

American Rhododendron Society

Greater Philadelphia Chapter
Valley Forge Chapter

Cut-Flower Competition

Saturday, May 12, 2018
Morris Arboretum
Bloomfield Farm
100 E. Northwestern Avenue,
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

Entry Rules and Essential Information

Deadline for entries:
8:45 a.m. sharp!
Open to the public: Noon-3:15 p.m.

For Catalogue of Previous Entries, please go to GPChapterARS.org

Entry Rules

1. Competition is open to all, whether or not a member of the American Rhododendron Society. There is no fee. Perpetual trophies won by nonmembers will be retained by the Chapter at its discretion.
2. All entries shall be from plants grown in the exhibitor's garden for six months. All buds need not be open.
3. Entries of unregistered, unnamed and unknown cultivars are permitted providing other criteria are met. All unknown cultivars will be regarded as hybrids. Azaleodendrons will be entered in the class/section corresponding to the class/section of the seed parent of the hybrid.
4. Only one entry of a variety or species may be made by any individual. Any number of varieties may be entered in a section.
5. Elepidote (nonscaly series, large leaf) rhododendron entries shall be a single-bud truss.
6. Azalea, azaleodendron and lepidote (scaly series, little leaf) rhododendron and all entries in Class 12 shall be either a single stemmed spray or a single or multiple truss not measuring more than 14 inches in width or height above vase.
7. Each specimen plant (garden grown) may be displayed in a pot, tub or burlap.
8. All entries must be received at the site of the show before 8:45 a.m. on the day of the show. Entries offered after that time will be assigned to the conversation table and will NOT be eligible for judging.
9. Exhibitors must complete an entry tag for each entry before 8:45 a.m. Tags will be available at the show; the classification committee will provide assistance; vases will be furnished.
10. All entries should be properly groomed and conditioned. No artificial shine may be used on foliage. Leaf margins may not be trimmed.
11. Cotton or other shim material may be used to support a truss or spray in the vase provided that it does not extend above the top of the vase.
12. Placement will be by the committee. The committee may rule an entry ineligible based on these rules, and it reserves the right to reclassify any entry and to subdivide any class or section.
13. Judging will start promptly after 9:30 a.m. No exhibitors or spectators, other than working committee members, will be permitted in the area during judging. All judges' decisions are final.
14. Judges, at their discretion, will award ribbons for first, second and third place in each section. Only one first-place ribbon may be awarded in each section, and, using the point schedule below, no more than 6 points may be awarded in each section. Honorable mention may be awarded when deemed appropriate.
15. Points are awarded on the following basis:
 - Trophy: 5 points
 - Best in Class (except Classes 7, 9, 12): 5 points
 - Blue Ribbon (First Place): 3 points
 - Red Ribbon (Second Place): 2 points
 - Yellow Ribbon (Third Place): 1 point
16. The show will be open to the public from noon to 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed after the show closes. Exhibits not claimed will be disposed of.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Telephone show chairman Michael Martin Mills at 215-844-6253 or email mmm19119@gmail.com for more information and to obtain entry tags for advance completion.

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Classes and Sections

Class 1 Rhododendron Species

- 1.1 Elepidote (nonscaly)
- 1.2 Lepidote (scaly)

Class 2 Rhododendron Hybrids, Elepidote (large leaf)

- 2.1 White
- 2.2 White, prominent blotch
- 2.3 Pink, light
- 2.4 Pink, deep
- 2.5 Pink, prominent blotch
- 2.6 Red, scarlet (orange red)
- 2.7 Red, rose red or crimson
- 2.8 Red, dark or blackish
- 2.9 Red, prominent blotch
- 2.10 Blue-purple, lavender blue
- 2.11 Blue-purple, strong purple
- 2.12 Blue-purple, prominent blotch
- 2.13 Cream
- 2.14 Yellow
- 2.15 Orange and peach shades, including multicolor
- 2.16 Picotee, any colors
- 2.17 Yakushimanum hybrids (at least 50 percent yak)
- 2.18 Lax truss, any colors

Class 3 Rhododendron Hybrids, Lepidote (little leaf)

- 3.1 White
- 3.2 Pink
- 3.3 Salmon
- 3.4 Lavender and blue shades
- 3.5 Yellow-cream
- 3.6 Red
- 3.7 Multicolor

Class 4 Azalea Species

- 4.1 Deciduous
- 4.2 Evergreen

Class 5 Azalea Hybrids, Deciduous

- 5.1 White
- 5.2 Cream or off-white
- 5.3 Yellow
- 5.4 Orange
- 5.5 Salmon or orange-pink
- 5.6 Pink
- 5.7 Red
- 5.8 Multicolor

