

Flowers and Horticulture

Specimens and Indoor Plant Evaluation and Judging

Haddam Garden Club

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WHAT'S NEW?

This year, we will offer **two (2)** Flower Design categories, each with its own set of unique Classes. The **first** is the Flower Arrangement Category with 5 design classes offered every year. The **second** is a **Miniature Category**, with 3 design classes.

Potted Houseplant classes have been reorganized – please review before preparing your entry for submission.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES and GUIDELINES

Artificial foliage and artificial flowers are not permitted. Accessories are acceptable and floral material may be used for Flower Design and Garden Bouquet Classes only. All entries are comprised of two subclasses: Adult (A) Juniors (J) ages 15 and younger.

Flower Design and Garden Bouquet Class entries need to present representation of the class, harmony, balance & proportion, condition, originality, and construction/container.

Fresh Flowers are judged on color, stem & foliage condition, uniformity, and size. Unless otherwise specified, only one specimen may be entered.

Potted Plants are judged on overall appearance. Freshness & healthy greenery, condition, form, and evidence of new growth will be reflected in your overall score. Plants must be disease, insect, and dust free or cannot be accepted as an entry.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Flower Arrangement and Garden Bouquet Classes

Award of Excellence – Perfect Score: 100 points

\$10 Gift Card to a local nursery from Haddam Garden Club

Fresh Flowers and Potted Plants

Nature's Perfection – Perfect Score: 100 points

\$10 Gift Card to a local nursery from Haddam Garden Club

Complete details on factors that will be judged are listed on the HNF and Haddam Garden Club websites. A list of common flowers in bloom at Labor Day can also be found on the HNF & Haddam Garden Club websites

www.haddamneckfair.com

www.haddamgardenclub.org

CONTAINERS and DISPLAY

Exhibits must be displayed in containers. Please remember, as judging includes overall presentation, the container is part of the display. There will be a limited number of glass containers available at the check-in.

Covered tables and shelves for entries will be provided.

****The Haddam Neck Fair will make every effort to care for all exhibits but cannot be held responsible for damage.***

2025 Theme – OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

From 1939's movie *The Wizard of Oz* with Judy Garland to 2024's *Wicked* with Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande; from L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (one book in the 14 book Oz series) to Gregory Maguire's *Wicked*; from the 1902 Broadway musical *The Wizard of Oz* to the huge Broadway smash *Wicked*, Oz surfaces feelings of home, family, glorious color, adventure, and beauty – all important ingredients to a stunning display of flowers.

FLOWER DESIGN and GARDEN BOUQUET CLASSES

Prizes are awarded based on judges' points:

1 st	Displays earning point values of 90 – 100	\$5.00
2 nd	Displays earning point values of 80 – 89	\$3.00
3 rd	Displays earning point values of 70 – 79	\$2.00

Flower Design

Best in Show will receive \$15 sponsored by the Haddam Garden Club and a trophy in memory of Chris Harris.

Flower Arrangements

Class I *Ruby Slippers*

This one is easy—go gloriously red, in as many shapes and varieties as you like, to create a pleasing whole. You are always free to include other colors; the goal is a pleasing arrangement, not necessarily an all-red one.

Class II *Over the Rainbow*

Gather as many different-colored flowers as your garden offers and create a bright arrangement full of color. Your design should focus on colorful harmony; no need to create a rainbow shape.

Class III *Wicked Witch of the West*

Mirroring the witch herself, your design will include dark, moody almost-black flowers and foliage, together with strong green elements. There's nothing soft and sweet about the witch; she suggests angular shapes and sharp edges.

Class IV *Horse of a Different Color*

Look to the unusual for this class - flowers that are bicolored or striped, leaves that are variegated or unexpected colors like red, purple, or even blue. These are the flowers and foliage that will feature in your design (though not necessarily exclusively; you may include "ordinary" plants too).

Class V *We're Not in Kansas Anymore*

Sunflowers are the state flower of Kansas; they'll be a feature of your design.

Miniature Flower Arrangements

Your miniature entry, including the container and the tallest stems, should not be larger than 6 (six) inches in any direction.

Class M1 *Welcome to Munchkinland!*

A petite arrangement inspired by what Dorothy sees when she first opens the door after the cyclone drops the house in Oz.

Class M2 *Glinda, Good Witch of the North*

Frothy, feminine, with a lot of sparkle and pink. Have fun with this one.

Class M3 *Emerald City*

Create enchantment with a design of all green, or green with white or colored accents—it's up to you!

Garden Bouquets

Best in Show Garden Bouquet *will receive \$15, sponsored by Haddam Garden Club and the Susan Ritty Award.*

Class A *Scarecrow*

He's stuffed with wildflowers, meadow flowers, and grasses, and so is your bouquet. The Scarecrow is farmhouse casual personified, and your bouquet interpretation would be at home on a farmhouse kitchen table.

Class B *Tin Man*

You'll choose flowers, foliage, colors, and even just the right container to create an impression of the gentle Tin Man, yearning for a heart—or getting one at last! White, grey-green, and silvery elements will help evoke his unique appearance.

Class C *Cowardly Lion*

Big and bold, just as the Lion longs to be.

HORTICULTURAL CLASSES

Prizes are awarded based on judges' points:

1 st	Displays earning point values of 90 – 100	\$3.00
2 nd	Displays earning point values of 80 – 89	\$2.00
3 rd	Displays earning point values of 70 – 79	\$1.00

We are unable to take specimens of those substances deemed controlled substances by the State of Connecticut and/or those restricted to those age 21 or over (i.e., Cannabis, Marijuana)

Unless otherwise specified, only one specimen may be entered per category.

FRESH FLOWERS

ADULT	JUNIOR 15 & UNDER	
101	201	Calendula – 3 blooms
102	202	Celosia (Cocks Comb)
103	203	Sedum – 1 spray
104	204	Cosmos – 1 spray
105	205	Marigold
106	206	Salvia
107	207	Snapdragon – 1 spike
108	208	Zinnia
109	209	Sunflower – 1 spray, each flower not to exceed 6”
110	210	Dahlia
111	211	Gladiola
112	212	Rose
113	213	Cone Flower (i.e., Echinacea)
114	214	Hydrangea
115	215	Rudbeckia (includes Black-Eyed Susans)
116	216	Any worthy annual, other than listed categories
117	217	Any worthy perennial, other than listed categories

POTTED PLANTS

ADULT	JUNIOR 15 & UNDER	
121	221	Succulents
122	222	Dish Garden
123	223	Bonsai
124	224	Topiary
125	225	Any Other Houseplants

HERBS

ADULT	JUNIOR 15 & UNDER	
126	226	Single potted herb
127	227	Collection of annual and/or perennial specimens