

STAR-SPANGLED BLOOM

An American Floral Salute



California Garden Clubs, Inc.
May 12-14, 2026

“Star-Spangled Bloom”

**An NGC Design Specialty Flower Show
Presented by**

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

At

Handlery Hotel

**950 Hotel Circle North
San Diego CA 92108**

On

Tuesday, May 12, 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Open and free to public, handicap accessible.

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GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show conforms to the standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). The *HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS (HB)*, as updated with revisions printed on the NGC website, is the authority for all issues not covered by the schedule which is the “Law of the Show.” An updated copy of *The Handbook for Flower Shows* may be downloaded from the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org.
2. Entry Requirements:
 - a. All members are welcome to enter designs. Space is limited to designs accepted on a first come, first-served basis.
 - b. Exhibits will be accepted on Monday, May 11, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 12, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
 - c. Exhibits will be released on Thursday, May 14, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 - d. Judging will be on Tuesday, May 12 from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
3. Preregistration is required. All entries must be registered with Dyanna Madro at dmadro@cox.net by April 10, 2026. All plant material used in the design must be identified by either the correct scientific or common name on a 3" x 5" card and is provided by the Exhibitor.
4. The Entry Chairman for each Division checks exhibit for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges’ responsibility.
5. The General Chairman and the Entry Chairman for each Division are available during judging for possible consultation. They, along with the Judges and Clerks, are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging.
6. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
7. There must be an emphasis on FRESH plant material; no artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any Division.

- 8. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.**
- 9. California Garden Clubs, Inc., will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.**
- 10. Plants on the invasive species list are not permitted in the show. Visit <https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/profiles> for a list of plants not permitted.**

AWARDS

**The NGC Standard System of Awarding (HB pg. 5)
is used in all Divisions**

**Only one (1) first place (blue) ribbon per class;
must score 90 points or more.**

**Only one (1) second place (red) ribbon per class;
must score 85 points or more.**

**Only one (1) third place (yellow) ribbon per class;
must score 80 points or more.**

**One (1) or more Honorable Mention (white) ribbons as merited;
must score 75 points or more.**

NGC TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Award of Design Excellence

One (1) award may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit scoring 95 or more in the entire Design Division entered by an individual.

Rosette of gold ribbons.

(HB pg 42)

Designer's Choice Award

One (1) award may be offered to the highest scoring blue ribbon exhibit scoring 95 or more in Section A.

Plant material used in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried or fresh.

Schedule specifies design style or type.

Exhibitor has freedom to choose other components within NGC policies.

Rosette of purple ribbons.

(HB pg 42)

Petite Award

One (1) award may be offered to most outstanding petite design in a show of otherwise full-sized designs.

Exhibits in Section B are eligible.

Small Rosette of blue and white ribbons.

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Table Artistry Award

One (1) award may be offered to Functional and Exhibition Tables.

Exhibits in Section C are eligible.

Rosette of burgundy ribbons.

(HB pg 43)

Educational Top Exhibitor Award

One (1) award may be offered to exhibits in the Education Division.

The exhibit may be the work of an individual or organization.

Exhibits in Division II are eligible.

Rosette of brown and white ribbons.

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RECOGNITION AWARD

Sweepstakes Award

One (1) award offered to the exhibitor earning the highest number of points based on the following formula:

Blue ribbon = 5 points

Red ribbon = 3 points

Yellow ribbon = 1 point

DIVISION I DESIGN

“America the Beautiful”

Eligible for Award of Design Excellence

DESIGN DIVISION RULES

1. The NGC exhibit policies are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the Design Division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
2. Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman is required by April 10, 2026, Dyanna Madro, 619-889-1773 - dmadro@cox.net who will prepare the entry tag.
3. Plant material and non-plant material in the Design Division are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7.
4. All plant material used in the design must be identified by either the correct scientific or common name on a 3" x 5" card and is provided by the exhibitor.
5. The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated descriptions and limitations of the design type if named in the class.
6. Rules for design types, advanced design types, table designs and table appointments are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 7.
7. Designer is on his/her honor that the design being entered has not been previously entered or judged in an NGC Standard Flower Show.
8. The Scales of Points for Design are located in Chapter 14 of the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

