

Horticulture

HORT SCHEDULE: 2018-2019

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Coffee Can Competition:

Flower arrangements are to be made with flowers from your garden in a one pound coffee can painted matte black (member provides). Arrangement is not to exceed 16 inches in any direction, viewed from three sides. This competition is judged 50% Horticulture and 50% flower arranging excellence.

Not enough flowers in your garden for the coffee can? Feel free to combine your flowers with a garden club friend. Please drop off at the **Wee Burn Beach Club between 8:15am - 9am**. Entry cards are on the GCD website and all flowers must be named. Judging begins promptly at 9:15am.

Dahlia Cut Stem Competition:

Flowers must be from your garden. We will be using the American Dahlia Society guidelines listed below for classification. Please note, class of competition is based on the ADS Dahlia classification, not on the actual size of your entry/flower. For example, if your Dahlia is a AA (Giant) but not over 10 inches in size, it is still entered the the AA Class.

Class Description

AA (Giant), over 10 inches in diameter.

A (Large), over 8 to 10 inches in diameter.

B (Medium), over 6 to 8 inches in diameter.

BB (Small), over 4 to 6 inches in diameter.

M (Miniature), up to 4 inches in diameter.

BA (Ball), over 3.5 inches in diameter.

MB (Miniature Ball), over 2 to 3.5 in. in dia.

P (Pompon), up to 2 inches in diameter.

MS (Mignon Single) up to 2 inches in diameter.

S (Single) over 2 inches in diameter.

Important: check the GCD website under Horticulture downloads “Dahlia Judging Criteria” for key Dahlia competition details.

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Judging begins promptly at 9:15am.

Cuttings for Future Competition:

Coleus cuttings will be handed out at the September meeting for a future competition for those interested.

Shirley Meneice Hort Conference: Longwood Gardens (Amy attending)
September 13-15

Hort Committee “Kick-off & Cocktails”

September 24 @ 6:30pm

Intro Hort Committee gathering with sign-ups for “Hort Helpers” during the year.
Maeve Zamsky’s - 66 Five Mile River Road. Carpool is appreciated.

OCTOBER MEETING**Trough Exhibition: (no contest)**

Bring your succulent troughs to the meeting to simply display the beauty of your arrangements and summer growth.

Bulb Distribution:

A large variety of bulbs will be distributed at meeting to members who ordered them in Spring 2018. Please bring your checkbook and make payment to GCD. Bulbs are for the “Cut Specimens” competitions for the Persephone Flower Show in May.

Sam Bridges Visit (Greenwich):

Tuesday, October 2 @ 10am

To purchase plants to propagate for the Mother/Daughter competition for Persephone Flower Show.

Super Workshop: (In-Club & Persephone Flower Show Competitions)

Thursday, October 25 @ 9:30am

Amy Fraser’s - 76 Arrowhead Way

- Mona Lavender Workshop for Topiary Pruning
- Mother’/Daughter Workshop
- Trained Plant Workshop

NOVEMBER MEETING (with New Canaan)

No Competition

Outside Bulb Planting Workshop:

Tuesday, November 6 @ 9:30am

Maeve Zamsky’s - 66 Five Mile River Road.

DECEMBER MEETING

Christmas Tea: Make sugar cookies with edible flowers (committee project)

Distribute seeds at Christmas Tea to all provisionals and select membership for Persephone competitions.

JANUARY MEETING

No Competition

Workshop for 'Sunray Yellow Hybrid' sunflowers: Kristin Collier's home TBD

FEBRUARY MEETING

Discuss Forced Branch Growing Tips for competition in March

Par Competition:

One submission per entrant to be judged individually against perfection. A par class includes anything that grows - container plants, vegetables, terrariums, bulbs, parent & child, etc...

The entry must be propagated or owned by the exhibitor for at least one year. The entry must be in a clean pot with compatible saucer. Entries need to be in place no later than 9am with a completed entry card.

Succulent Workshop:

Wednesday, February 27 @ 9am

Bring your own succulents indoor or outdoor to arrange in a glass container for the Persephone Flower Show Succulent competition.

Amy Fraser's - 76 Arrowhead Way.

MARCH MEETING

Mona Lavender Competition:

Propagated Mona Lavender grown and shaped into a Topiary design. Placed in an appropriately sized terra cotta pot with compatible saucer. Minimum ownership 6 months.

Forced Branch Competition:

It's easy. Here are the forcing times from the 2014 edition of the Old Farmers Almanac.

4 weeks: Cherry, Crabapple, Lilac, Flowering Quince and Spirea

3 weeks: Deutzia, Flowering Almond, Magnolia

2 weeks: Redbud

1 week: Forsythia

You may enter as many different types of branches as you like; each entry must consist of only one single branch. Containers and wedging materials will be provided. Reminder: Check the GCD website for Forcing Branches guidelines in Horticulture downloads.

APRIL MEETING

Daffodil and Other Spring Flowering Competition:

Please bring in your cut daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Containers and wedging materials will be provided. Please go to the Garden Club of Darien website: <http://gardenclubofdarien.org/hort.html>. Click Horticulture and then look at Downloads to find “Daffodil Classifications” and “Daffodil Entry Card.”

MAY MEETING

No competition
Prep for Flower Show

JUNE MEETING

Annual Rose Competition:

Please bring stems from your garden. We are hoping that if your Rose is beautiful but the leaves are not, you will still enter it, however, two sets of leaves must be present.

Members may only enter one specimen per class of Roses. The following are the classes:

- I. Species Roses**
- II. Old Garden Roses (prior to 1867)**
- III. Hybrid Teas**
- IV. Floribunda and Grandiflora**
- V. Climbing Shrub Roses**
- VI. David Austin Roses**
- VII. Shrub Roses including Knock outs**
- VIII. Miniatures**

Bottles and wedging materials will be provided. Roses must be in place by 9:30am.

