

SHOW RULES & GUIDELINES

73rd ANNUAL GARDEN SHOW & PLANT SALE

Sat, June 20 – Sun, June 21, 2026 (Sat: 11 AM – 4 PM, Sun: 10 AM – 4 PM)

Veterans Building – Auditorium, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

Show Chairs: Delphie Roberts and Elizabeth Camp

1. WHO MAY ENTER/EXHIBIT?

- Any person who, by their own effort, grows plants, vegetables, flowers, etc.
- Exhibitors do **not** need to be members of the Culver City Garden Club.
- Children and teens may enter plants they have grown. They may enter individually or as a group (such as a class). They may enter plants in the Student Division or in the Standard (Adult) categories.
- Couples or families may enter together as one Exhibitor, if they desire.
- Clubs & Societies may enter plants for **Display Only**. Their entries will **not** be judged.

2. PLANT & CUT FLOWER ENTRIES:

- Entries must be from the Exhibitor's private collection and personally grown.
- Entries must have been owned and grown by the Exhibitor for at least **60 days** prior to the Show. A **30-day** rule applies to plants the Exhibitor started and grew from seed or cuttings.
- Plants must be groomed **before** entry. **No grooming** is allowed after entry without Club permission.
- The Show Co-Chairs and Entry Officials may refuse to enter an inferior, diseased, insect-infested plant or cut flower and will remove from the Venue any damaged or unsightly Exhibits.
- Hanging entries are welcomed. Show Officials will attempt to display such entries appropriately.
- Plants grown primarily for their flowers may **not** be entered if not currently in bloom. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to fuchsias, orchids, begonias and gesneriads.
- Entries in glass bowls or terrariums may be displayed either open or sealed.
- **Flower Arrangements - Exhibitor Grown** may contain only plant materials grown by the Exhibitor. If the arrangement contains both grown, found and purchased materials, it must be entered into **Not Exhibitor Grown**.
- **Flower Arrangements - Not Exhibitor Grown** are judged solely on their aesthetics. Arrangements may not have been purchased pre-arranged.
- **No** silk flowers or other artificial flowers/plants are allowed in **any** category with a Class Number lower than 200.
- Foreign objects, such as ceramic figurines, are **only** allowed in **Terrariums, Bonsai & Dish Gardens, etc.**

3. CONTAINERS:

- Must be neat and clean. Containers should also be proportionate to the plant.
- Plastic nursery containers are discouraged except for pots larger than 14" or 5 gal. +.
- Pots should be of a color that does not draw attention away from the plant.
- Use of white pots is generally not recommended. Use of unique, artistic or humorous containers are allowed if the container adds to the overall presentation.
- Individual potted plants generally should be centered in their containers.
- Dressing: gravel, pebbles, bark or rocks are allowed in pots at the base of the plants. If used, it should be inconspicuous in color and not draw attention away from the entry.
- Cut flower Exhibitors must furnish their own containers, preferably clear and unetched.
- Exhibitors of Harvested Fruit or Vegetables will be provided with an appropriate dish, bowl, plate, etc. for display purposes. Do not mix different items in one container.

4. ENTRY/ REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted **Friday, June 19 between 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Others should be entered on Saturday, June 20, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM.**

No late registration will be accepted.

- ~~A limit of 15 plants.~~ **No limit this year.**
- Entries should include the plant's name/variety when possible. However, no labels/name tags should remain visible on the plant when entered.
- Entries must be brought to the Auditorium at the address above.
- Exhibitors should have their entry paperwork completed prior to registering! This includes completing one **Plant Entry Slip** for each plant to be entered and an **Exhibitor Entry Sheet**, listing all the plants/flowers you've entered. Forms and assistance will be available before the Show.
- Each Exhibitor will be assigned an **Exhibitor Number**, to assist in registering and identifying entries. Please, obtain one before entering your plants
- **Plant Entry Slips** must be reviewed and initialed by our Data Desk, then recorded into the Entry Records.
- Only recorded exhibits are eligible for awards.
- Exhibitors (other than **Cut Flowers** and **Arrangements**) may not place exhibits directly on display tables without the permission of Show Officials.
- Exhibitors may place cut flower entries and arrangements on tables if each one is finished, classified and entered by **8:00 AM**, when Plant Entry is stopped.
- Entries not in place in time can be Non-Competitive Entries only.

5. AWARDS:

- **Ribbons**: A team of **Judges** will determine on 1st place (blue), 2nd place (red) and 3rd place (white) ribbons for each plant when merited. For ribbons only, each plant will be judged on its **own** merits and not in competition with any other plant.
- **Certificates**: Will be awarded to the 1st place (blue) ribbon winner whose plant is voted **Best-in-Division** as calculated by Show Judges. If there are no 1st place (blue) ribbon winners in a division, no Certificate will be awarded.

- Certificates are awarded at the discretion of Show Officials.
- ❖ **Best in Show – Still Growing:** Awarded to the Certificate winner whose entry is voted best among all Certificate winners in the **Still-Growing Plant Divisions**.
- ❖ **Best in Show – Harvested/Cut:** Awarded to the Certificate winner whose entry is voted best among all Certificate winners in the **No Longer Growing Divisions**.

The final two final trophies cannot be won by the same person:

- ❖ **Culver City Garden Club:** Will be awarded to the Club member who has received the most Blue Ribbons in the **Growing** and **No Longer Growing Divisions**. In the event of a tie, both Entrants will receive the Award.
 - ❖ **Best Overall Gardener:** Will be awarded to the Club member earning a Blue Ribbon in the largest number of different categories other than the winner of the Culver City Garden Club award.
- Special Awards are usually presented to the winners at the August Club Potluck.
 - The Show Chairs/Officials have the final decisions in all matters relating to Show Awards.

6. SHOW HOURS: The Show is open to the Public: Saturday, June 21, 11 AM - 4 PM, and Sunday, June 22, 10 AM – 4 PM.

7. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:

- No entry may be removed until the Show closes at 4 PM on Sunday, without the permission of a Show Chair.
- All entries must be removed by Sunday by 5 PM.

8. SHOW RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY:

Show volunteers and Club Officials will exercise the utmost care in safeguarding Exhibits, but we cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage to property or for personal injury