NGC FS Achievement Award # FS-16B

Major NGC Flower Show

The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

Greenwood, Mississippi

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Show Description

The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. hosted “Gracious Gardening, Mississippi”, a Major NGC Flower Show, on June 23, 2018 at the Brandon Civic Center/ Municipal Complex in Brandon, MS. Members from across the state participated. The facility was spacious and well lit.

Horticulture entries (235, 11 Sections) included Club Competition Displays. Exhibits were staged on rectangular and round tables covered with black cloths. Semi-circle tiered black shelves were used to elevate exhibits and add dimension to the overall staging effect. Creative theme staging throughout the show included cut *Magnolia grandiflora* foliage, ferns, gardening hats and gloves, water cans and brightly colored gardening pails.

Design entries (100, 8 Sections) covered a variety of design types including Challenge, Featured Plant Material, Cascade, and Club Competition Floor Designs. Exhibits were staged on rectangular, round and tall cocktail tables covered with black cloths, black pedestals and tiered black wooden risers.

Education Exhibits (7) were staged on rectangular tables covered in black cloths and included subjects related to NGC projects and objectives.

The Botanical Arts Division included: (1) Photography (12) staged on a round table covered with black cloth with exhibits displayed on black niches. (2) Artistic Crafts (12)-Decorated Coffee Cups staged on small black pedestals, Decorated Aprons staged on full size metal mannequins, Decorated Hats staged on metal head mannequins. (3) Botanical Arts Horticulture (12)-Dried Flowers/Foliage displayed on a round table covered with black cloth with semi-circle black tiered risers, Pressed Flowers/Foliage staged on a round table using easels, Seed pods/ heads displayed on round a table using semi-circle black tiered risers. (4) Botanical Arts Design (12)-Wreaths staged on free standing wreath racks, Collages staged on rectangular tables using easels, Topiaries staged on rectangular tables covered with black cloth.

Educational workshops were offered during the show, Crosby Arboretum and Container Gardening.
The following form is to be completed and appear in the Book of Evidence immediately following the Show Description

1. List of sponsoring clubs and/or organizations – if more than one.  
   If space is inadequate, insert separate sheet and so indicate on this form. 
   The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.

2. Number of club members in sponsoring organization/s: 114 Clubs

3. Number of participating members: 34 Clubs

4. Percentage of participating club members: 30%

5. Total number of exhibits in:  
   Horticulture Division: 235  
   Design Division: 100  
   Special Exhibits Division: 57

6. List NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered. Note if any awards not given:  
   Horticulture: 5 Awards of Merit, 1 Arboreal Award, 2 Collector’s Showcase Awards, 1 Grower’s Choice Award, 1 Elfin Award, 1 Award of Horticultural Excellence, 1 Club Competition Award All Awards were placed

   Design: 2 Table Artistry Awards, 4 Designer’s Choice Awards, 1 Petite Award, 1 Award of Design Excellence, 1 Club Competition Award All Awards were placed

   Special Exhibits: 1 Educational Award, 1 Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award, 1 Botanical Arts Design Award, 1 Botanical Arts Horticulture Award, 1 Botanical Arts Photography Award All Awards were placed

7. Source of flower show funding: The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. (Budgeted Amount-Biennially)

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Division I-Horticulture
“Gracious Growing”
Top Exhibitor Award Winners

Award of Merit
Division I, Section A “Plant It Pink”
Class 1
Flowering Annuals
*Begonia ‘Dixon’*

Award of Merit
Division I, Section B “Adopt-A-Park”
Class 14b
Foliage Annuals
*Plectranthus scutellarioides ‘Inky Fingers’*

Award of Merit
Division I, Section C “Church Gardens”
Class 27
Flowering Bulbous Plants
*Hymenocallis liriosme*
Award of Merit
Division I, Section D “Roadside Beautification” Class 41
Flowering Perennials
*Dorotheanthus bellidiformis*

Award of Merit
Division I, Section E “Habitat For Humanity” Class 49
Foliage Perennials
*Colocasia ‘Black Magic’*

Arboreal Award
Division I, Section F “Arbor Day”
Class 71
Arboreal
*Cryptomeria japonica ‘Yoshino’*
AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE

and

Collector’s Showcase Award

Division I, Section G “National Garden Week” Class 96

Displays

Cryptanthus

Cryptanthus Display

Top to Bottom

C. bromelioides x ‘Pink and Bronze’

C. aucaulis

C. bivittatus minor ‘Roseus pictus’

C. ‘Elaine’

C. bivittatus ‘Ruby’

Collector’s Showcase Award

Division I, Section H “Garden Education Center” Class 100

Collections

Aroids

Aroid Collection

Left to Right, Back to Front

Philodendron selloum,

Alocasia ‘Yellow Tail’

Philodendron ‘Low Rider’

Philodendron ‘Xanadu’

Monstera deliciosa

Philodendron ‘Burle Marx’
Grower’s Choice Award
Division I, Section I “Garden Therapy”
Class 112
Container-Grown Specimens
*Begonia* Planter-Left to Right
B. ‘Shawn’s Favorite’, B. ‘Helen Teupel’,
B. ‘Wheel of Fortune’, B. ‘Elaine’

