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The President's Corner

Barbara Hollister

The autumn leaves have just started to turn. Soon you and I will be raking leaves. It is indeed amazing has this year is "flying by".

Speaking of "flying", time is moving on and the time for our House Tour and Standard Flower will be here. October 7, 2017 is an exciting time for RCGC. Hopefully each of you have purchased your ticket for the House Tour. Remember the Laburnum House will have the Horticulture and it is free to the public. You may visit only one (1) home for \$7.00 per house, buy your tickets in advance for \$30.00 and visit all of the other seven (7) homes. The other option is the day of the tour you may purchase your ticket to visit all the seven (7) homes for \$35.00. Any of the tickets may be purchased at the Laburnum House or any of the homes. I sincerely hope each club has sold all 10 tickets in the packet that was given to you. If you have any tickets left over please bring the tickets with you to the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs October 6 2017 meeting and give them to JaneVandenburg, Erica Gilliam or Joyce Parker.

The houses on the tour are exciting and certainly represent a time in the history of the City of Richmond. You sport an updated flair. Lewis Ginter was a man with a vision and knew how to fulfill a dream, by designing the first subdivision in the Richmond area.

Remember sell your tour tickets, plan to attend the House Tour and Standard Flower Show, October 7, 2017. Also you may purchase a box lunch through the Ginter Park Women's Club for \$12.00 by contacting Chris Morris, 804-550-2481 or earlygo@hotmail.com prior to 9-25-2017. Lunches will be served between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm October 7, 2017.

October Meeting



Friday, October 6, 2017

*Ginter Park Women's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue
Richmond, Virginia*

Registration and Coffee 10:00 am

Refreshments provided by:

Green Acres and Crown Grant Garden Clubs

Business Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Judy Binns

*"The New NGC Flower Show Handbook:
What's In and What's Out"*

**Open to All Members of
Our member Garden Clubs**

Don't forget to check out our website. www.rvagardenclubs.org or www.rvagardenclubs.com.

Your President,

Barbara Hollister

PBS Announcement on RCGC House Tour and Standard Flower Show

Peggy Singlemann, Director of Horticulture at Maymount and Host of "Virginia Home Grown," will announce the upcoming "Autumn in Ginter Park" on her October 3, 2017 show. The RCGC is most appreciative of the support extended to us by Maymount.

In addition, RCGC's Pat Merson, Ways and Means Chair, has submitted community service announcements about "Autumn in Ginter Park" to Channels 6, 8 and 12.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs Website Launched

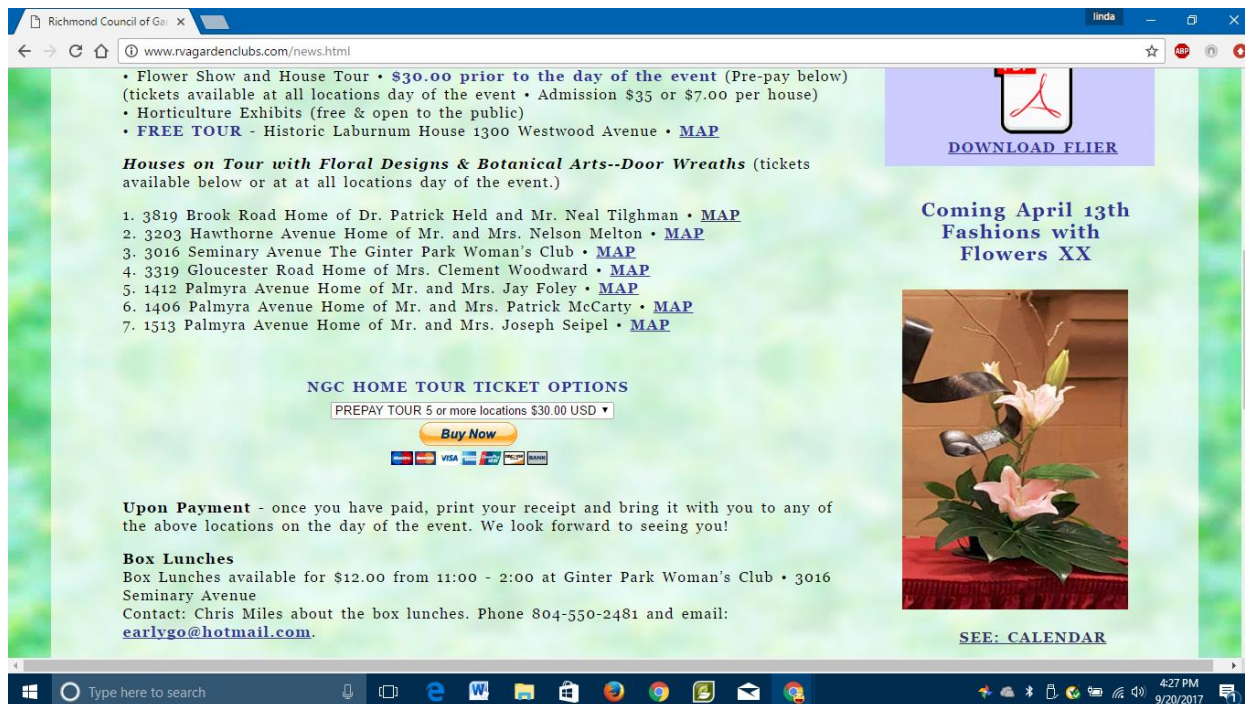
The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs is pleased to announce that our new website was launched on September 7, 2017. We hope you have had time to review the layout and content. It contains important information that you have access to at any time. Following are the website addresses you may use:

