**Independence & Quasqueton Federated Garden Clubs**

and

**Buchanan County Master Gardeners Present**

**Grow**

**&**

**Show**

NGC Standard Flower Show

& Garden Expo

**Buchanan County Fair**

**July 5 – 8, 2017**

Entries

July 5- 3:00 to 7:00 pm

July 6- 8:00 to 11:30 am

**Free and open to the public**

Garden Gate Building

Buchanan County Fairgrounds

1204 12th St NE Independence IA

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GENERAL RULES

1. Show is open to all interested exhibitors, **whether** **members of a garden club or not**. Exhibitors do not need to be residents of Buchanan County. There is no entry fee.

2. Entries will be accepted Wed, July 5, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.; & Thurs. July 6 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Judging begins at 1:00 Thurs. Show opens to the public after judging Thurs July 6

3. Designs and horticulture exhibits that have wilted will be stored in a holding area. All remaining items continue on display and are to be removed after 8:00 p.m. Saturday July 8 or between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon Sunday July 9.

4. Each entry must have an entry tag. **Complete only upper and lower sections of the tag. Leave middle section blank.** (no water soluble ink), Some use address labels to save time. Tags are available at Entry, or from sponsors. Please complete entry tags ahead if possible.

5. Classification committees check for conformity to schedule, and subdivide classes. Classes may be subdivided by color, size, variety, or other distinguishing characteristics, at the discretion of the placement committee.

6. The general and classification chairmen will be present during judging.

7. Decision of the judges is final. Scales of points for judging are listed in NGC Handbook for Flower Shows, pages 298-304. Awards may be withheld if not merited.

8. Plants on Iowa Noxious weed list are prohibited. For listing check the following website:

[www.weeds.iastate.edu/reference/weedlaw.htm](http://www.weeds.iastate.edu/reference/weedlaw.htm)

9. Emphasis is on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material allowed in any division.

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

**“Land Between Two Rivers”**

1. All specimens must be fresh plant materials, **grown by the exhibitor** and **named**. Label by genus, species, or variety. May use common name.

2. Cut specimens may not have foliage below the water line.

3. Each exhibitor furnishes clear container (prefer glass) with no distracting markings, suitable for size of cut specimen.

4. Wedging material may be used to position plant material.

5. Double potting is allowed in section G and H.

6. Vegetables are to be displayed on a white paper plate, provided by the committee.

7. Exhibitors may have multiple entries of different varieties in the same class.

8. Exhibits must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 90 days. Exception: plants grown from seed, seedling or immature transplants. Combination plantings must be owned and grown together for at least 6 weeks. (planted by June 1)

**SECTION A: ANNUALS-FLOWERING**

“**Planting Season**”

CLASS 1 BACHELOR’S BUTTON *Centaurea* 3 Blooms

CLASS 2 CEL0SIA *Celosia* 1 Stalk

a. crested *cristata* . b. plumed *plumosa*

CLASS 3 COSMOS-*Cosmos* *bipinnatus* 3 Blooms

CLASS 4 GERANIUM *Pelargonium*  1 Blooming stem

CLASS 5 IMPATIENS *Impatiens sp.*1 Blooming stem

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CLASS 6 MARIGOLD *Tagetes sp*

a. < 1” 1 Sprayb**.** 1” to 3” 3 Blooms

c.> 3” 3 Blooms

CLASS 7 PETUNIA *Petunia x hybridia* 1 Spray

CLASS 8 SALVIA –*Salvia sp.* Annual 3 Stems

CLASS 9 ZINNIA *Zinnia elegans*

a. < 2” 3 Booms

b**.** 2” or greater 1 Bloom

CLASS 10 ANY OTHER FLOWERING ANNUAL

a**.** < 3” 3 Specimens b. > 3” 1 Specimen

**SECTION B: ANNUALS-FOLIAGE**

“**Leaves of Many Colors**”

CLASS 11 HERB, ANNUAL Three (3) or more

different cut specimens, (separate

containers, grouped)