Elfin Award
Division I, Section J “Environmental Concerns” Class 117
Dwarf/Miniature/Naturally Small Growth Arboreal Specimens
*Acer palmatum* ‘Viridis’
Club Competition Award
Division I, Section K “Conservation” Class 126
Displays
*Hosta* Display-Left to Right, Back to Front
Club Competition Award
Division II, Section A “Welcome”
Class 1 “The Door is Always Open”
Floor Design
Staged in foyer of complex on floor

Table Artistry Award # 1
Division II, Section B “Southern Hospitality”
Class 2 “Amen, Pass the Greens”
Functional, Informal Table for Two
Plant Materials: Bells of Ireland, *Chrysanthemum, Hydrangea ‘Limelight’, Dianthus ‘Green Trick’*
Stage on card table furnished by exhibitor
Designer’s Choice Award # 1  
Division II, Section C “Sharing”  
Class 7 “Planning the Planting”  
Low Profile Design  
Staged on black wooden box

Designer’s Choice Award # 2  
Division II, Section D “Caring”  
Class 9 “Spare That Tree”  
Multi-Rhythmic Design  
Plant Materials: Mitsumata, *Hakea Victoria*  
Staged on black pedestal
AWARD OF DESIGN EXCELLENCE
and
Designer’s Choice Award # 3
Division II, Section E “Be Kind to Others”
Class 11 “Be Humble”
Transparency Design
Plant Materials: Gladiolus ‘Emerald Isle’, Strelitzia reginae, Aucuba japonica ‘Mr. Goldstrike’, Cladonia rangiferina, Midilino sticks
Staged on black pedestal

Petite Award
Division II, Section F “It’s the Small Things”
Class 16 “Yes Ma’am”
Petite Tubular Design
Plant Materials: Chrysanthemum, Arborvitae
Staged on black wooden riser
Designer’s Choice Award # 4
Division II, Section G “Gracious Living”
Class 18 “Stay on the Right Path”
Parallel Design
Plant Materials: *Gladiolus, Strelitzia reginae* foliage, Lemon Leaf (Salal)
Staged on rectangular table

Table Artistry Award # 2
Division II, Section H “Celebrating Life”
Class 20 “Weddings”
Plant Materials: *Gladiolus, Lilium, Fat-sia japonica*, Bells of Ireland
Staged on rectangular table
Division III-Education
“Gracious Knowing”
Top Exhibitor Award Winner

Educational Award
“Gracious Knowing”
Division III, Section A Education Exhibits
Exhibit 9
“Plant America”
Staged on rectangular table

Division IV Botanical Arts “Gracious Glowing” Top Exhibitor Award Winners

Botanical Arts Photography Award
Division IV, Section, A “A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”
Class 2 “Garden Enhancements”
Garden Sculpture or Ornament
Staged on black niche on round table
Botanical Arts Artistic Craft Award
Division IV, Section B “Good Times are Meant to Share”
Class 2 “Come Sit a Spell”
Decorated Apron
Plant Materials: Hydrangea macrophylla
Staged on metal mannequin

Botanical Arts Horticulture Award
Division IV, Section C “Mother’s Memories”
Class 2 “Preserving the Past”
Pressed Flowers/Foliage
Plant Materials: Daucus carota, Sorghum halepense, Rudbeckia maxima, Verbena bonariensis, Thelypteris kunthii
Staged on easel on round table

Botanical Arts Design Award
Division IV, Section D “Enhancing the Experience”
Class 2 “Harmony”
Collage
Plant Materials: Hydrangea macrophylla, Nandina domestica, Rosa hybrida
Staged on easel on rectangular table
Staging

Entrance to complex with welcome sign and iron coffee cup with fern

Gardening vignette welcomed guests

Colorful signage utilizing the show logo was used throughout to carry out the show’s theme
Gardening hats, gloves and watering cans with *Magnolia grandiflora* foliage were used to designate Divisions and Sections.

Rectangular and round tables covered with black cloths were used to stage horticulture exhibits.

Semi-circle tiered risers added interest to the exhibits.
Examples of overall Horticulture Staging

Rectangular tables covered with black cloths were used to stage Education Exhibits

Examples of Botanical Arts Horticulture and Botanical Arts Design Staging
Photography Exhibits were staged on a round table covered with black cloth and exhibits were mounted on black niches for ease of viewing and judging.

Artistic Craft Exhibits were creatively staged: Coffee Cups were staged on small black pedestals, Aprons were staged on metal full size mannequins and Hats were staged on metal head mannequins.
Various staging was used in the Design Division, including Astro Turf for Alfresco designs, wooden racks to elevate Petite Designs, different size pedestals to showcase certain design types and wooden low cubes for Low-Profile Designs.
STATEWIDE FLOWER SHOW IN BRANDON ON JUNE 23 - The public is invited to a free, statewide flower show sponsored by The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. on Saturday, June 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Brandon Civic Center/Municipal Complex. The show’s theme is “Gracious Gardening, Mississippi.” Brandon Garden Club is responsible for staging and properties. Garden club members from all across Mississippi will participate in this advanced standard flower show. The show will include entries in design, horticulture, photography, educational displays, and artistic crafts. Free workshops will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. Propagation and horticulture will be presented by MSU Professor Dr. Richard Harkess, and native plants in the landscape will be presented by Pat Drackett with Crosby Arboretum. The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. is federated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Pictured (l to r): Suzanne Ross, Brandon Garden Club President; Carol Bullard and Debby Cooper, Flower Show Co-Chairs; and Charla Jordan, Publicity Chair and Photographer. For further details, please contact Co-Chair Debby Cooper, 662-299-8573.