

BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

GROW  SHOW

August 9–10, 2025

Continuing 55-year  
tradition of growing  
and showing!

**ALL AGES AND EXPERIENCE LEVELS  
ARE WELCOME TO ENTER THIS  
BLUE-RIBBON EVENT.**

Submit your own entries in  
the show or stop by and take in  
the talents of regional gardeners  
and flower designers.



**SAVE TIME  
ON ENTRY DAY!**

Print out your entry cards.

[BerkshireBotanical.org/  
grow-show](https://BerkshireBotanical.org/grow-show)

Saturday, August 9, 1–5 p.m. | Sunday, August 10, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Free with Garden Admission! 5 West Stockbridge Road (Rtes. 102/183) Stockbridge, MA • 413-298-3926

# Division 2 – Horticulture

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## Cut Specimens

One stem, spike or spray not to exceed 24" for herbaceous plants and 36" for woody plants in length, measured from the lip of the container to the tip of the stem except where noted. Containers and wedging material provided by the Garden.

## ANNUALS AND TENDER PERENNIAL FLOWERS

### CLASSES 1-13

One blooming stem – Any foliage must be attached to the stem

1. **Amaranthus** – Amaranthus
2. **Calendula** – Calendula
3. **Cleome** – Spider Flower
4. **Cosmos** – Cosmos
5. **Helianthus annuus** – Common Sunflower
6. **Nicotiana** – Flowering Tobacco
7. **Salvia** – Salvia
8. **Solenostemon** – Coleus
9. **Tagetes** – Marigold
10. **Tropaeolum** – Nasturtium
11. **Zinnia** – Zinnia
12. **Collection** – 5 stems of 5 different species or cultivars with key card
13. **Any other – annual, biennial and non-hardy perennial**

## PERENNIAL AND BIENNIAL FLOWERS

### CLASSES 14-25

One blooming stem – Any foliage must be attached to the stem

14. **Anemone x hybrida** – Anemone
15. **Coreopsis** – Tickseed
16. **Monarda** – Bee Balm
17. **Echinacea** – Coneflower
18. **Phlox** – Phlox
19. **Rudbeckia** – Rudbeckia
20. **Salvia** – Salvia
21. **Thalictrum** – Meadow Rue
22. **Any other** native perennial or biennial
23. **Any other** non-native perennial or biennial
24. **Collection** - 5 stems of 5 different species or cultivars with key card
25. **Any Vine** – 1 stem, not to exceed 16" length



## BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

### CLASSES 26-29

One blooming stem – Any foliage must be left attached to the stem

- 26a. **Dahlia** – Mini, bloom under 4"
- 26b. **Dahlia** – Small, bloom 4-6"
- 26c. **Dahlia** – Medium, bloom 6-8"
- 26d. **Dahlia** – Large, Giant, bloom over 8"
27. **Dahlia** – collection, 3 different stems of 3 different cultivars
28. **Lilium**
29. **Any other** – bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber

## ROSES

### CLASS 30

One blooming stem – must be exhibited with at least one attached leaf containing five leaflets

30. **Any rose**

## WOODY PLANTS IN BLOOM OR BERRY

### CLASSES 31-34

One stem – Any foliage must be attached to the stem

31. **Hydrangea arborescens**
32. **Hydrangea paniculata**
33. **Hydrangea** – Other
34. **Any Other** – woody plant in bloom or berry

## DECIDUOUS WOODY PLANTS GROWN PRIMARILY FOR FOLIAGE

### CLASSES 35-36

35. **Any native** deciduous woody foliage plant
36. **Any non-native** deciduous woody foliage plant

## EVERGREEN BRANCHES

### CLASS 37

One branch, stem or leaf, not to exceed 36" in length

37. **Any Evergreen**

## NON-WOODY PLANTS GROWN FOR FOLIAGE

### CLASSES 38-42

Incidental flowers are acceptable.

One branch, stem or leaf, not to exceed 36" in length

- 38a. **Hosta** - Giant leaf, 8" across
- 38b. **Hosta** - Large leaf, 6-8" across
- 39a. **Hosta** - Medium leaf, 3-6" across
- 39b. **Hosta** - Small leaf, less than 3" across
40. **Ferns**
41. **Grasses**
42. **Any Other** – non-woody plant grown primarily for foliage

## Vegetable, Fruit, Berry Specimens

### CLASSES 43-60

Same variety if more than one piece. Displayed on white paper plates supplied by the Garden

