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**FERGUS  
& DISTRICT  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY**

**2026**

## **Show Schedules & Rules**

**for May, June and September**

**Show Chair** – Kathy Bouma 519.843.7703  
[kebouma@gmail.com](mailto:kebouma@gmail.com)

**Show Committee** – Karen Boivin, Larry Broome,  
Meg Walsh, Wendy & Allan Jamieson

**Board Representative** – Kathy Bouma

## **General Rules for Horticulture & Design Shows**

1. Adult competitions are open to all paid members of the Fergus & District Horticultural Society over the age of 16.
2. All entries must be placed on the day of the Flower Show between 4:30 – 5:45 pm at the Fergus Legion, (River Side Events) 500 Blair St., Fergus.
3. All flowers and vegetables must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. For the design classes, material need not be grown by the exhibitor but fresh garden flowers and greenery are to be used unless otherwise stated.
5. Exhibitors may make only 1 entry in each class and are responsible for their placement.
6. If 2 exhibitors sharing a garden wish to compete in the same horticultural class, they must enter different varieties.
7. Entry tags are available at the meeting prior to the show or from the Show Chairperson and must be placed with the entry and be clearly visible.
8. Exhibitors should include on the entry tag the botanical name (genus and species) or the common name/variety of all specimens where possible.
9. Exhibitors must supply their own containers and white paper plates for fruit and vegetable classes.
10. All designs must be the sole work of the Exhibitor.
11. For the purpose of the Design Classes, a Novice is a person who enters a competition for the first time and may place entries in the Novice Design classes for two years. Please place your entry in the correct section of the design classes.
12. An Exhibitor must have had a house plant in his or her care for 3 months before the show.
13. The show will be closed to all persons except for the Show Committee and clerks while exhibits are being judged.
14. No exhibit will be entitled to a prize unless it possesses merit, and no award will be made to an unworthy exhibit, even if it is the only entry in the class.
15. Judges decisions in all cases will be final.
16. Society Officers reserve the right to adjust the prize amount shown in the Yearbook prior to judging.

17. The Society will not be held responsible for the loss or damage to any exhibit or container.
18. Exhibits must not be moved until the show is declared closed.
19. Judging will be conducted according to the Second Edition OJES 2019 Horticultural Judging Standards, Publication #34/2993 OMAFRA which may be obtained for \$12.00 from show chair, Kathy Bouma (519.843.7703)

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**Horticultural Prizes**

	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>
1st place	3 points	\$3.00
2nd place	2 points	\$2.00
3rd place	1 points	\$1.00

**Design Prizes**

	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>
1st place	10 points	\$10.00
2nd place	8 points	\$8.00
3rd place	6 points	\$6.00

**Photo Prizes**

	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>
1st place	3 points	\$3.00
2nd place	2 points	\$2.00
3rd place	1 points	\$1.00

## How to Complete The Entry Tag

**Class** is the number of the exhibit shown in the show schedule



**Section** is the letter shown in the schedule



**Article** is the name of your species (Latin if you know it—it helps the judge and may contribute to your points)



**Name and Address** please



Make sure you **sign** your entry



<h1>Entry Tag</h1>	
CLASS	H30
SECTION	C
ARTICLE	Hyacinth 1 stem
<i>Keep Exhibitors Name &amp; No. Covered Until After Judging. insert flap here</i>	
EXHIBITOR'S NO.	YR 16
NAME	Ima Gardener
ADDRESS	Milton
fold back after judging	
Ima Gardener	
EXHIBITOR MUST SIGN IN ABOVE SPACE	
<i>Nothers 323 Horton St., London, Ontario (519) 663-9440 Fax: 663-0909</i>	

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## ***PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION***

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One digital photo may be submitted in each class by email to FergusHorticulture@gmail.com

Subject line: **Photo Competition**.

When submitting your photography, please include your name, your exhibitor number, (if you know it) class number/title.

If you are given a choice, select the largest file size for your photo.

Photography must be taken in 2025 or 2026. Images must be original and recorded in a digital format.

If fewer than 3 entries are submitted for a category, the prize awarded will be at the Judge's discretion.

All 3 photography competitions will be judged in the fall.



