

May In Bloom

AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW



PRESENTED BY
THE GARDEN CLUB OF NEWTOWN
THE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

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Open and Free to the Public

MAY 13, 2026: 1:00 - 8:00 PM

MAY 14 & 15, 2026: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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Co-Presidents' Message *"The Bee"*

Welcome to the Garden Club of Newtown's "May in Bloom" Flower Show!

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our show marking the 71 years of the Club's service to the community through floral design, horticultural excellence and educational opportunities. The four Divisions of this Show present the key elements of design and gardening excellence that highlight the artistic talents and horticultural expertise of our members.

We are grateful to the Newtown Community Center for allowing us to showcase the talents of the Club's floral designers and avid gardeners. We are pleased to have two classes of designs created by the judges of our Show and another class of designs created by The Town and Country Garden Club of Newtown. We are thrilled to offer educational displays provided by the Federated Garden Clubs of CT showcasing their theme Bee Resilient and The Newtown Conservation Commission.

We would like to thank everyone who made this event possible. During the past year, a committee of 21 members dedicated countless hours to make this Show happen. Our Club boasts 35 members who all contributed to this event. We also thank our sponsors and advertisers, who contributed to our program book. A huge thank you to Peggy Townsend for her countless hours as Flower Show Chair which included developing the flower show schedule. A special thank you to Marcia Cavanaugh for her beautiful artwork on the cover of this book. Another special thank you to the NGC Flower Show Judges for their thoughtful evaluation of our show.

Members of the Garden Club of Newtown would be pleased to answer any questions you may have as you enjoy the Show. Our hope is that you will be inspired as you tend to your gardens this spring or enjoy the wonders of the outdoors.

Paula Toi and Sue Greco
Co-Presidents, The Garden Club of Newtown

Marcia Cavanaugh, a gifted artist and resident of Newtown, painted and donated the framed 18"x18" oil painting featured on this cover. It will be sold in an online Silent Auction at the close of the Flower Show on May 15, at 8:00pm.

Show Committee *"Town Players"*

All Flower Show Chairs can be contacted at: info@gardenclubnewtownct.org.

All inquiries, questions and registrations sent to this email will be forwarded to the appropriate Show Chair.

Co-Presidents: Sue Greco & Paula Toi

Show Chair & Schedule: Peg Townsend

Staging & Properties Chair: Joan Alexander

Horticulture Chair: Louise Zierzow

Horticulture Entry: Kathy Murdy

Horticulture Classification: Joyce DeWolfe

Horticulture Placement: Eileen Holleran

Design Chair: Paula Toi

Design Entry & Classification: Sue Greco

Education Chair: Peggy Jepsen

Artistic Crafts Chair: Hope Sim

Judges Chair: Jane Sharpe

Clerks Chair: Andrea Zimmermann

Awards Chair: Mary Liscinsky

Publicity Chairs: Mary Thomas & Sue Greco

Graphics Chairs: Vicky Taloni & Joyce DeWolfe

Hospitality Chair: Vicki Boccuzzi

Hospitality Committee: Joan Palubniak, Sandy Stromberg

Hostesses: Club Members

GENERAL RULES *"The Meeting House"*

- This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). *The Handbook for Flower Shows* (HB), as updated with revisions posted on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the Schedule, which is the "Law of the Show." An updated copy of *The Handbook for Flower Shows* may be downloaded from the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org.
- There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material; no artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division.
- Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, except in the Horticulture Division if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, or color.

ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE FLOWER SHOW

- **The Garden Club of Newtown Members (GCN)** may enter all classes not designated to another group.
- **NGC Members** may enter Design Section A Class 3 and/or Section B Class 6; and all Horticulture and Educational classes.
- **Town & Country Garden Club members** may enter Design Section A Class 1; and all Horticulture classes.
- **Environmental and Educational Organizations** may enter the Education Division.

REGISTER TO EXHIBIT

- Advance registration for all Design, Botanical Arts, and Educational Exhibits is required by April 15th and can be made on-line at: <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org>
- Advance registration for Horticulture is encouraged and appreciated and can be made on line at the same above website.

MAKING ENTRIES

- Entry cards are available from the Horticulture Chairmen, the Design Chairman, or the General Chairman after March 24, 2026. Horticulture entry cards are available online at <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org> . Cards will also be available on the day the entries are submitted. (Refer to HB, Chapter 6 for a correctly filled-out entry card.)

