppers look nice and crisp but are too different in size and shape.



These peppers aren't quite the same shape but are all the same size. This would make a great entry!