

FLOWER SHOWS DEPARTMENT

From the OAGC slogan, “Knowing, Growing, Showing and Sharing,” flower shows feature the “growing” and the “showing.” Whether at the state or local level, a flower show highlights the talent and skill of designers and growers both within and outside of OAGC and brings about public awareness of the opportunities for learning within the organization.

These are the basic guidelines of organizing a flower show. Refer to Chapter 5 in the 2016 *Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges* for the regulations.

Flower Show Contest

The club, county and regional shows will be subdivided as follows:

- Class A - Single club show
- Class B - Two to five clubs show
- Class C - Six or more clubs show
- Class D - Single club, Christmas Show
- Class E - Two to five clubs, Christmas Show
- Class F - Six or more clubs, Christmas Show
- Class G -County Fair Flower Show

Each participating club, in shows receiving a score of 70 or more, will receive a certificate. Certificates will be awarded to all participating OAGC Clubs and Junior Clubs listed in the contest book with the club name and club code.

The following scale of points will be used in awarding certificates for club and county fair shows:

Superior	90-100 points
Excellent	80-89 points
Good	70-79 points

Superior awards will be presented at Convention. All show books will be on display during Convention, to be released to regional directors or clubs as Convention ends. The regional directors will recognize the Superior winners and present the Excellent and Good certificates at their fall regional meetings.

Important Contest Information

- The flower show planning committee should review the flower show contest score sheets found online and in the current *Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges* to assist in the planning of the flower show
- Shows must be judged by the standard system by an OAGC accredited judge. The judge will secure, score and mail the Judges’ score sheet directly to the State Flower Show Chair within 30 calendar days following the show
- The flower show contest book and application form is to be submitted to the State Flower Show Chair within 60 calendar days following the show
- **To reiterate, shows must conform to chapters 1-8 of the Handbook for Exhibitors and Judges to be eligible for awards**

Duties of State Flower Show Chair

In addition to department chair duties listed on page 61, the Flower Show Chair duties include:

- Promote club, county fair, regional and the Ohio State Fair flower shows
- Acknowledge receipt of the judge's score sheet, which must be submitted no later than thirty days after the close of the show. For shows with multiple judges, one designated judge should submit one score sheet to the state Flower Show Department Chair. Non-compliance will be reported to the executive committee and may result in a ninety day suspension of judge
- Acknowledge receipt of the flower show contest books, which must be submitted within sixty days following the close of the show
- Classify and score the flower show contest books. All contest books will be scored within sixty days after receipt of the book. Contest book results will be returned immediately to the contest entrant. Late submissions may take longer to be returned
- Notify all contest winners and present Superior awards at Convention. A list of all contest winners is to be sent to the regional director, the executive committee and the editor of *The Garden Path* by May 1
- Display contest books at Convention and release them to the respective regional director at the conclusion of the convention
- Respond promptly to all correspondence

Convention flower show duties include:

- Serve as chair for the convention flower show artistic section
- Prepare artistic schedule for the convention flower show; submit the schedule to the executive committee prior to the winter board meeting for approval and, once approved, to *The Garden Path* editor for publication in the spring issue
- Inform the state sales secretary of the number of ribbons and rosettes needed for artistic section of convention flower show
- Secure judges for the artistic section
- Secure class reservations and show clerks
- Stage the flower show and store the staging materials and maintain an accurate inventory list, reflecting monetary values, given to the state secretary
- Secure and present artistic awards at Convention

Duties of Regional Flower Show Chair

- Attend regional board meetings and regional meetings
- Give a brief and informative report at the regional meeting based on the information received from the state
- Encourage clubs to hold flower shows and to enter their flower show book in the OAGC Flower Show Contest. Refer to the flower show contest book application and score sheet on the following page
- Assist the state chair and regional director, if requested. Assist regional director with the presentation of department contest winners at the fall regional meeting
- Respond promptly to all correspondence