43. **Beans** – 5 pods
44. **Beets** – 3 pieces, tops trimmed to 2"
45. **Cabbage** – 1 head, trimmed
46. **Carrots** – 3 pieces, tops trimmed to 2"
47. **Cucumber** – 1 if large, 3 if small
48. **Garlic** – 3 heads
49. **Leeks** – 3 pieces
50. **Eggplant** – 1 piece
51. **Fennel** – trimmed to 8"
52. **Onions** – 3 pieces
53. **Sweet Pepper** - 1 piece
54. **Hot Peppers** – 3 pieces
55. **Squash** – 1 if large, 3 if small
56. **Tomatoes** - 3 pieces
57. **Any other vegetable** – 1 if large, 3 if small
58. **Garden Harvest Collection**  
minimum of 5 named varieties in an appropriate container at least 12" long and no larger than 24".  
Key card must be included.
59. **Fruit** – any variety, 3 pieces
60. **Berries** – any variety, 6 pieces

## Container-Grown Plants

Container size no larger than 10" diameter unless otherwise noted

### CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

#### CLASSES 61-69

61. **Herbs**
62. **Begonia**
63. **Pelargonium**
64. **Orchid** – in bloom
65. **Blooming Houseplants**
66. **Houseplants grown primarily for foliage**
67. **Cacti and Succulents**
68. **Topiary**
69. **Any Other** – container grown plant

### Grow Show Volunteer Committee

Stephanie Bradford, *Horticulture Division Chair*  
Barb May, *Floral Design Chair*  
Cynthia Tindale, *Coordinator of Interpretation*

### Leadership Team

Stephanie Bradford, Barb May, Cynthia Tindale,  
Eric Ruquist, Judy Zahn



## FLORAL DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE DIVISION SCHEDULE

### Friday, August 8, 2025

3–5:30 p.m. Floral Design and Horticulture entries accepted and passed in the Education Center.

### Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:30–9:30 a.m. Floral Design and Horticulture entries accepted and passed

9:30 a.m. Judges and Clerks briefed

9:30 a.m. Entries Completed

10:00 a.m. Judging begins

1:00 p.m. Show opens to the public

### Sunday, August 10, 2025

9:30 a.m. Refreshing and maintenance of exhibits

10:00 a.m. Show opens to the public

4:00 p.m. Show closes

4–5:00 p.m. All entries must be removed if entrants wish to keep them.

## COLLECTION OF PLANTS

### DISPLAYED IN A SINGLE CONTAINER

#### CLASSES 70-72

Container may not include more than one plant of the same species or cultivar. Key card must be included. Container size no larger than 12" diameter.

70. **Cacti and Succulent Dish Garden** – 3 or more species or cultivars. Key card must be included.

71. **Houseplant Dish Garden** – 3 or more species or cultivars. Key card must be included.

72. **Terrarium** – 3 or more species or cultivars. Key card must be included.

**Questions regarding the horticulture division can be addressed to:**

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# Grow Show Rules and General Information

## Horticulture

### General Information for Entering

- The general public is encouraged to enter the Horticulture Division. Whether you enter a single bloom or enter every category, there is no charge to exhibit.
- See schedule on previous page for entry dates and times. When you arrive with your entries, Garden staff and volunteers will greet and assist you in categorizing your entries. Containers for cut specimens will be provided by the Garden.

### Rules and Guidelines

- Please note the delivery and removal dates and times listed on the previous page. No late entries, please!
- All plant material must have been grown by or have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least two months before the show.
- All specimens should be entered with their correct botanical names, including the variety/cultivar whenever possible. Top awards cannot be given to improperly labeled entries. You may enter more than one specimen per class as long as they are different varieties/cultivars.
- All heirloom and organically grown vegetables may be entered in their species classes and identified on their entry card as “H” or “O” or “HO”. They will be judged against all class entries and will also be judged separately against other heirloom and organic entries in the class. The judges will consider minor imperfections acceptable in organically grown entries.
- The passing Committee may refuse any entry that does not conform to the schedule. Diseased or insect infested plants will not be accepted. Clean, neutral-colored pots are preferred for container grown plants.
- Decisions of the judges will be final.
- The Committee and the Berkshire Botanical Garden will exercise all due care, but cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of exhibits.

### Horticulture Awards

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded in each class.

**The Award of Merit** may be awarded to a named blue ribbon Horticulture exhibit judged the finest.

**The Beinecke Bell** may be awarded to the blue ribbon winner deemed to be Best in Show and judged to be the finest in the Horticulture Division. Donated by the Lenox Garden Club in honor of Carrie Beinecke.

**The Marsha Schulte Award** may be given to an outstanding Horticulture exhibit. Donated by the Berkshire Garden Club in honor of Marsha Schulte.

**The Sweepstakes Award** may be awarded to the entrant who accumulates the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in the Horticulture Division.

**The Susan Delphia Award** may be given to a singularly worthy entry in either Floral Design employing creative leaf manipulation or to a worthy organically grown Horticultural entry. Initiated by the Berkshire Garden Club and maintained by the Berkshire Botanical Garden in honor of past member Susan Delphia. Awarded in odd numbered years in the Floral Design Division and even numbered years in the Horticulture Division.

**Judges Commendation:** a special citation given to any class, flower show division, special exhibit, clerks, etc., recognizing outstanding accomplishment within the given area by the judges.



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