

FLOWER SHOW RULES



SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER of the American Rhododendron Society

A. Entry Rules

1. Both members and non-members may be exhibitors.
2. Entries in Sections A, B, C, D, F, G, H and I must have been grown outdoors by the exhibitor for at least one year.
3. An exhibitor may enter no more than one each of any number of varieties in their appropriate categories.
Varieties entered in Sections J, K, and L may be the same as varieties entered in any of the other sections.
Each entry must have an entry card completely filled out and attached.
4. Each entry in Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I must be placed in a Chapter-supplied container, using Chapter-supplied materials for support.
5. Completed entries must be put on a placement table at the entrance to the judging area. The Show Committee will place the entries in the judging area, and may also reclassify entries and create additional classes. Entries in Sections J, K and I will be placed by the exhibitor at the locations assigned by the Show Committee.
6. Completed entries are accepted at the placement tables from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM on Friday, and 8:00 to 9:00 AM on Saturday.
Late entries will not be judged, and may be placed on a display table.
7. Judging begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday.
Exhibitors or spectators may not be present in any of the judging areas while the judging is taking place.
8. Any objections must be made to the Show Chairman, in writing, before 1:00 PM on Saturday.
9. The show will be open to the public from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM on Saturday, and 9:00 until 4:00 PM on Sunday.
10. Wilted, faded, diseased or otherwise unattractive entries may be removed during the show by the Show Committee, at their discretion, and placed into storage until disposed of.
11. Entries may be removed by their owners at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Remaining entries may be removed by other exhibitors or spectators, or they will be disposed of by the Show Committee starting at 4:15 PM Sunday.
12. When an entry is removed, the entry card must be given to the Show Committee as a permanent record of the entry and its exhibitor.
13. The Show Chairman may disqualify any entry that does not meet these Entry Rules. The decision of the Show Chairman is final.
14. The Show Committee provides for watering and security of all entries during the show, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries.

B. Judging Criteria

Awards may be given only to entries which meet these criteria:

1. Size: Section B entries must be a single truss with flowers coming from one bud; other entries must be a single-stem spray or a single or multiple truss with the size and number of flowers typical of the variety; Section H entries must 1x4" or less outside of the container; other entries must be 16" or less outside of the container.
2. Color: The color must be typical of the variety.
3. Form: A single truss must be full, with a full set of leaves typical of the variety: a spray must be well-shaped, attractive and typical of the variety.
4. Foliage: Leaves must be well-shaped and of good color and size for the variety, with minimum mars or blemishes, and free of any artificial shine.
5. Condition: All blooms must be at their peak and not faded or wilted, with no more than 3 unopened florets on an elepidote truss or 20% unopened buds on a lepidote or azalea spray.
6. Grooming: The entry must have a neat appearance, with few damaged or dead twigs or leaves; few bud scales, seed pods or flower pips; and no insects, bird droppings, oak pollen or visible disease.

C. Judging Rules

1. There are two groups of judges for Sections A through K. with each group judging roughly one-half of the entries. Clerks will take notes, record the awards and move entries as needed for judging. Clerks may touch the entries; the judges may not. There is a separate group of judges for Section L.
2. Judges will compare each entry in a category (a class, a group with no classes, or a section with no groups) and may give awards to those entries which best meet the Judging Criteria for that category.
3. For each class, judges may give none or no more than one First. Second and Third Place award, at their discretion, and may give any number of Honorable Mention awards.
4. The First Place Class entries in multi-class groups are judged for Best in Group. First Place Class in a group with no classes also receives a Best in Group award.
5. The Best in Group entries in multi-group sections are judged for Best in Section. Best in Group in a section with no groups also receives a Best in Section award.
6. The Best in Section entries in Sections A through H are judged for the Best of Show award by all the A-K judges.
7. A Sweepstakes Award is given to the exhibitor with the most points, computed as:
Best of Show Award 5 Blue Rosette
Best in Section Awards 5 Green Rosette
Best in Group Awards 5 Green
First Place Class Awards 5 Blue
Second Place Class Awards 3 Red
Third Place Class Awards 2 White
Honorable Mention Awards 1 Pink
In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most First Place Class Awards is given the Sweepstakes Award.