

Living with the Natives!



"Gardens are where people and the land come together in the most inspiring way"—Robert Rodale
Native plants (also called indigenous plants) are plants that have evolved over thousands of years in a particular region. They have adapted to the geography, hydrology, and climate of that region. Native plants occur in communities, that is, they have evolved together with other plants. As a result, a community of native plants provides habitat for a variety of native wildlife species such as songbirds and butterflies.

A Small Standard Flower Show celebrating our garden of native plants.

Free and Open to the Public from Noon to 4:30 pm

Saturday, August 30, 2008, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI

Sponsored by the Ann Arbor Garden Club with Bonnie Ion as our President.

SCHEDULE FOR ENTRIES

Division I – Horticulture – Natives all about!

Call: Patrick Ion 734-769-2015

Section A. Annuals & Perennials

Grown for bloom

- Class 1. Cut annuals
- Class 2. Cut perennials
- Class 3. Potted annuals or perennials

Section B. Potted or Not

Grown for foliage or flowers

- Class 4. Grasses, cut or potted
- Class 5. Indoor potted foliage plants
- Class 6. Indoor potted flowering plants

Section C. Our Trees

Show several growth nodes. Min 15"/max 30" size

- Class 7. Coned branches
- Class 8. Berried branches
- Class 9. Any other branches

Section D. Vegetables and Such

1 large (over 6 inches) or 3 uniform specimens

- Class 10. Tomatoes and other fruits
- Class 11. Vegetables
- Class 12. Herbs
- Class 13. Any other specimen

Section E. "Living Geranium" Class 14 AAGC ALFA COLLEY CHALLENGE A design to include a potted geranium (pot de fleur), can add any other living material. One specimen per AAGC member. **\$25 Prize**

Division II – Design – Consider Growing Native

PLEASE Pre-Register by August 15, 2008

Class 1- Our future flies on the wings of pollinators A design staged on a 3' x 3' floor space to be viewed from all sides, min 4 ft in height, may be taller.

Class 2 Without trees there would be no life on this planet Design staged on a table space 24" wide x 30", black underlay provided. May provide own backdrop.

Class 3. Color Me Garden. Small (8" maximum dimension) design. All design elements to fit inside a 8" cube. Staged to fit on a white doily on an elevated display to be seen from all sides. (Don't have to use doily...)

Class 4. Is Herb coming for lunch? Lunch for two, *al fresco*, in the garden on designer's table no larger than 36" sq or round. Please let us know if you need us to provide a cardtable for you.

Class 5. Tiptoe under the Arborvite. Exhibition table design, either Type I or Type II on a table space 24" x 30", black underlay provided. May provide own backdrop.

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2007 FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

General Chairman	Marie Smith	mhsrhs@aol.com	734-429-7941
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Design Chairman	Bonnie Ion	bion@umich.edu	734-769-2015
Horticulture Chair	Patrick Ion	pion@umich.edu	734-769-2015
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TOP AWARDS

Best in Show = 2 total: All Horticulture Sections and All Design Sections

Sweepstakes = 2 total: Most ribbons & points in Horticulture and most ribbons and points in Design

People's Choice = 2 total: Visitors will vote on their favorite Horticulture and their favorite Design

Alfa Colley Award = eligibility limited to Class 14 AAGC Challenge class **\$25 Prize**

GENERAL RULES

- All garden club and non-garden club members are invited to enter this Small Standard Flower Show
- Entries to be accepted only from 6 – 8 pm on Friday, August 29, 2008, in the auditorium of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Entries cannot be removed before 4:30 pm on August 30, 2008, and must be removed by 6 pm
- ALL DESIGN ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST, SOME PLANT MATERIAL.**
- No artificial flowers or plants allowed.** Cut fruit **IS NOT** allowed.
- Judging will begin at 10 am on Saturday, August 30, 2008. Judges will be National Council Flower Show Judges. All decisions of the judges will be final.
- AWARD RULES.** The Standard System of awarding will be used in each class or subclass. Blue ribbon scores 90 or above, Red ribbon scores 85 or above, Yellow ribbon scores 80 or above, Red ribbon scores 85 or above, White ribbons score 75 or above. ** Ribbons awarded as merited.
- HORTICULTURE ENTRIES**
 - Each exhibit must consist of only one type of fresh cultivar unless otherwise stated
 - Must have been grown by the exhibitor and be presented clean and properly conditioned.
 - Shall be no longer than 36 inches tall or 24 inches wide. Double potting is allowed.
 - Entry cards filled out by the exhibitor at time of entry including common & botanical names**
 - Entries found to have diseases or insects or deemed unacceptable by the Horticulture Chairman will not be accepted for placement in the Flower Show.
 - Exhibitors may enter many entries in each class if entries are different varieties or colors
 - Classes will be subdivided as deemed necessary by the Classification Chairman
 - Cut specimens are shown as one stem with attached foliage. **No foliage below water line.**
- DESIGN ENTRIES**
 - ADVANCED ENTRY IS REQUIRED IN ALL DESIGN CLASSES**
 - August 15, 2008 is the deadline to register. Call Bonnie Ion, 734-769-2015. Once you have signed up, we are counting on your design. Arrange for a replacement if you cannot attend.
 - Only one entry per person is allowed in any one Design class.
 - Designs to be the work of one exhibitor and contain some plant material. Use fresh and/or dried treated material; **No artificial plant materials are allowed**
 - Cut fruit **IS NOT** allowed.
 - 3x5 card, neatly typed or printed, naming the plant material used should accompany each exhibit and may include a short explanation of the design.**