Class 6 Azalea Hybrids, Evergreen

- 6.1 White, single
- 6.2 White, hose-in-hose/double
- 6.3 White, colored blotch, stripe or border
- 6.4 Pink, clear, single
- 6.5 Pink, clear, H.I.H. or double
- 6.6 Pink, clear, prominent blotch
- 6.7 Pink orange, single
- 6.8 Pink orange, H.I.H. or double
- 6.9 Pink orange, prominent blotch
- 6.10 Pink lavender, single
- 6.11 Pink lavender, H.I.H. or double
- 6.12 Pink lavender, prominent blotch
- 6.13 Rose red, single
- 6.14 Rose red, H.I.H. or double
- 6.15 Orange-red, single
- 6.16 Orange-red, H.I.H. or double
- 6.17 Salmon
- 6.18 Lavender-purple, single
- 6.19 Lavender-purple, H.I.H. or double
- 6.20 Multicolor
- 6.21 Strap-petal, any color

Class 7 New Hybrids

- (hybridized by the exhibitor; not previously exhibited at this show)
- 7.1 Azalea, evergreen
 - 7.2 Azalea, deciduous
 - 7.3 Rhododendron, elepidote
 - 7.4 Rhododendron, lepidote

Class 8 Other New Hybrids

- (open-pollinated or hybridized by someone other than the exhibitor; not previously shown here)
- 8.1 Azalea, evergreen
 - 8.2 Azalea, deciduous
 - 8.3 Rhododendron, elepidote
 - 8.4 Rhododendron, lepidote

Class 9 ARS Seed Exchange

- (seed lot, year, name of seed, and contributor must be stated)
- 9.1 Azalea, evergreen
 - 9.2 Azalea, deciduous
 - 9.3 Rhododendron, elepidote
 - 9.4 Rhododendron, lepidote

Class 10 Specimen Plants (garden grown)

- 10.1 Azalea plant, evergreen
- 10.2 Azalea plant, deciduous
- 10.3 Rhododendron plant, elepidote
- 10.4 Rhododendron plant, lepidote

Class 11 Bonsai or Container-Grown Plants

- 11.1 Garden varieties
- 11.2 Vireyas

Class 12 Foliage

- (no open flowers)
- 12.1 Elepidotes
 - 12.2 Elepidotes, indumented
 - 12.3 Lepidotes
 - 12.4 Azaleas

Novice Classes Rhododendrons Azaleas

Tips for Competition

Ideally, a truss should be fully open or have no more than two unopened flowers without blemishes on the petals or leaves. It should definitely not be past its prime. If necessary, some leaves may be removed, but the truss should end up with a fair rosette of green, undamaged foliage. A straight stem is best.

Immediately after cutting, a flower truss should be placed in water and set in a cool place for about two hours. Use lukewarm water to revive a wilted truss. For best uptake of water, the base of the stem should be slit or crushed for the bottom inch or two.

Groom trusses, using tweezers, stamp tongs, and damp cotton to remove any foreign material on the petals or leaves, including insects. Flower bud scales that are loose inside the truss must be removed, along with any dead pips.

To transport trusses: (1) Use bottles securely positioned in boxes or crates with dividers. (2) Poke stem holes in the lids of plastic refrigerator containers. (3) If trusses have been in water at least 2 hours, lay them in a flat box on top of slightly crumpled tissue paper.

Azalea and little-leaf rhododendron sprays are groomed the same as trusses. Sprays must stay within the size limits of 14 inches maximum height or width above the vase.

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Judges

Jean Beaudry
Norman Beaudry
Howard Kline
Adam Levine

Ron Rabideau
Harold Sweetman
Joan Warren

Trophies

John C. Wister Trophy --- Best in Show
Francis J. Sholomskas Trophy --- Best Species
Joseph J. Becales Trophy --- Best New Hybrid
Ross B. Davis Jr. Trophy --- Best Rhododendron Hybrid
Maxine West Trophy --- Best Evergreen Azalea
Walter Kern Trophy --- Best Deciduous Azalea
Kenneth and Renee Miller Trophy --- Best Specimen Plant
Dan and Betts Layman Trophy --- Best Foliage
Judi Meade Trophy --- Sweepstakes Award for Most Points

Directions

Morris Arboretum is in Chestnut Hill, at the northwesternmost corner of Philadelphia. The entrance is on Northwestern Avenue, between Germantown Avenue/Pike and Stenton Avenue. USE THE PLANT SALE ENTRANCE, directly opposite public garden entrance.

The show is in a tent adjoining the plant sale. Look for "Truss Show" signs.

For GPS and the like, enter "100 E. Northwestern Ave. 19118."

Or call the Arboretum at 215-247-5777, ext. 5, then ext. 4.