

## WHAT TO DO WHEN EXHIBITING AT FLOWER SHOWS

1. Read the show schedule well ahead of the show date. Plan what you might have in your garden to show on the date.
2. Cut the flowers early in the morning or the evening prior (coolest part of the day).
3. Take a pail of warm water and a sharp pair of secateurs to make clean cuts on the stems.
4. Remove the leaves that will be under water, leaving the upper foliage attached. Narcissus family naturally do not have leaves attached, so they are always shown without leaves.
5. Choose specimens that are free from insect damage (as much as possible), free from soil, pollen and insects themselves.
6. Put your bucket with picked entries (remember to follow the schedule on reverse) in a cool place until transporting to show.

### Special Treatments:

-Roses, Dahlias and Marigolds should be disbudded sometime before exhibiting.

-Woody stems (lilacs, Hydrangeas, shrub roses) should have a "T" cut in the end of the stems to allow more water absorption.

-Milky sap (poppies) should be burned or scalded immediately after being cut.

-Some plants wilt easily (Rudbeckias, dahlias) so immerse the ends of stem in boiling water for 1-2 minutes, protecting the leaves and flower head. Then return to the pail of warm water.

### Ideal Entries:

Spike Forms (delphiniums, gladiolus, snapdragons) should have 1/3 flowers fully open, 1/3 buds unfurling, 1/3 tight and green.

Round Forms (zinnias, roses, daisies) should have a perfectly symmetrical shape. If specimen is a double flower (zinnias, marigold) they should have a good depth to the layers of the petals.

## Flower Show Rules:

- ❖ Entries to be in place by 6:45pm. Judging to commence at 7:15 sharp.
- ❖ Bring your own containers, none will be supplied.
- ❖ All Horticultural material must be from your own garden
- ❖ House plants should be owned by you for at least 3 months
- ❖ Design materials may be obtained from any source and must be the work of the exhibitor
- ❖ Entry tags will be supplied upon arrival at the registrars desk
- ❖ Judges decision is final

Points for the annual awards are based on the combined total earned in the 3 monthly shows.

Prizes handed out at the December Pot Luck dinner and Awards Night

### Horticulture:

1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place = 2 pts

Best in Show = 5 pts

### Design:

1<sup>st</sup> place = 20 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 15 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> place = 10 pts

Best in Show = 20 pts

Your Flower Show Coordinators are  
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*BARRIE'S GARDEN CLUB*

## 2017 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

*Southshore Community Centre,  
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