DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE "FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD"

Section A - "Harvest Moon Festival"

China's mid-autumn festival

Indoor Container Plants.

Container size maximum 10".

Grower's Choice Award

Class 1 – *Grown for flowers*

Class 2 – Grown for foliage

Class 3 – Succulents

Class 4 – Any other worthy specimen

Section B - "Sukkot"

The Jewish festival of the harvest

Combination Plantings.

Grower's Choice Award

Class 5- Dish Garden

Class 6 – Planters

Class 7 - Terrariums

Class 8 – Troughs

Section C - "Mehregan"

The Persian festival of autumn

Cut Branches. Cut specimen not to exceed 30" **Arboreal Award**

Class 9 – Berried Branches

Class 10 – Broadleaf Evergreen

Class 11 – Needled Evergreen

Class 12 – Variegated Evergreen

Section D - "Lammas Festival"

The Pagan and Gaelic celebration of the harvest

Collections

Cut specimens not to exceed 30".

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Collector's Showcase Award

Class 13 – Annuals

Class 14 – Corms, tubers, bulbs, rhizomes

Class 15 – Herbs

Class 16 – Any other worthy specimen

Education Division Rules

1.The NGC Exhibit Policies/Rules are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, Chapter 8.

- 2.Educational exhibits must be the work of one individual.
- 3.An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet surface area.
- 4.Some plant material is required in each exhibit. All plant material used in the exhibit must be identified by common name on a card, provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry card.
- 5.Exhibits are staged on half of a six-foot table, covered to the floor by a white cloth provided by the Committee.
- 6.The Scale of Points for Educational Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, Chapter 14.

DIVISION II – EDUCATION "RICE HARVEST FESTIVAL"

Indonesian festival celebrated in May

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Section A - ""

Educational Exhibits. Educational Top Exhibitor
Award

Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 2.

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Judges' Council

Presents

A National Garden Club Horticulture Specialty Flower Show

Hilton Boston/Dedham
25 Allied Drive, Dedham MA 02026

9:30am to 12 noon
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
8am to 2pm

Judges' Council is a Special Subjects committee of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

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Committee Chairmen

GENERAL RULES

- 1. "Harvest Celebrations", a NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, conforms to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. The *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, with revisions printed in *The National Gardener* magazine, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the law of the show.
- 2. Horticulture Specialty Flower Show is open to all gardeners
- 3. **Entry Date** is Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Entries 9:30 am to 12:00 am. Judging begins at 12:30pm. **Removal Date** is Wednesday, October 30 at 2pm.
- 4. The decision of the judges is final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. Judges are required to consider non-blue ribbon winners for 90+ point recognition.
- 5. Wild collected plants of species listed by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage program may not be entered. Cultivated plant material appearing on the list

may be used if the exhibitor provides a typed card noting that it was not wild collected.

6. Plants listed on the Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture Resources Prohibited Plant List may not be exhibited in this flower show.

NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING

The NGC Standard System of Awards is used for all competitive judging and allows for the following awards in each class or sub-class: only one First Place (scoring 90 points or more, Blue Ribbon), only one Second Place (scoring 85 or more, Red Ribbon), only one Third Place (scoring 80 points or more, Yellow Ribbon) and one or more Honorable Mention (scoring 75 points or more, White Ribbon).

HORTICULTURE DIVISION TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

For complete requirements, refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017* Edition, pages 40 and 41.

Section Awards

ARBOREAL AWARD – A rosette of green ribbons in two shades, Section C is eligible.

GROWER'S CHOICE AWARD – A rosette of dark green ribbons, Sections A and B are eligible

COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASE AWARD – A rosette of brown and green ribbons, Section D is eligible.

Division Award

AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE – A rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons. Awarded to the highest scoring exhibit entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division.

EDUCATION DIVISION TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

For complete requirements, refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, pages 43 and 44. EDUCATIONAL TOP EXHIBITOR AWARD - A rosette of brown and white ribbons.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES

- 1. The NGC Horticulture policies/rules are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition Chapter 6 and the supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
- 2. All plant material must be fresh and grown by the Exhibitor.
- The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen/s are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows,
 Edition, or its supplement Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.
- 4. In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation.
- 5. Entry cards are available from the Show Chairman and at the Show. The cards should be completed in advance, if possible. Refer to the Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled out entry card.
- 6. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for gladiolus.
- 7. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower, but should be exhibited as a foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
- 8. Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the "Any Other Worthy Specimen
- 9. The Classification and or General Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
- 10. All staging materials for cut specimens (bottles and wedging material) will provided by the Exhibitor.
- 11. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or subclass if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size or color.
- 12. All entries must be approved for conformance to the schedule and show worthiness by the Classification Chairman before placement by the Committee.
- 13. The Scale of Points for Horticulture located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017 Edition pages 129 130.