### **Division 1: Horticulture**

#### **Section A: Bulbs**

- Class 1      Tulip – 1 bloom, single
- Class 2      Tulip – 1 bloom, double
- Class 3      Tulip – 5 stems
- Class 4      Narcissus (Daffodil) – any kind – 1 stem
- Class 5      Muscari (Grape Hyacinth) –3 stems

#### **Section B: Flowers**

- Class 6      Flowering Spring perennial – 1 stem
- Class 7      Primrose – 3 stems
- Class 8      Flowering branch –1 branch, not to exceed 24" in height from the table (no flowering vines)
- Class 9      Spring flowers – 3 different species, not listed in this division (named if known)
- Class 10      Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) – 1 stem
- Class 11      House Plant – Blooming
- Class 12      House Plant – Not grown for blooms

#### **Section C: Fruits and Vegetables**

- Class 13      Rhubarb – 2 stalks (pulled, not cut, leave sheath on,) cut leaf in a 1" triangle)

## **Division 2: Design**

### **Section A: Novice (less than 2 years of showing)**

Class 14 **Spring Delight** – small all-around design,  
Maximum 10" in all directions

Class 15 **All Alone** - one large, or several small blooms,  
grouped tightly together to form a focal point

### **Section B: Experienced**

Class 16 **Spring Horizon** – parallel design

Class 17 **Grand Expectations** - your interpretation

Class 18 **All Alone** – one large, or several small blooms,  
grouped tightly together to form a focal point

## **Division 3: Photography - Digital**

Class 19 **Spring Blossoms**

Class 20 **Birdhouse(s)**-any kind ready for new residents

Deadline for submission: May 27 at 23:59.

**See Page 5 for sending in submissions**

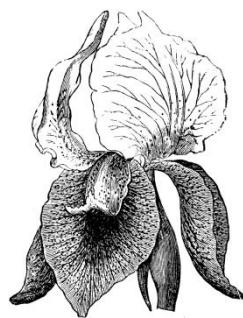
### **Special Award for May**

**Pioneer Trophy** – Rienk and Roberta Vlietstra donated this trophy for the annual award for the “Best in Show” exhibitor in the May Show.

**Division 1: Horticulture**

**Section A: Iris**

Class 1 1 stalk, any colour or species



**Section B: Peonies**

Class 2 1 bloom – double  
Class 3 1 bloom – single  
Class 4 3 blooms – your choice  
Class 5 1 bloom floating in water

**Section C: Roses**

Class 6 1 bloom or spray – miniature  
Class 7 1 spray – Rugosa  
Class 8 1 spray – Floribunda  
Class 9 1 bloom – Hybrid Tea

**Section D: Miscellaneous**

Class 10 Alliums – 1 bloom  
Class 11 Aquilegia (Columbine) – 1 stem  
Class 12 Delphinium – 1 stem  
Class 13 Dianthus Barbatus (Sweet William) – 3 stems  
Class 14 Dianthus (any other variety) – 3 stems  
Class 15 Geranium (perennial) – 3 stems  
Class 16 Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 stems  
Class 17 Hemerocallis (Daylily) – 1 stem  
Class 18 Lupin – 1 stem  
Class 19 Perennial/biennial (not listed above) – 1 stem  
Class 20 Poppy – 1 stem  
Class 21 Collection of 5 flowering stems –different species  
– 1 container, named  
Class 22 Foliage – 3 different species  
Class 23 Fern Fronds - 3 different species  
Class 24 Flowering tree/shrub (no flowering vines) – 1  
branch max 24" from the tabletop

## **Section E: Fruits and Vegetables**

Class 25 Rhubarb – 2 stalks (pulled, not cut, leave sheath on, cut leaf in a 1" triangle)  
Class 26 Fruit or Vegetable – 3 same species

## **Division 2: Design**

### **Section A: Novice (less than 2 years of showing)**

Class 27 **Father's Day** – using a tool in the design  
Class 28 **Oh! So Tiny, so Pretty** – a miniature design (not to exceed 12.7 cm (5") in every direction)

### **Section B: Experienced**

Class 29 **Father's Day** – using a tool in the design  
Class 30 **Oh! So Tiny, so Pretty** – a miniature design (not to exceed 12.7 cm (5") in every direction)  
Class 31 **Wind in the Willows** – foliage design