CLASS 12 FOLIAGE CUTTINGS

a. COLEUS *Coleus* 1 stem, named

b. ANY OTHER FOLIAGE CUTTINGS 1 stem, named

**SECTION C. PERENNIALS-BLOOMING**

AWARD OF MERIT OFFERED

**“Prairie Splendor”**

CLASS 13 CONEFLOWER *Echinacea* 1 Bloom

CLASS 14 DAISY

a. Shasta *Leucanthemum* 3 Blooms

b. Gloriosa *Rudbeckia* 3 Blooms

CLASS 15 DAYLILY *Hemerocallis*  1 Scape

a. < 3” Bloom b. 3-4 ½” Bloom c**.** > 4 ½” Bloom

CLASS 16 GAILLARDIA *Gaillardia* 3 Blooms

CLASS 17 STONECROP *Sedum* 1 Stem

CLASS 18 ANY OTHER BLOOMING PERENNIAL

a. < 2” 3 Blooms/stems b**.** > 2” 1 Bloom/Stem

**SECTION D: PERENNIALS-FOLIAGE**

AWARD OF MERIT OFFERED

**“Serenity”**

CLASS 19 HERB, PERENNIAL Three (3) more

different cut specimens (separate containers, grouped.)

CLASS 20 HOSTA *Hosta* 1leaf, size by

a. < 3” Width b. 3-6” Width c. > 6” Width

CLASS 21 ANY OTHER FOLIAGE PERENNIAL 1 spec.

a. Sm < 2” Leaf Width b. Lg > 2” Leaf Width

**SECTION E: WOODY PERENNIALS**

AWARD OF MERIT OFFERED

**“Out of the Bushes”**

CLASS 22 HYDRANGEA- *Hydrangea x sp*

1 stem, minimum 8” stem length

CLASS 23 ROSE *Rosa*

a.1 Stem

b**.**1 Spray

CLASS 24 OTHER WOODY PERENNIAL 1 stem

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**SECTION F: BULBOUS PLANTS**

AWARD OF MERIT OFFERED

**“Popping Out”**

CLASS 25 DAHLIA *Dahlia* Shown de-budded

1. < 4” 3 Blooms b. 4” or greater 1 Bloom

CLASS 26 GLADIOLUS *Gladiolus*

a. Solid Color 1 Spike; b. Bicolor 1 Spike

c. Three (3) Spikes, any color

CLASS 27 LILY *Lilium* 1 Stem

CLASS 28 ANY OTHER BULB OR RELATED

STRUCTURE

a. < 2” 3 specimens b**.** > 2” 1 specimen

**SECTION G: CONTAINER GROWN FLOWERING PLANT:**

**“On the Plaza”**

GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD OFFERED

CLASS 29 GERANIUMS *Pelargonium*

a. < 7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

CLASS 30 IMPATIENS *Impatiens*

a. < 7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

CLASS 31 ANY OTHER FLOWERING PLANT

a. < 7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

**SECTION H: CONTAINER GROWN FOLIAGE PLANT: “Pot O Green”**

GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD OFFERED

CLASS 32 CACTUS

a. <7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

CLASS 33 COLEUS *Coleus*

a. <7” Pot Size b.7” to 12”

CLASS 34 SUCCULENT

a. < 7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

CLASS 35 ANY OTHER FOLIAGE PLANT

a. < 7” Pot Size b. 7” to 12”

**SECTION I: COMBINATION PLANTINGS**

GROWER’S CHOICE AWARD OFFERED

**“A Bit of This n That”**

CLASS 36 DISH GARDEN Miniature landscape, 3 or

more plants, accessories permitted, container not

to exceed 16” at widest dimension

CLASS 37 HANGING PLANTER

a. 1 or more blooming plants

b. 1 or more foliage plants

c. Combination foliage and blooming plants

CLASS 38 PLANTER - 2 or more plants, accessories NOT permitted, container not to exceed 16” inside diameter.

**SECTION J FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

AWARD OF MERIT OFFERED

**“Harvest”**

For produce preparation, refer to “Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit” [www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H462](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H462).

