

2007 HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS
UPDATES
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For clarification of the **Award of Merit**, the information in **Handbook p.43** should read:

2. Award of Merit, Section Award
 - a. *no changes*
 - b. *no changes*
 - c. Classes in each eligible section must share: 1) some physical quality, e.g. flowering, foliage, miniature and 2) some growing condition/life cycle, e.g. annual, perennial, biennial, bulb, vine, vegetables/fruits/nuts; OR 3) one genus (Hemerocallis, Hosta, Rosa). Being a cut specimen is not a sufficient shared quality. Exhibits within a section must be judged on the same scale of points.
 - d. *no changes*

Bromeliads and other plants with colorful bracts (which really are modified leaves and not flowers) are popular horticulture subjects. In order to create uniformity in judging and teaching, it is necessary to change the title of the **Scale of Points (p.298)** from ***“Flowering Specimens”*** to ***“Flowering Specimens or Specimens with Colorful Bracts”***.

p 126 – Bromeliad

- C. should read - **Classes may be listed for blooming plants, non-blooming plants, terrestrial plants in containers, epiphytic mounted specimens, solitary types and clustering or as cut specimens. Binomial or genus and cultivar required.**
- D. Judging considerations.
 4. Delete and change to read - **Plants are to be exhibited as either foliage plants (Foliage Scale of Points) or flowering/bracts showing (Flowering Specimens or Specimens with Colorful Bracts Scale of Points).**

p 146 – Poinsettia- top of page

- C. 1. change to read – **Even though the flowers are insignificant, poinsettias are judged by the ‘Flowering Specimens or Specimens with Colorful Bracts Scale of Points.**