www.rvagardenclubs.org or www.rvagardenclubs.com

Included here are two screen shots of the website. One screen shot is the home page and the second is the page that you would use to pay for "Autumn in Ginter Park" tickets. [Yes, we have on-line payment.](#)

For more information on "Autumn in Ginter Park" Click on **News**. You will also find map links to all of the houses on the tour and the Laburnum House. Thank you for your participation and support of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs.





TAB TOPS

WOW!!! Through the cumulative efforts of the garden clubs listed below 28.4 lbs. of Tab Tops were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House on September 1, 2017. Great JOB!!

Canterbury, Clay Springs, Ginter Park, Hanover Towne, Lake Anna, Oxford, Powhatan, Sleepy Hollow, Town & Country and Windsordale

I hope other clubs will join in this worthwhile mission, as RCGC celebrates its 85th tradition of harmony and service to our community.

Barbara Covington, Chairman

RCGC 2017-2018 Yearbook Changes

Please make the following changes to your yearbook. On page 25, Newfound River Garden Club, please delete the email for Pat Swinson, President. On page 26, please change the email for Sharon Boyles, President of the Pamunkey River Garden Club to skb0037@verizon.net. Thanks.

All About Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels (MOW) is a RCGC project that brings flowers to MOW participants at least once a year. Hopefully, more Garden Clubs will join in this worthwhile project so more people can enjoy the pleasure of receiving flowers. RCGC will help with expenses by reimbursing your club with one dollar per arrangement. Small

arrangements can be made around Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day or at any time of year. Some Clubs do flowers more than once at their own expense.

Please follow these steps if you want to participate:

1. **FIRST** contact our MOW Coordinator **Monica Coleman** directly at Mcoleman@feedmore.org or [804-934-1958](tel:804-934-1958). Monica coordinates the project with each club. Monica will assign your club a delivery location, date, time, and approximate number of arrangements needed based on your club's input and the number of MOW participants on the route(s). She knows the MOW geographic area so clubs can request a specific area closer to you. Please speak with the former MOW chairman in your club so she can explain the procedure further. For those of you who have done this before, you can do it just as you have before.
2. Participating clubs complete and deliver the agreed upon number of arrangements to the designated location.
3. MOW volunteers then pick up the finished arrangements in addition to the standard meals and deliver them to MOW participants.
4. **AFTER** you have delivered your arrangements you then contact MOW Chairman, Lu Cavallaro, preferably by email to LuCavallar@aol.com or by phone [804-928-1016](tel:804-928-1016). Lu then arranges to have your check for one dollar per arrangement ready at the next RCGC meeting.

If you need additional information, please contact Lu Cavallaro.

