

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BENCH RULES

Exhibits may be placed on the Bench between 1.00 and 4.30 pm the day before the General Meeting or between 8.30 and 9.15am SHARP on the day of the meeting. Judging will commence at 9.30am.

A maximum of 8 entries per exhibitor, with no more than 4 entries in a category.

Each exhibit should be identified in pencil, using the correct botanical name if possible. Exhibitors should register in the Red Book and receive an entry number which will be used on the entry card.

Exhibits should be clean, free from pests and diseases and groomed for competition.

The Fruit and Vegetable Bench competition is held at each General Meeting and points awarded as set out below. Points gained at each meeting by each exhibitor are totalled after the April meeting and several awards are made at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Points awarded in each category:

First.....5
Second.....3
Third.....2
Special.....3

The Judge's decision is final.

PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS

Fruit: Calyx should be intact and stem cut close to fruit. One (1) specimen only except for: banana - 1 hand, cherries, loquats, natal plums, strawberries, grapes - 6, guavas - 3

Herbs: 6 stems of even length

Vegetables: Remove outer leaves, stalks and roots as applicable. Shorten root vegetable leaves to 1" and remove fibrous roots.

One (1) specimen only for: aubergine, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, lettuce, marrow, parsnip, paw paw (green) pumpkin, squash and turnips (Swedish or yellow).

Three (3) specimens of uniform size and colour, for: beets, brussel sprouts, carrots, leeks, onions, peppers, potatoes, sweet peppers, jalapeno peppers, tomatoes and turnips (white).

Six (6) specimens of uniform size and colour for: beans, cherry tomatoes, pea, radishes, scallions and hot peppers

Six (6) leaves of uniform size for: curly kale, swiss chard and mustard greens.

FLOWER BENCH RULES

Exhibits may be placed on the Bench between 1.00 and 4.30pm the day before the General Meeting or between 8.00 and 9.10 am SHARP on the day of the meeting. Judging will commence at 9.15am.

A maximum of 8 entries, plus a Collection (i.e.9), if called for, per exhibitor. No more than 4 entries in a category.

Exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. Each exhibit must be identified and will not be judged without an Entry Card. The correct botanical name if possible (5 points extra) should be used. Exhibitors should register in the Red Book and receive an entry number which will be used on the entry card. Entries must be in pencil.

Mixed stem collections should contain a minimum of three different colours. Points will be gained for greater variety. Multiple stems should be of equal length and state of maturity, as uniform as possible.

Exhibits should be clean, free from pests and groomed for competition.

Each cultivar will be judged against others of the same cultivar.

The Flower Bench competition for cut flowers and potted plants is held each general meeting and points awarded as set out below. Points gained at each meeting by each exhibitor are totalled after the April meeting and several awards are made at the Annual General Meeting in May.

Points awarded in each category:

First.....5

Second.....3

Third.....2

Special.....3

The Judge's decision is final.

FLOWER BENCH RULES

CATEGORIES

ANNUALS

Three stems of one colour, six stems of mixed colours,, foliage must be included if part of the flower stem. No foliage should be shown with Pansies, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, and Violets. One stem of Candytuft and Sunflower with foliage should be shown.

PERENNIALS

Three stems of one colour, foliage included. Strelitzia should be one stem shown with one leaf.

BULBOUS

One stem only no foliage. Calla & Anthuriums to be shown with one leaf of foliage, all other bulbous blooms are shown without foliage, unless part of the flowering stem. Star of the Veldt (*Dimorphotheca sinuate*), Freesias (*Freesia refracta*) and Paperwhite (*Narcissus tazetta*) should contain six stems.

SUCCULENTS IN BLOOM

One stem may be shown with foliage.

FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS

One stem with foliage unless the tree or shrub flowers before coming into leaf.

FOLIAGE PLANTS

Three stems except for Croton, Pittosporum, Schefflera & Eranthemum (*Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum*), which should be one stem. Flowers should be removed.

PLANTS WITH BERRIES

One stem with foliage.

VINES

One flowering stem.

DISH GARDENS AND TERRARIUMS

Maximum of two feet in any dimension. May only be exhibited once in the Garden Club year.

POTTED PLANTS, ORCHIDS AND HANGING PLANTS

Must have been in the exhibitor's possession at least six months.

BLOOMS ONLY NO FOLIAGE NO STEM

Hibiscus, Day Lilies and Passion Flower will be judged in the appropriate category.

DEFINITIONS

Cultivar

A coined term meaning "Cultivated Variety". Forms of plants originated and maintained in cultivation, which when reproduced retain their distinguishing characteristics. Includes most named garden plants; e.g., Petunias "Sugar Daddy", Geranium "Cardinal", Rose "Agrippina".

Collection

A specified number of cut flowers, branches, foliage or potted plants exhibited for cultural perfection. The schedule will indicate the type of collection, how many stems and how it is to be displayed.

PLANT EXCHANGE BENCH RULES

Points are awarded for each item donated, and each cutting in good condition prepared ready for planting, and potted seedlings.

Please name the plants donated and indicate the colour of the flowers.

If you have not brought a donation to the bench, but see something you would like to grow, please do not hesitate to take it. Bring a donation when you have surplus of plants.

POINTS SCALE:

Cuttings.....2

Fruit and Vegetables.....2

Clumps of plants.....3

Bulbs.....2

Potted seedlings in 6 packs.....2

Established potted plants.....5

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Condition.....5

Endemic potted.....5

Plants and seedlings donated will be given points at the bench chairman's discretion.

All donations are much appreciated, but if you are in competition for the Plant Exchange prizes please note the above rules.

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