TIMES TO ENTER AND REMOVE EXHIBITS

- Entries in all Divisions will be accepted on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, between 1:00 - 3:00 pm, and only on Wednesday May 13, 2026, from 8:00-9:00 am by special arrangements with the Show Chairman.
- All exhibitors should bring their exhibits and enter through the front doors of the Community Center.
- All Exhibits must be removed on, Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 8:00-10:00 am using the front doors of the Community Center.

FLOWER SHOW HOURS (Open to the public)

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, from 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Thursday, May 14, 2026 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Friday, May 15, 2026 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

JUDGING - Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10 am – 12:30 pm

- The Classification Chairman for each Division checks exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the Judges' responsibility.
- The General Chairman and the Classification Chairman for each Division are available during judging for possible consultations. They, along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
- The decisions of the Judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited. There must be an emphasis on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division.
- The Garden Club of Newtown and the Newtown Community Center will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits. All property should be marked with the name and phone number of the exhibitor.

ENDANGERED AND INVASIVE PLANTS POLICIES

Plant Material listed on the following websites is prohibited in any Division: Connecticut Invasive Plant List: https://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list/. (Listed by scientific names and common names. Endangered, Threatened & Special Concern Plants in CT: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/endangeredspecies/endangered-species-listings/endangered-threatened-special-concern-plants>.)



AWARDS

"Newtown's Flag Pole"

THE NGC STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING is used in all Divisions: (HB Pg. 25)

- Only one (1) first-place (blue) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 90 points or more
- Only one (1) second-place (red) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 85 points or more
- Only one (1) third-place (yellow) ribbon per class or subclass; must score 80 points or more
- One (1) or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons as merited; must score 75 points or more
- 90+ (plus) points may be awarded for those Exhibits scoring 90 points or more but are not the First Place or Blue-ribbon winner.

SCALES OF POINTS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

- Scales of Points are stated in the *"Handbook for Flower Shows,"* Chapter 14, pg. 129-131.
- Scales of Points are based on perfection (100 points). Each Exhibit is evaluated individually. Exhibits are ranked by the points they receive.
- An award must be withheld if the exhibit does not meet the point value for the ribbon.

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

"Edmond Town Hall"

National Garden Clubs - Division Award

- **Award of Horticultural Excellence – One (1)** award may be offered to the highest scoring, blue-ribbon exhibit, scoring 95 or more with correctly identified binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation, entered by an individual in the entire Horticulture Division. Rosette of green, blue and orange ribbons. (HB pg. 40)

National Garden Clubs - Section Awards

- **Arboreal Award – Two (2)** are offered to the cut arboreal specimen or container-grown tree and/or shrub which is the highest scoring, correctly named, blue-ribbon winner, scoring 95 or above, meeting all requirements in **Section H: Classes 36,37,38,39** and **Section I: Classes 40,41,42,43,44,45**. Cut specimens must be no longer than 30" in length, including apical tip, central leader and several nodes. Rosette of green ribbons. (HB pg. 40-41).
- **Award of Merit – Three (3)** are offered to cut non-woody specimens which are correctly named, blue-ribbon winners, scoring 95 or above, meeting all requirements in each of **Sections A: Classes 1,2,3,4,5; Section B: Classes 6,7,8,9; and Section C: Classes 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18**. Rosette of orange ribbons. (HB pg. 41)
- **Grower's Choice Award – Five (5)** are offered to the container-grown Exhibits which are the highest scoring, correctly named, blue-ribbon winners, scoring 95 or above, meeting all requirements in each of **Sections D: Classes 19,20,21,22; Section E: Classes 23,24,25,26; Section F: Classes 27,28,29,30,31; Section G: Classes 32,33,34,35; and Section J: Classes 46,47,48,49**. Rosette of dark green ribbons. (HB pg. 41)

DESIGN AWARDS

"Holcombe Hill Wildlife Preserve"

National Garden Clubs - Division Awards

The Award of Design Excellence: One (1) award may be offered to the highest scoring blue-ribbon exhibit scoring 95 or more in the entire Design Division entered by an individual. Rosette of gold ribbons. (HB Pg. 42).

National Garden Clubs - Section Awards:

Designer's Choice Award: Two (2) are offered and may be awarded to **Section A: Classes 1,2,3 and Section B: Classes 4,5,6** to a blue-ribbon winner with 95 or more points. Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried and /or fresh. Rosette of purple ribbons. (HB Pg. 42).