CLASS 39 BERRIES any; same variety5 specimens

CLASS 40 ANY OTHER FRUIT named 5 specimens

CLASS 41 BEANS *Phaseolus vulgaris* 5 specimens

a**.** bush b. pole

CLASS 42 CABBAGE *Brasssica oleracea* 1 head*.*

CLASS 43 CARROTS *Dancus carota*  3 specimens

CLASS 44 CUCUMBER *Cucumis sativus* 3 specimens 4

CLASS 45 KALE *Brassica alboglabra* 3 specimens

CLASS 46 KOHLRABI *Brassica Oleracea* var gongylodes

3 specimens

CLASS 47 ONIONS *Allium cepa*  3 specimens.

a**.** Dried b.Green, with tops

CLASS 48 PEPPER *Capsicum annum*  3 specimens. a. Sweet b**.** Hot

CLASS 49. POTATO *Solanum tuberosum* 3 specimens

CLASS 50 SQUASH *Cucurbita*  2 specimens

CLASS 51 TOMATOES *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*

a**.** 2” or less 5 specimens on the stem

b**.** 3” or larger 1 specimen

CLASS 52 ANY OTHER VEGETABLE 3 specimens

DIVISION II DESIGN

**“Growing Creativity”**

1. Designs must be made by the exhibitor. One entry by exhibitor allowed in each class. **Plant material need** **not be grown by the designer**. All designs must contain some plant material.

2. Artificial flowers, foliage, fruit, vegetables, or landscapes are **not** permitted in any Design class.

3. Bases and accessories may be used in any Design class. Backgrounds or niches are allowed, but not required, except where “no background” is indicated. Designer provides own staging and background, not to exceed width specified for each design class.

4. Plant material on Iowa Noxious Weed List, natural birds’ nests, stuffed birds, butterflies, other insects, fish, or animals are prohibited in any design class.

5. The flag of the United States must not be displayed in a design.

6. The exhibitor has “Freedom of Style” for all designs except where specified.

7. Fresh plant material may not be tinted or treated in any manner.

8. The committee assumes no responsibility for properties, containers or accessories.

**SECTION A: SMALL 8” or under**

PETITE AWARD OFFERED

**“Flower Magic”**

Small designs are composed of small to average size plant material, arranged in **scale** or proportion for a small area. Accessories are permitted. Design may not exceed eight inches in height, width, or depth

CLASS 1 DEW DROPS (Fresh)

CLASS 2 IN A BASKET (Dried) All dried, treated, and/or glycerinized plant material

CLASS 3 LITTLE SHELLS (Designer’s choice)

**SECTION B: MINIATURE 5” or under**

PETITE AWARD OFFERED

**“Tiny Thoughts”**

Plant material must be small. Container, base and accessories must be in scale. Arrangement may not exceed five inches height, width, or depth

CLASS 4 WEE FANTASY (Fresh)

CLASS 5 JUST A THOUGHT (Dried) All dried, treated, and/or glycerinized plant material

CLASS 6 MINI CHARMS (Designer’s Choice) 5

**SECTION C: TRICOLOR**

**All fresh plant material**

TRICOLOR AWARD OFFERED

**“Kaleidoscope”**

All plant material must be fresh. Decorative wood is never permitted; non-plant material may be included. **Space Allowed: 24”W x** **30”D**

CLASS 7 UNITY AND DIVERSITY Mass Arrangement

CLASS 8 ROCKETS’ RED GLARE Arrangement featuring red plant material

CLASS 9 TAKES THE CAKE Arrangement on a cake stand

**SECTION D: DISTINCTION**

**All dried plant material**

AWARD OF DISTINCTION OFFERED

**“Ageless Beauty”**

The exhibit must consist of all dried or dried treated plant material. One or more accessories are allowed. Emphasis is to be on plant material. **Space: 24” W x 30” D**

CLASS 10 SHIPWRECK (NO BACKGROUND)

CLASS 11 IN THE WOOD

CLASS 12 WINDSWEPT

DIVISION III SPECIAL EXHIBITS

**“Farmer’s Market”**

**SECTION A: ARTISTIC CRAFT**

ARTISTIC CRAFT AWARD OFFERED

**“Nature’s Art”**

CLASS 1 HATS OFF TO YOU: DECORATED HATS

1. Must include fresh plant material
2. Must include dried plant material

Designer provides hat and mechanism for displaying hat on table. Space allotted: 24”wide x 30” deep.