## **Division 3: Photography - Digital**

Class 32 **Peonies, peonies, peonies!**  
Class 33 **Abandoned building(s) with flowers**

Deadline for submission June 24, at 23:59

**See Page 5 for sending in submissions**

## **Special June Awards**

**Mabel Reid Memorial Trophy**  
**Rose Bowl Trophy**

## **Division 1: Horticulture**

### **Section A: Flowers**



- Class 1 Anemone – 1 stem
- Class 2 Aster, perennial – 1 spray
- Class 3 Coleus foliage – 1 stem
- Class 4 Dahlia – any colour, under 10.3 cm/4" – 1 stem
- Class 5 Dahlia – any colour, over 10.3 cm/4" – 1 stem
- Class 6 Hydrangea – Arborescens (Annabelle)
- Class 7 Hydrangea – any other variety, named
- Class 8 Phlox, paniculata (Summer Phlox) – 1 stem
- Class 9 Rose – 1 bloom
- Class 10 Rose – 1 spray
- Class 11 Sedum – 3 stems
- Class 12 Echinacea/Rudbeckia – 1 stem
- Class 13 Ornamental grass – 3 stems, different species
- Class 14 Flowering Branch – 1 branch not to exceed 24"
- Class 15 Any annual, 3 different species – 1 stem each
- Class 16 Any perennial – not listed above, 1 stem

### **Section B: Vegetables & Fruits**

- Class 17 Tomato, mini, ripe – 5
- Class 18 Tomato, red – 2
- Class 19 Garlic – 2
- Class 20 Vegetable – not listed above, 1 large, 2 medium or 4 small
- Class 21 Fruit – 1 large, 2 medium or 4 Small
- Class 22 Collection – minimum 4 fruits and/or vegetables, 2 of each, exhibited for cultural perfection

## **Division 2: Design**

### **Section A: Novice (less than 2 years of showing)**

- Class 23    **Giving Thanks** – a thanksgiving table centrepiece
- Class 24    **“Autumn” Fall colours** – Vertical Design

### **Section B: Experienced**

- Class 25    **Giving Thanks** – a thanksgiving table centrepiece
- Class 26    **“Autumn” Fall colours** – Vertical Design
- Class 27    **Niche Niche** – an arrangement inside a container and fills 2/3 to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the space   OJES pg. 146

## **Division 3: Photography - Digital**

- Class 28    **Rows of items**
- Class 29    **Close to Home** – a garden view

Deadline for submission September 23, 23:59 pm

**See Page 5 for sending in submissions**

## **Special Awards for the September Show**

**Champion Dahlia Award**

**Harry Conklin Rose Award**

**Champion Echinacea/Rudbeckia Award**

**John Carter Trophy**

## Ontario Judging Standards Information

Judging is in accordance with the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards 2019. Substandard entries may not necessarily be awarded prizes.

These are a few of the definitions and helpful information to be found in *The Ontario Judging Standards for Horticultural & Floral Design*, which may be obtained at our monthly meetings for \$10.00.

### **Definitions**

**Accessory** – An object used in a subordinate manner to enhance a design. An accessory may be made of non-plant material, or plant-based material. A design incorporating an accessory should appear incomplete if the accessory is removed (Pg 129 Publ#34/2019)

**Bloom** – an individual flower, one to a stem. Specimen blooms should be disbudded for exhibition purposes. No leaves unless attached.

**Bud** – An undeveloped growing point which may become a shoot, leaf, or flower.

**Collection** – A specified number of different cut flowers, foliage, potted plants, branches, fruits, vegetables, or nuts, exhibited for cultural perfection. Individual items in the collection should be named.

**Container** – Any receptacle for plant material. In design classes, it becomes an integral part of the design.

**Display** – A combination of cut flowers, potted plants, cut foliage, herbs, branches, fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc., exhibited for artistic effect as well as cultural perfection. The schedule should state the nature of the display including the numbers of specimens required, the type of container(s) and the space allotted.

**Specimen** – An individual exhibit in a show, eg. fruit, cut bloom, etc.

**Spike** – An upright stem carrying several flowers which are nearly stemless, e.g., *Gladiolus*, *Liatris*.

**Spray** – The terminal flowering growth of an herbaceous or woody plant carried on one stem. Ideally it would show all stages of development. e.g., flowers in bloom, buds showing colour, green buds and leaves.