EDUCATION AWARDS

"Paugussett State Forest"



National Garden Clubs – Division Award

- **Educational Top Exhibitor Award:** Only one (1) award may be offered, per show to the highest blue-ribbon Exhibit, scoring 95 or more, entered by one or more exhibitors. In **Section A: exhibits ,1,3,4 are eligible.** The exhibit may be the work of an individual or organization. Rosette of brown and white ribbons. (HB pg. 43-44).

Recognition Award

- **Award of Appreciation:** One or more is offered and may be awarded to invitational and commercial non-competitive Exhibits, if merited, which are not to be judged. In Section A: Exhibit 2 is eligible for this award as it is not judged. Determined by the show Committee. Rosette of Orchid Ribbons.

ARTISTIC CRAFTS AWARDS

"Lake Zoar Sandbar"

National Garden Clubs – Section Award:

Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award: **One (1)** is offered and may be awarded to the highest scoring, blue-ribbon Exhibit scoring 95 points or more, entered by an individual, meeting all requirements in **Section A: Classes 1,2,3.** Winning exhibit must contain some plant material. Rosette of navy-blue ribbons. (HB pg.43- 44).

GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

"Newtown General Store"

Popular Vote Award: Two (2) awards may be offered: **one (1) certificate** will be awarded in Horticulture and one (1) in Design) as the people's favorite exhibit selected by ballot

The Sweepstakes Award: One (1) may be awarded by the Show Committee to the Garden Club of Newtown member winning the most blue-ribbons in the entire show. In case of a tie, reds will be counted. Rosette of green and white ribbons. (HB Pg. 46).

Division I – HORTICULTURE “The Victory Garden”



HORTICULTURE RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, and *Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division*.
2. The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows* or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
3. All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
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. (Consult the *Handbook for Flower Shows, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division*, Chapter 6)
5. Entry Cards (available from show chairmen and at the club website <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org>) need to be filled out in advance, if possible. Use Waterproof ink when legibly printing on cards. Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6 pg. 57 for a correctly filled out entry card.
6. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*. All cut specimens must be displayed in clear glass bottles of appropriate size and may be wedged by the exhibitor with plastic wrap or bubble wrap. Bottles are the responsibility of the exhibitor; some bottles will be available from the committee. Plastic Wrap for wedging will be provided by the committee.
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 distinction in the schedule may not be entered in “Any Other Worthy” class.
9. The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman, are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
10. The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.
11. All classes are open to NGC members; advance registration is encouraged and may be made by contacting the Horticulture Co-Chairmen at: info@gardenclubnewtownct.org
12. More than one entry per class may be made by an exhibitor, provided each is a different cultivar, type, or color. Classes may be subdivided by color, type, or cultivar on the day of the show, if necessary.

13. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor and have been in his/her possession for the appropriate number of days per the chart in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 6, pg. 55.
For example: **Houseplants - 90 days; Combination Plantings - 6 weeks; Arboreals – 6 months.**
14. Horticulture entries and container grown plants will be received on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, and by special arrangement with the Horticulture Chairman on Wednesday morning from 8:00 - 9:00 am.
15. Horticulture Entry Cards will be available from the Chairman, beginning March 24, 2026. They are to be filled out in advance of Exhibit placement. Information to be included on each card includes: Name, Section Letter, Class Number, Botanical Name, and Common Name, if applicable to the Specimen. (Refer to HB Chapter 6, pg. 57 for a correctly filled-out entry card.)
16. All container grown plants should be exhibited in clay, or neutral-colored pots. Plastic pots are acceptable. If decorative containers are used, they will not be considered advantageous in judging; they may be unobtrusively double potted.
17. Double-potting of container-grown plants is permitted. The inner pot must not be visible. Unobtrusive soil surface coverings such as coarse sand, pottery grit, pea gravel, river stones, *etc.* can be used on top of container-grown specimens and combination plantings. No moss of any type is permitted.
18. The classification Committee may refuse any entry that does not conform, is diseased, or is insect r. All entries should be groomed.
19. No minimum number of exhibits is required per class in Horticulture

Combination Plantings: A grouping of three (3) or more botanically different plants with similar cultural requirements such as light, water and humidity. Entry must include a key card (no larger than 4"x 6") identifying each plant by genus and specific epithet; and the location of each plant. Natural accessories permitted in all combination plantings but must be in scale with plantings, container, and theme appropriate to the plants.