- 9. Designer has the freedom to choose traditional or creative style with any design unless restricted by the schedule.**
- 10. Design must be the work of one individual.**
- 11. Design Division of a Design Specialty Show requires at least 10 classes with four (4) exhibits per class for a total of 40 exhibits for Top Exhibitor Awards. Thus, classes are limited and each must have four (4) entries.**
- 12. If a designer is unable to fulfill his/her assignment, it is the designer's responsibility to find a replacement.**
- 13. Fresh plant material may not ever be treated in any manner. Dried plant material may be treated. Some fresh and/or dried plant material must be used in every exhibit. Plant material need not be grown by exhibitor.**
- 14. Exhibitor may enter multiple classes within the Design Division, but only one (1) exhibit per class.**

DIVISION I DESIGN

DESIGN SECTIONS AND CLASSES

SECTION A: FULL-SIZED DESIGNS

“Take Pride in America”

Section A is eligible for Award of Design Excellence, Designer’s Choice and Sweepstakes Award

- ▶ Designer has freedom to choose plant material and other components.
- ▶ All designs will be staged on a 6 ft. table draped in black by the Committee.
- ▶ Width is 24 inches and depth is 30 inches.
- ▶ Staging panel with no height requirement provided by the exhibitor. Underlay permitted.
- ▶ Plant material must be listed on a white, 3" x 5" card supplied by the exhibitor.

Class 1. Wild Blue Yonder

- An Angular Design
- *(HB pg. 73)*

Class 2. Purple Mountain Majesty

- A Parallel Design
- *(HB pg 75)*

Class 3. Fruited Plains

- A Creative Mass Design
- *(HB pg 74)*

Class 4. Bold Lines, Free Expression

- Designer’s Choice
- *(HB pg 73-79)*

SECTION B: PETITE DESIGNS

“American Memories”

Section B is eligible for Award of Design Excellence, Petite Award and Sweepstakes Award

- ▶ Designer has freedom to choose plant material and other components.
- ▶ All designs will be staged on a 6 ft. table draped in black by the Committee.
- ▶ Staged on black risers, provided by the Committee.
- ▶ Must conform in height, width and depth listed in each class.
- ▶ Plant material must be listed on a white, 3" x 5" card supplied by the exhibitor.

Class 5. *Betsy Ross*

- **A Creative Petite Design**
- ***Not to exceed 5" in height, width or depth.***

Class 6. *Fourth of July*

- **A Creative Petite Design**
- ***Not to exceed 5" in height, width or depth.***

Class 7. *Lines of Liberty*

- **A Creative Petite Design**
- ***Not to exceed 8" in height, width or depth.***

SECTION C: TABLE DESIGNS

“Celebrate America”

Section C is eligible for Award of Design Excellence, Table Artistry Award and Sweepstakes Award

- ▶ Designer has freedom to choose plant material and other components.

Class 8. *Rockets Red Glare*

- **Functional Informal Table for Two**
- Must include a completed floral design.
- All designs will be staged on a 36” square card table provided by the Committee.
- Exhibitor to provide table covering.
- Plant material must be listed on a white, 3" x 5" card supplied by the exhibitor.

Class 9. *Born Free*

- **Single Service Tray**
- All designs will be staged on a 6 ft. table draped in black by the Committee.
- Tray size not to exceed 14"x 20."
- Plant material must be listed on a white, 3" x 5" card supplied by the exhibitor.

Class 10. *Mountain High*

- **Exhibition Table**
- Staged on a 6 ft. table draped in black by the Committee.
- Width is 24 inches and depth is 30 inches. Design has no height requirement.
- Plant material must be listed on a white, 3" x 5" card supplied by the exhibitor.

DIVISION II EDUCATION

“America Through the Years”

Eligible for Educational Top Exhibitor Award

EDUCATION DIVISION RULES

1. Education Exhibits may be the work of more than one individual or organization unless a Student Judge or Accredited Judge is seeking exhibiting credit for preparing an education exhibit.
2. An exhibit must occupy a minimum of eighteen square feet surface area.
3. All exhibits will be displayed on a 8 foot table draped in black by the Committee.
4. Advanced registration with the Education Entries Chairman is required by April 15, 2026.
5. The Scale of Points of Education Exhibits is listed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Chapter 14.

EDUCATION EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - *Keeping America Healthy*

- An educational exhibit focusing on the effect insects have on our environment, plants and people.

Exhibit 2 - *Keeping America Natural*

- An educational exhibit focusing on native plants and the benefit of introducing them into our gardens and landscaping.