Lu Cavallaro, Chairman
Meals on Wheels

Thank You Note to Barbara Hollister from Lois Nguyen

Dear Barbara,

I want to thank you and the members of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs for supporting the Maymont Summer Internship Program. I recently finished my summer at Maymont and am so grateful for the experience and how it will help me in my studies in landscape architecture at Cornell University where I will be a senior this fall. I wanted to intern in a public garden atmosphere to experience firsthand the maintenance side of designed landscapes, to have a better understanding when it comes to designing spaces myself. A summer of horticultural experience has inspired me to pursue horticultural studies and further my understanding of plants. Thank you again for your support and I wish you and your organization all the best.

Sincerely,

Lois Nguyen

Minutes
Richmond Council of Garden Club, Inc.
Regular Meeting
Ginter Park Women's Club
3016 Seminary Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia 23227
September 1, 2017 @ 10:30 am

The September Meeting for the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs was brought to order at 10:34 A.M. **Gladys Bowles** gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. **Bonnie Parker** - Not Present - Johanna Gilbert gave the report. 28 clubs, 71 members and 1 guest. **Our hostess's chairman**, Karen Patterson thanked the West Hanover GC for hosting today. Next month's hostess garden clubs will be Green Acres and Crown Grant.

Officers Reports:

President - Barbara Hollister – announced that due to a full agenda we will announce past presidents, officers and chairmen at the October meeting.

Website – the addresses are www.rvagardenclubs.org and www.rvagardenclubs.com. Many thanks to Bob Schamerhorn, Carol Bridgeforth, and Linda Hardwicke for their hard work in gathering the information needed to get the website started. Linda Hardwicke will be providing information for the website. The website has been set up for RCGC for \$400, \$35 per year to maintain website addresses, no one else can use them, with a monthly hosting fee of \$20, which was not budgeted for so we will take it out of the president's publicity funds. Judy Hodges presented to the members the recommendation from the Executive Board of Directors to allocate \$20 per month to continue the website which was initially created for publicity for the upcoming RCGC House Tour. Seconded by Judy Futch, the "I's" have it, the motion was passed.

Linda Hardwicke will send out a special email about the website.

1st Vice President – Pat Merson – *Fashions with Flowers* for 2018 is set for April 13, 2018, the alternate date is April 20, 2018, at First Baptist Church on Monument and Boulevard. More information to follow.

2nd Vice President – Judy Futch – announced the speakers for the year, which are listed in our yearbook. Today's speaker is Art Chadwick from Chadwick & Son. Judy Binns will be speaker in October.

Recording Secretary – Johanna Gilbert – All minutes were in the newsletter, no corrections, minutes were approved. Today's minutes will be printed in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer- Debbie Peaks - Balance forward as of June 1, 2017 in checking account is \$17,097. Balance in checking account as of July 31, 2017 is \$17,002.41. CD \$150,000, Money Market account is \$200,000. No corrections to the treasurer's report, the report will stand as read and will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor- Linda Hardwicke – Reminded all club presidents to share the RCGC Newsletter with the Club members via email if possible. – A reminder that all articles for the Newsletter need to be in by September 15, 2017. Application to join the RCGC will be put on the website. Linda asked if a president of a club does not have email to appoint a representative that could email out the monthly newsletter to the members.

Parliamentarian – **Judy Hodges** – No Report.

Historian – Bonnie Parker – Not present. Did ask for members to save articles of the House Tour.

Standing Committee Reports:

Conservation – Suzanne Spooner-Munch -. Not present.

Habitat for humanity – Jean Fender – Asked to keep our donations coming. And have clubs work for grants.

Meals on Wheels – Lu Cavallaro had a check for Windsordale GC for making 119 arrangements for Meals on Wheels. Lu reminded that clubs need to contact Meals on Wheels and then contact her last. The procedures will be in the newsletter.

Barbara announced Lu was also honored from her club "Garden Club Member of the Year". Lu also explained about her experience she had with the interview she had with Peggy Singlemann on "Virginia Home Grow" on PBS.

Horticulture – Mary Lou Bean – Flyers on table. The topic is Deer resistance.

Life Membership – Connie Zuidema - Not present.

Nature Camp – Sandra Walker reported that Nature Camp received over \$20,000 last year from 35 organizations, which gave financial support to 75 campers (which was \$29,000). Let's continue to donate to Nature Camp.