HORTICULTURE SECTIONS AND CLASSES

"Newtown Blooms"

Eligible for Award of Horticultural Excellence

Section A: "Walking Barb's Trail"

Eligible for the Award of Merit

Perennials Grown from Bulbs

(Cut Specimen)

Class 1: Hyacinthus (Hyacinth)

Class 2: *Muscari* (Grape hyacinth)

Class 3: *Narcissus* (Daffodil)

Class 4: *Tulipa* (Tulip)

Class 5: Other Worthy

Section B: "Shade at Lake Lillinonah"

Eligible for Award of Merit

Perennials Grown for Foliage

(Cut Specimen)

Class 6: Ferns

Class 7: *Heuchera* (Coral Bells)

Class 8: *Hosta*

Class 9: Any Other Worth

Section C: "Curtis House Historical Gardens"

Eligible for The Award of Merit

Flowering Perennials

(Cut Specimen)

1 stem if large, 3 stems if small

Class 10: *Aquilegia* (Columbine)

a. Native

b. Cultivar

Class 11: *Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)

Class 12: *Helleborus* (Lenten rose)

Class 13: *Iberis* (Candytuft)

Class 14: *Papaver* (Poppy)

Class 15: *Phlox* (Creeping)

Class 16: *Primula* (Primrose)

Class 17: *Viola* (Violet, Pansies, Johnny-Jump-Ups)

Class 18: Any Other Worthy

Section D: "Looking Down Hawley Lane"

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container Plants Grown for Foliage

(Pot not to exceed 16")

Class 19: *Dracaena trifasciata* (Snake Plant)

Class 20: Ferns

Class 21: Herbs

Class 22: Any Other Worthy

Section E: "Spring Sports at Treadwell Park"

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container Plants Grown for Flowers

(Pot not to exceed 12")

Class 23: Kalanchoe Class

Class 24: Orchids

Class 25: Saintpaulia (African violet)

Class 26: Any Other Worthy

Section F: "Sticks and Stones Farm"

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container Grown Cacti and Succulents

Class 27: *Agave* (Century plant)

Class 28: *Aloe*

Class 29: Columnar Cacti

Class 30: Globular Cacti

Class 31 Any Other Worthy

Section G. "Library Knot Garden"

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container and Plants as Displayed

Class 32 *Anthurium*

Class 33: *Bromeliads*

Class 34: *Tillandsia* (Air Plants)

Class 35: Any Other Worthy



Section H: "May Colors at Orchard Hill"

Eligible for the Arboreal Award

Flowering Arboreal Branches

(Cut specimen not to exceed 30")

Must have several nodes and 1 apical tip)

Class 36: *Cercis* (Redbud)

Class 37: *Cornus* (Dogwood)

Class 38: *Chaenomeles* (Quince)

Class 39: Any Other Worthy

Section I: "Views from Castle Hill"

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Arboreals Grown for Foliage

(Cut Branch not to exceed 30")

Class 40: *Buxus* (Boxwood)

Class 41: *Ilex crenata* (Japanese Holly)

Class 42: *Picea* (Spruce)

Class 43: *Pinus* (Pine)

Class 44: *Thuja* (Arborvitae)

Class 45: Any Other Worthy

Section J: "Blooms Along the Housatonic River"

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Combination Plantings

Container not to exceed 16 inches in diameter

Class 46: **Desertariums** are terrariums with cacti and other succulents.

Class 47: **Dish Garden:** miniature landscape in open low-volume shallow container.

Class 48: **Planter:** a grouping of at least 3 plants in an indoor or outdoor container.

Class 49: **Terrarium:** miniature landscape in container with high transparent sides.

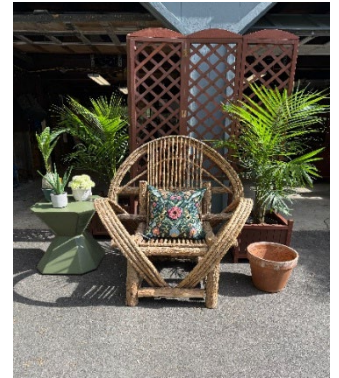
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Division II – DESIGN

“A Walk Down Main Street”