**Stalk**– The stem or main axis of a plant; any supporting or connecting part of a plant, as the petiole of a leaf, the peduncle of the flower, or the funicle of an ovule.

### **Iris Terminology**

The **standards** are the upright top three inner petals.

The **falls** are the lower three petals.

The **beards** are the fuzzy caterpillar-like hairs on the falls.

### **Bloom Colour Categories**

**Bi-tone** – Term used to describe shades of one colour in a flower

**Bi-colour** – is usually two distinct colours, one on the standard and a different colour on the falls.

**Plicatas** (mixed colours) has petals that are stitched or stippled or banded margin colour over a lighter ground colour

### **Floral Design**

**Design** – a combination of fresh and/or dried plant materials, with or without other objects arranged to create an artistic unit. The elements of design: space, line, form, colour, texture and pattern and are used to interpret the theme.

**Foliage Design** – A design in which foliage predominates.

**Mechanics** – Devices for holding or supporting plant material such as pin holders, chicken wire, florist's wire, aqua picks, tape, oasis, etc. Mechanics should not be visible.

**Miniature** – A design with maximum dimensions no more than 12.7 cm(5") in height, width and depth including any container, base and/or accessories.

**Parallel Design** – A design in which three or more groupings are placed in a parallel manner with open spaces between the groupings. The parallel direction may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. The design is in one container or in containers combined so as to appear as one unit.

**Vertical** – a design in which components are arranged on an axis perpendicular to the horizon.

## **Spring 2026 District 7 Flower Show - April 25, 2026**

Moorefield Community Centre, 15 Ball Avenue, Moorefield N0G 2K0

Entries must be placed from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

### **Division 1 – Horticulture\***

**Points- 1<sup>st</sup>-6, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4, 3<sup>rd</sup> -2**

**Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$3, 3<sup>rd</sup> -\$1**

Class 1. **Hellebore/Helleborus** - 1 stem/spray

Class 2. **Any Spring Flowering Bulb** - 1 stem/spray, named

Class 3. **Flowering Branch**\*\* – max. 75 cm (30 inches) including container, named

Class 4. **House Plant, Cacti/Succulent**, 1 pot – under 20.3 cm (8 inches) in diameter

Class 5. **Bedding Plants** – cell pack, one cultivar, grown from seed, named (min. 4 plants)

**Most Points in Horticulture- Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society - \$10.00**

### **Division 2 - Design:**

**Points- 1<sup>st</sup>-8, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6, 3<sup>rd</sup> -4**

**Prizes- 1<sup>st</sup>-\$7, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$5, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$3**

Class 6. **Tendrils** – a small design\*\*\*

Class 7. **April Showers** – a water-viewing design\*\*\*\*

Class 8. **Spring is Busting Out all Over**– your interpretation

Class 9. **Mother's Day** – Design in a teacup

Class 10. **NOVICE ONLY**\*\*\*\*\* First Try (or Second Try) – **Spring bouquet**

**Judge's Choice - Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society- \$10.00**

\* Two entries per class are permitted in Horticultural division only but must be from different cultivars. House plants and garden plants must have been cared for by exhibitor for at least three (3) months or have been grown from seed or a cutting by exhibitor. Judging in accordance

with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, 2019. Substandard entries may not necessarily receive a prize.

\*\* Branch can be forced

**\*\*\* Small Design:** A design from 14cm to 25.4 cm (5.5 inches to 10 inches) and which must not exceed 25.4cm (10 inches) in height, width, and depth, including any container, base, and/or accessories.  
(page 150, OJES 2019)

**\*\*\*\* Water-viewing Design** –a traditional line design, adapted in Canada in the 1960's, with a dominant line of plant material and great use of space in a shallow container with ½ to 2/3 of the container surface showing water. (Page 156, OJES 2019)

**\*\*\*\*\* NOVICE ONLY – less than 2 years design experience showing.**

**District 7 Fall Meeting – October 17, 2026**

**Fall Flower Show – Wellington County Museum & Archives,  
Aboyne Hall, Fergus**

Hosted by Hillsburgh Garden Club and Erin Garden Club

Show Schedule to be provided in District 7 Newsletter or ask your Society Board in September.