School Gardening – Gilpsie Rodriques – Not present.

Tab Tops – Barbara Covington – Reminded everyone to bring tabs and let's beat last year's goal of 80 pounds. More tabs.

Yearbook and Publicity - Laura Dooley – Yearbooks have been passed out. We have extras for \$5 if anyone needs one. Also she volunteered to do it next year since she got the hang of it. Any corrections please email her.

Announcements

Mary Wilbin has Vision of Beauty calendars for \$6.

Judy Hodges reminded Landscape School on website see Judy with questions.

Jane Vandenburg there are flyers in seat about Old Ivy "Holiday Magic"

Also talked about the house tour, this information will be in the newsletter. Hostesses need to purchase tickets, if a hostess only does one house she does not need to buy a ticket. House Tour packages were passed out. Each club will get 10 tickets to sell. Return unused tickets so they can be sold on the day of the tour. Tickets can also be purchased on the web. **Flower Show:** Erica Gilliam and Joyce Parker – information to follow.

Old Business:

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Johanna Gilbert, Recording Secretary

Judy Futch introduced the speaker.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

September 26-27, 2017. Landscape Design School, Course II, Series XXVII, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Education Building, 1800 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23228-4700. For program details and registration, see VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*, Fall 2017, pages 12-14.

October 7, 2017. The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Ginter Park Garden Club are sponsoring a Home Tour and Standard Flower Show, from 10 am to 5 pm. “Autumn in Ginter Park.” Tickets are \$30 to visit seven homes and the historic Laburnum House. For additional information, see www.rvagardenclubs.org click on News. You can pay for your tickets on the website.

October 14, 2017. The Hilliard Park Garden Club will be holding a fundraising Yard/Plant/Bake Sale from 9:00 – 2:00 during the Fall Vintage Market in Lakeside in front of Whispers of Time Consignment Shop, [5512 Lakeside Avenue](http://www.5512LakesideAvenue.com). We will have household items, bicycles, plants, baked goods, and hot dogs and drinks to sell. Come join us for lots of fun on the special day in Lakeside.

October 16, 2017. Piedmont District Fall Meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235. Registration is required and the cost is \$30.00. Send payment to Johanna Gilbert, Registrar, 8423 Shannon Green Court, Henrico, VA 23228-1876, 804 270-6056, omagilbert@aol.com.

October 18, 2017. Rosecrest Garden Club is holding its 7th Annual Holiday Gala at the Country Club of Petersburg. There will be a floral design presentation by Edwin Little, lunch and a Fashion Walk by Anne’s Dress Shoppe and a Silent Auction. Contact Barbara Smith 804-526-2609 for reservations.

October 31, 2017. The Virginia Flower Show Judges Council will present a small standard flower show, “October’s Extraordinary Finale” at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Laburnum Avenue, Henrico, Virginia from 3 – 6 PM.

November 1-2, 2017. VFGC Symposium, Four Points by Sheraton, 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23231. Advance registration is required. For detailed information on the symposium and registration, see VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*, Fall 2017, pages 18-19.

November 17, 2017. Old Ivy Garden Club Holiday Magic VII Program, will be held at Chamberlayne Heights United Methodist Church, 6100 Chamberlayne Rd. (Rt. 301), Henrico, VA 23227. This includes a holiday design program by Jane VanDenburgh, a buffet lunch, silent auction, sales table, door prizes and raffle of the designs. The hours are 10 am to 2 pm. Reservations will be taken beginning Sept 5, 2017. Send your check for \$25 payable to Old Ivy Garden Club, to Faye Moran, 11082 Linderwood Dr. Mechanicsville, VA 23116. This program usually sells out quickly. If you have questions, contact Jane VanDenburgh, janevand@yahoo.com or [804-723-4214](tel:804-723-4214) or Faye Moran, [804-363-8223](tel:804-363-8223).

February 26-March 1, 2018. Flower Show School Course II in Virginia, Four Points by Sheraton , 4700 S. Laburnum Avenue, Henrico, Virginia 23231. Advance registration is required. For detailed information on the program and registration, see VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*, Fall 2017, pages 21-22.

