

## **Flower Show Rules**

1. Exhibitors must be members of the Brooklin-Whitby Garden Club.
2. Flower specimens and all vegetables must be grown by the exhibitor. House plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
3. All design classes must contain fresh plant material, unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry tag. Entry tags will be available at each meeting so that exhibitors can have tags prepared prior to arriving at the next show.
5. Horticultural exhibits should be named if possible (NIP), on the entry tag.
6. All shows follow the rules and regulations in the **Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards (OJES 2019)** unless specifically exempted. Copies are available at the membership table.
7. Species known to be invasive in Ontario should not be exhibited. Per the Ontario Invasive Species Act, it is illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, sell, lease or trade a variety of plants including: a) Dog-strangling Vine (*Vincetoxicum rossicum*) (syn. *Cynanchum rossicum*); b) Black Dog-strangling Vine (*Vincetoxicum louiseae*) (syn. *Cynanchum louiseae*); c) Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica* var. *japonica*) (syn. *Reynoutria japonica* var. *japonica*); d) Phragmites (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *Australis*). This list is growing and a more complete and up to date list can be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/managing-invasive-species-ontario>
8. Species that are a special concern, threatened or endangered should not be exhibited. Links to information about these species are listed in the OJES 2019 on page 14.

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9. **Show entries may be placed any time after 6:00pm up to 7:15pm. Please do not remove entries until 9:30pm.**

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10. The Show Committee has full charge of staging. The exhibitor, any Show Committee member or a show clerk under the direction of a show committee member may place specimens. The exhibitor may not move another entry to provide a place for his/her own. Consult with the Show Committee if there is insufficient space. Design classes are placed only by exhibitor or by permission of such.
11. Only persons designated by the Show Committee will be permitted to be in the show room while entries are being judged.
12. The Show Committee will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and containers but the Club will not be responsible for loss through theft or breakage.
13. **The decision of the Judge(s) is final.**
14. Prizes for all shows will be based on the following point system:

1 <sup>st</sup>	- 5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	- 4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	- 3 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	- 2 points
Exhibiting	- 1 point
Best In show	- 5 points

The value is set at 10 cents per point, payable at year's end. Members showing on behalf of the Society in District 17 or OHA shows will accumulate points as if they were exhibiting in BWGC shows. Be sure to inform the Show Committee of such points.