CLASS 2 IOWA CROPS A framed picture including Iowa seeds or grains, displayed upright on a table. (Glass covering is optional). Maximum inside measurement of picture is 8”x10”. Easel, if needed is provided by the exhibitor.

CLASS 3 WELCOME HOME A decoration that can

be hung. A wall hook will be provided.

a. Must include fresh plant material

b. Must include dried plant material

CLASS 4 OLD MACDONALD GOES TO THE FARMERS MARKET Yard people: Display must be free standing,

~ 3 to 6 ft tall. Participants are encouraged to use produce in their creations. Class will be staged outside Garden Gate Bldg. “People” may be created by individuals, organizations or groups. Judging will be based on creativity and originality. Some fresh and/or dried plant material must be included. (Note: we cannot assure the safety of these items. Do not bring valuables)

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**SECTION B: WHIMSEY AND DISPLAYS**

**“Community College”**

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS: Tables provided. Printed material should be large enough to read from distance of three feet. Use of fresh plant materials in Educational Exhibits is encouraged whenever appropriate. Exhibits are not judged.

STUDENT ART: Independence student garden and environmental art projects.

NEW CLASS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**SECTION C: YOUTH**

**“Just for Fun”**

Class 1 FAIRY GARDEN: MATILDA’S MAGIC Miniature landscape with accessories. Size not to exceed 16” in any direction. **Please do not use valuable decorative items. We cannot assure their safety.**

AWARDS

The NGC standard system of awarding will be used per the “Handbook for Flower Shows” 2007 edition: One first (**blue-minimum score 90%**); one second (**red-minimum score 85%**); one third (yellow-**minimum** **score 80%**) per class or subclass **if merited**. Honorable mention (**white- minimum score 75%**) may be given to other meritorious exhibits.

**NGC TOP EXHIBITOR HORTICUTURAL AWARDS**

**1 Award of Horticultural Excellence:** Exhibit judged best in Horticultural Division. Exhibit must score 95 or more and must be named, giving genus and species; variety/cultivar added when available. **Rosette of green, orange and blue ribbons.**

**5 Awards of Merit:**  Division I, Sections C,D,E,F,& J are eligible. Top exhibit must score 95 or more and must be named, giving genus and species; variety/cultivar added when available. **Rosette of orange ribbons.**

**3 Grower’s Choice Awards:** Division I**,** Sections G,H,& I. Top container-grown exhibit. Must score 95% or more and be botanically named. **Dark Green Ribbon**

**NGC TOP EXHIBITOR DESIGN AWARDS**

Top Exhibitor Designawards are given only in sections where the number requirements are met: Minimum of three classes with at least four exhibits in each class (12 designs) for each award.

**1 Award of Design Excellence:** Exhibit best in design division (score>95) **Rosette of gold ribbons.**

**2 Petite awards:**  Best in Sections A and B (score>95) **Small rosette of blue** and **white ribbons**

**1 Tricolor Award:** Best in Section C (score>95) **Rosette of red, blue and yellow** **ribbons**

**1 Award of Distinction:** Best inSection D (score>95) **Rosette of brown ribbons**

**OTHER AWARDS**

**2 Sweepstakes Awards:** One each, given to exhibitor with highest combined point total for Horticultural and for Design. Points awards: Blue=5; Red=4; Yellow=3; White=2 and each non-award entry=1. **Rosette of green and white ribbons.**

**1 Artistic Craft Award:** Division III, Best in Section A (score>95) **Navy ribbons, with Gold lettering**

**1 Special Award:** Given to a design scoring more than 90 points in a section where number requirements are not met. **Rosette of Yellow Ribbons**

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