March 7-9, 2018. Oxford Garden Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show. For details see *FOOTPRINTS*, Volume 30, Number 1, Fall, 2017, page 9.

April 8-10, 2018. VFGC Convention 2018, Westin Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. The featured speakers are Tony Todesco and Ellen Ogden. For more information see, VFGC, *Old Dominion Gardener*”, Fall 2017, page 37. Information and registration will be included in the winter issue of ODG.

April 13, 2018. Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. will hold its annual “Fashions with Flowers” at the First Baptist Church, Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA. Mark your calendar. Additional information will be available soon.

Richmond Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.



with the

Ginter Park Garden Club

Member of:

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South Atlantic Region

Piedmont District

~ Present ~

Autumn in Ginter Park

Dedicated to the memory of

Mary Jane McIntosh Ruth Moss Lois Williams

An NGC Standard Flower Show and House Tour



Saturday, October 7, 2017

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Ginter Park, Richmond, Virginia 23227

Admission \$30 in advance or \$35 or \$7.00 per house the day of the tour

Horticulture Exhibits free & open to the public

Autumn in Ginter Park
Flower Show and House Tour
(tickets available at all locations)

Horticulture Exhibits

Historic Laburnum House 1300 Westwood Avenue

Houses on Tour
with
Floral Designs & Botanical Arts--Door Wreaths

1. **3819 Brook Road Home of Patrick Held and Neal Tilghman**
2. **3203 Hawthorne Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Melton**
3. **3016 Seminary Avenue The Ginter Park Women's Club**
4. **3319 Gloucester Road Home of Mrs. Clement Woodward**
5. **1412 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Foley**
6. **1406 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarty**
7. **1513 Palmyra Avenue Home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seipel**

Ginter Park Women's Club 3016 Seminary Avenue **Box Lunches 11:00 2:00**

Chris Miles is the contact person for the lunches. Her phone number is 804-550-2481 and email address is earlygo@hotmail.com. A box lunch is \$12.00 and may be eaten at the Ginter Park Women's Club

Laburnum House



The illustrious history of Laburnum House can be traced back to the early 19th century.

Early, the property was a prosperous Richmond inn/tavern called the *Paradise House*.

After *Paradise House* burned, the property was purchased by a prominent Richmond lawyer and once more built upon—this time as a large Queen Ann style estate called “*Laburnum*”. Such notables as Henry Clay, William Thackery, Daniel Webster, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis were known to have met there.

Joseph Bryan (one of Mosby’s Rangers for the Southern effort during the Civil War, President of the Virginia Historical Society, lawyer, owner of the Richmond Times and area philanthropist) purchased “*Laburnum*” and converted the estate to a garden showplace.

“*Laburnum*” caught fire and burned during the middle of the night. Undeterred, Bryan set about rebuilding on the site. John T. Wilson of New York designed the new estate - a 15,450 square-foot red brick and limestone mansion in the Georgian style - the new “*Laburnum*”.

Bryan lived nearby during construction overseeing all details of the project. Completed in 1908, it was designed to be as fireproof as possible with concrete flooring and fire-resistant partitions. It was hailed as “unquestionably the most handsome residence in Richmond” with elaborate marble fireplaces, hand-carved millwork, intricate plastered ceilings, parquet floors and blown glass windows.

The Bryans loved to entertain and in their 50+ rooms. Winston Churchill, Lloyd George, Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as Lord and Lady Aster were guests.

It was gifted to Richmond Memorial Hospital in 1947 and purchased by Veritas School in 2016. Veritas School is an accredited Christian school providing education to students K-12.

Laburnum House was used as a mansion-converted-to-hospital in the filming of the PBS Civil War series “*Mercy Street*”.

General Rules

1. This schedule is the law of the Show and it is written to conform to the rules and regulations of the National Garden Clubs as set out in its *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017* edition. The NGC Handbook (HB) will be the authority on all points not covered by this schedule.