DESIGN RULES

1. The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the ***Handbook for Flower Shows***, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
2. Advance registration is required and should be made on-line at <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org>. Entries should be registered no later than April 15, 2026.
3. Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design Division are printed in the ***Handbook for Flower Shows***, Chapter 7.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card (no larger than 4” x 6”), provided by the exhibitor and included with the entry card. Botanical names may also be listed, but are not required.
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class. Rules for Design Types and Advanced Design Types are printed in the ***Handbook for Flower Shows***, Chapter 7.
6. The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the ***Handbook for Flower Shows***, Chapter 14. There is one scale of points for all designs.
7. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Flower Show.
8. The designer has the freedom to choose traditional or creative style with any design listed unless restricted by the schedule.
9. An exhibitor is allowed only one entry in each class, and each design must be the work of one individual.
10. Plant material need not have been grown by the exhibitor (unless required by the schedule).
11. Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated unless restricted by the schedule.
12. If a Designer is unable to fulfill his/her exhibit responsibility, it is the Designer’s responsibility to find a substitute designer and notify the Design Chairman of the substitution.
13. Top Awards may be given at the discretion of the judges to a blue-ribbon winner with 95 points or more.
14. There must be a minimum of four (4) exhibits per class





DESIGN SECTIONS AND CLASSES

"May-Time in the Borough"

Award of Design Excellence



Section A: *"Tadpoles & Frogs at Taunton Pond"*

Section Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

Class 1. *"Waterfall of Colors" (4 Entries)*

(Open to Town & Country Members)

Cascade Design staged on a 42" tall black pedestal with a 14" square top in front of a "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green colored) wall. Underlay supplied by the exhibitor is permitted, but not required. Staging Panel is not permitted.

Class 2. *"Creative Explosions in May" (4 Entries)*

Parallel Design staged on half of a 6' long x 24" deep x 29" high table, covered in white and skirted in black. Exhibit may not exceed 24" wide and deep, and 36" high. A sky-blue Tri-fold Staging Panel (36" high x 24" wide) supplied by the show committee, is required.

Class 3. *"Underwater Finds" (4 Entries)*

(Open to NGC Judges) Underwater Design

staged on 42" high black pedestal with a 14" square top in front of a "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green colored) wall. Underlay supplied by the exhibitor is permitted, but not required; Staging Panel is not permitted.

Section B: *"Wandering Through Ram Pasture"*

Section Eligible for Designer's Choice Award

Class 4. *"Spring Lines Emerging" (4 Entries)*

Line-Design. Staged on half of a 6' long x 24" deep x 29" high table, covered in white and skirted in black. A yellow Tri-fold Staging Panel (36" high x 24" wide) supplied by the show committee, is required.

Class 5. *"Colors of Spring" (4 Entries)*

Creative Design staged on half of a 6' long x 24" deep x 29" high table covered in white, skirted in black. A red Tri-fold Staging Panel (36" high x 24" wide) supplied by the show committee, is required.

Class 6. *"Aquila's Nest Vineyard" (4 Entries)*

(Open to NGC Judges)

Creative Design staged on a black pedestal 42" tall with a 16" square top, staged in front of a "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green colored) wall. Underlay is permitted, but not required; Staging Panel is not permitted.

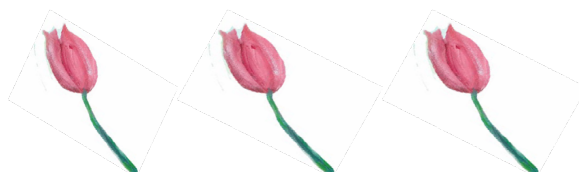


Division III - EDUCATION

"May Hike at Fairfield Hills"

EDUCATION RULES

1. Educational Exhibits may be the work of one or more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge or an Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an Educational Exhibit. Exhibits to be judged must not show name of Exhibitor until after judging.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen (18) square feet of surface area to be eligible for an Educational Top Exhibitor Award. Details of the staging for each Exhibit will be available from the Education Division Chairman and the Staging Chairman
3. Section A, Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4 will each be staged on a 6' W x 24" D x 29 H table, covered in white and skirted in black.
4. Advance registration for an Educational Exhibit is required by March 24, 2026, by contacting the Education Division Chairman: info@gardenclubnewtownct.org
5. Although it is not mandatory, NGC encourages the use of fresh plant material in Educational Exhibits where appropriate. Artificial plant material is not permitted.
6. Entry Cards will be available from the Education Division Chairman, beginning March 24, 2026. Entry Cards should include all plant material, with botanical and/or common names, if used in the display. All plant material used in the display should be listed on a card no larger than 4"x 6".
7. Hand out materials add to the educational value, but are not required. Each part of the exhibit should contribute to the distinctive overall effect.
8. All exhibits must be placed at the Community Center on May 12, 2026, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
9. The Scale of Points for Education Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, pg. 130
10. Only one (1) Top Exhibitor Award may be offered per show.
11. A minimum of two (2) Educational Exhibits designated as eligible must be present.