2. Classes are open to any member of a garden club affiliated with the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs. All entries are to be the work of one exhibitor. See this schedule's Division I, II, III Rules for entering the Show.
3. All exhibits will be judged by the Standard System of Awarding (see schedule p.6). The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
4. An accredited judge will sign and date all blue-ribbon winners and 90+ entry cards.
5. The overall emphasis of the show will be on fresh plant material. No artificial plant material will be allowed in any Division of the Show. The use of native plants on Virginia's conservation list are not allowed except as those grown by exhibitor and so labeled. Noxious plants are not allowed.
6. Judging will be by a panel of three NGC Judges or two NGC Judges and an NGC Student Judge.
7. Judging will begin on Friday, October 6 at 10:30 am. Only Show Chairmen, Classification Chairmen, Judges and Clerks are to be present during judging.
8. Awards will be presented by 12:30 pm. Honor Best-in-Show Awards are presented by the Richmond Council President; NGC Top Awards are presented by NGC Judges.
9. The Show will be open to the public on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tickets for the tour are \$30.00 prior to the Show and may be purchased from a member of the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs. On the day of the Show, tickets may be purchased at Laburnum House, the Ginter Park Women's Club or at the individual houses. On October 7, tickets are \$35 for the entire tour or \$7 for a single home. The Horticulture Exhibit in the Laburnum House is free and open to the public.

The Richmond Council of Garden Clubs and its Flower Show Committee will exercise all care but will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury.

Division I Horticulture Horticulture Rules

1. NGC exhibiting policies are to be followed and these are printed in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, revised 2017, Chapter 6 p.55-56, or its supplement *Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging*.
2. Entry cards are available at Richmond Council Meetings, Garden Clubs affiliated with the Richmond Council or at the Laburnum House on October 5. It is preferred that these cards be filled out in advance in pencil or in indelible ink.
3. Horticulture entries will be received at the Laburnum House on Thursday, October 5 from 4-7:00 pm. Exhibits are to be removed on October 7 between 5:00 and 5:30 pm.
4. All entries are to be fresh, grown by the exhibitor and in the possession of exhibitor-- see HB p.55 for number of days.
5. Specimen are to be correctly labeled with genus (Latin underlined), specific epithet and/or variety – patented/trademarked names. Common names may be given if no other identification is known.
6. Containers for cut specimens are to be clear glass bottles without lettering or decoration and of a size proportional to the specimen. All are to be provided by the exhibitor.
7. Wedging (provided by exhibitor) is encouraged to improve the pose of the specimen; materials allowed are cotton balls, cork pieces, wood slivers, or clear plastic wrap. Stems are to be visible and no foliage should be below the water line.
8. Container grown plants are to be exhibited in solid-colored pots (up to 10" outer diameter and weighing no more than 12 pounds. Double potting is allowed but inner pots are not to show. Unobtrusive staking is allowed. Top dressing such as moss is not allowed.
9. Exhibitors may enter more than one specimen per class or sub-class provided it is of a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type or color. Exhibitors are **limited to 5 entries**.
10. Entries will be checked by the Classification, recorded and then placed in the show by a member of the Placement Committee.
11. The Classification Chairman has the authority to subdivide classes as necessary.
12. Each Section will have at least 3 Classes. Classes need not have a minimum number of exhibits.
13. Judging will be by the appropriate Scales of Points found in HB pp. 129-130.

Division I Horticulture Sections and Classes
Section A. eligible for Award of Merit
“Autumn in Flower” ~ Cut Flowering Specimen

- Class 1. *Aster*
- Class 2. *Chrysanthemum*
- Class 3. *Sedum*
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section B. eligible for Award of Merit
“Continuing thru Fall “ ~ Cut Herbaceous Specimen

- Class 1. *Caladium*
- Class 2. *Centaurea cineraria* (Dusty Miller)
- Class 3. *Yucca*
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section C. eligible for Arboreal Award
“Staying Power of Leaves” ~ Broadleaf Evergreens
Cut Specimen maximum length 30”, must contain several nodes and apical tip

- Class 1. *Aucuba Japonica*
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 2. *Ilex* (Holly)
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 3. *Nandina*
 - a. berried
 - b. non-berried
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen

Section D. Eligible for Growers Choice Award
“At Home Allure” ~ Blooming Houseplants
Container-Grown Flowering Plants, maximum pot size 8” diameter

- Class 1. *Begonia*
- Class 2. *Orchidae*
- Class 3. *Saintpaulina* (African Violet)
- Class 4. Any other worthy named specimen