EDUCATION SECTION AND EXHIBITS

“Garlands for the Governor’s Horse Guard

Section A. “Ferris Acres Creamery”

Exhibit 1. "71 Years, Now, and in the Future"

Eligible for Educational Top Exhibitor Award

The Garden Club of Newtown is Celebrating 71 Years of Community spirit by supporting conservation of natural resources; and promoting civic beauty through horticulture and artistic design.

Exhibit 2. "Trees are Important to People and Pollinators"

Eligible for Award of Appreciation.

Educational display from Bartlett Tree Company including the best practices when planting trees and how to maintain its continued health. Native tree seedlings of Eastern Redbud and Witch-hazel will be given to the public.

Exhibit 3. "Protecting Birds and Wildlife in Our Gardens".

Eligible for Educational Top Exhibitor Award

This colorful and informative display provided by the Newtown Conservation Commission explains what you can do to avoid harming our Connecticut wildlife.

Exhibit 4. “Bee RESILIENT: Garden for Nature”

Eligible for Educational Top Exhibitor Award

This display highlights the FGCT President’s Project and the five theme objectives it promotes.

BOTANICAL ARTS - ARTISTIC CRAFTS RULES

“Wildflowers at Dickinson Park”

ARTISTIC CRAFTS RULES

1. Advance registration is required and should be made on-line at <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org> . Entries should be registered no later than April 15, 2026.
2. All Botanical Artistic Crafts Exhibits must contain some fresh and/or dried plant material. Only dried plant material may be treated.
3. No artificial, endangered, or locally invasive plant material is permitted in any exhibit. The Scale of Points for judging Botanical Artistic Crafts is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14, pg. 131.
4. The rules for Botanical Artistic Crafts are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 10, pg. 94-95.
5. The General Guidelines for all Designs apply as printed in Chapter 7 of the *Handbook for Flower Show*. including a card (no larger than 4” x 6”) provided by the exhibitor and listing all plant material with botanical and/or common names used in the Botanical Artistic crafts design.
6. Each exhibit must be the work of one individual

7. All or part of the object may be covered with fresh or dried plant material.
8. Staging details are listed in this schedule's class descriptions. Further details will be provided by the Artistic Arts Chairman Hope Sim, upon request.
9. Each Section must have at least three (3) classes with a minimum of four (4) entries per class.

BOTANICAL ARTS: ARTISTIC CRAFTS SECTIONS AND EXHIBITS

"Blooms Personified"

All plant material used in Artistic Crafts must be properly named & listed on a card (no larger than 4" x 6"). Plant material should cover no less than 30 percent of the form.

Section A: *"Ferris Acres Creamery"*

Eligible for Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

Class 1. **"A Hats Off to Newtown" (4 Entries)** A **hat**: provided by the exhibitor, and decorated with fresh or dried plant material. Hat not to exceed 16" in circumference or height. Hat staged on a white-foam mannequin head provided by the committee) in front of a "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green colored) wall.

Class 2. **"Dancing Shoes" (4 Entries)** A **lady's shoe**: one (1) shoe provided by the exhibitor and decorated with (provided by the committee) in front of a "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green colored) wall.

Class 3. **"Garden Song" (4 Entries)** A **watering can** provided by the exhibitor, and decorated with fresh or dried plant material. The watering can should be no larger than 16" high and wide. Watering can staged on a plant stand in front of a sea "Sea Foam" (Light blue/green) colored wall.

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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Three (3) Vignettes staged for this show were created from the generous donations of our sponsors. All these items and more staging will be sold to the public in an Online Silent Auction May 12- May 15.

Bidding starts 9:00 am, May 12, 2026

Bidding closes at 8:00 pm, May 15, 2026

Pick UP: Sat. 8:00am-12:00pm May 16, 2026

Newtown Community Center; 8 Simpson St.; Newtown, CT

To Bid Go to our Website: at <https://www.gardenclubnewtownct.org> .

Bid on: Pedestals, Staging Panels, Risers, Plants, Vignette Items and more...

Proceeds from this auction will benefit this year's Newtown Scholarship Recipient and civic and club projects.

Thank you for supporting our Flower Show and Silent Auction

