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The Garden Clubs of Ontario Virtual Triennial Flower Show 2022, is called *Our Changing Climate*, acknowledging our concerns about global warming and the threats to our planet it creates.

Warmer temperatures are expected to result in a higher frequency of severe weather events. Perhaps not surprisingly, 2021 brought Canadians windstorms, devastating flooding, intense drought, heat domes, wildfires and smoke chokes. We need to reverse this pattern and create a more sustainable environment.

Flower arrangers and horticulturalists everywhere recognize that too many of our practices are not sustainable. For example, the use of floral foam is being abandoned in floristry because it is not biodegradable.

Our flower show challenges us to change and help to create a more livable future by using more sustainable mechanics and practices. For this reason, our rules state that this show will be floral foam free. Sustainable mechanics are hard to define but, at this time, using wire, kenzans, branches, moss, sand and other creative techniques are encouraged in its stead. Make this your personal challenge and join us in fighting global warming.

Margaret Taylor, Chair,
GCO Virtual Triennial Flower Show 2022



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Pre-registration opens – Design & Special Exhibit Divisions:	March 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. (EST)
Entries - All Divisions:	April 1 – May 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. (EST)
Judging:	May 16 – 23, 2022
Available for Viewing on GCO Website:	May 30, 2022

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AWARDS

Awards will be First, Second, Third. Honourable Mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Division 1 – Design

Section A:	Classes 101 - 108	
	<i>Barbara Laking Memorial Award</i>	Best Design
	<i>Triennial Flower Show Miniature Award*</i>	Best Miniature Design
	<i>The Garden Clubs of Ontario Award*</i>	Judges' Choice Design
	<i>Beth Frost Award for Colour</i>	Best Use of Colour
	<i>Judges' Council Novice Award</i>	For the distinctive design by a GCO member who has not previously won a 1 st place ribbon in a design class at a GCO Triennial Show. GCO Design Judges are ineligible.
Section B	Classes 109 - 110	
	<i>Triennial Flower Show Open Class Award*</i>	Best Design
	<i>Triennial Flower Show Open Class Award</i>	Judges' Choice Design
Section C:	Class 111	
	<i>Triennial Flower Show Collage Award</i>	Best Design
Section E:	Classes 113 - 114	
	<i>Triennial Flower Show International Award</i>	Best Design
	<i>Triennial Flower Show International Award</i>	Judges' Choice Design

Division 2 – Horticulture

Classes 1 - 12	
<i>Judges' Council Award</i>	Best Exhibit
<i>The Garden Clubs of Ontario Award*</i>	Judges' Choice Exhibit
<i>Flora Frid Award</i>	Most points in Division

Division 3 – Special Exhibits

Classes 13 - 14	
<i>Judges' Council Award</i>	Best Exhibit

* We gratefully acknowledge Mark and Ben Cullen for their contribution to these awards.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitor eligibility is indicated in each division.
2. All times are shown in Eastern Standard Time (EST).
3. All measurements are given in metric. Inches are given approximately.
4. Plants of endangered and threatened species are strictly forbidden. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure none of these plants are on exhibit. Canadian exhibitors should refer to The Species at Risk Public Registry for determining this designation. See <https://species-registry.canada.ca> and <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario>.
5. Judging will be in accordance with the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture (OJES), 2019 Edition. The decision of the judge(s) will be final. Awards may be withheld if, in the opinion of the judge(s), no exhibit is worthy.
6. All entries shall be judged by designated teams of judges, none of whom are permitted to enter any class they are judging.
7. Exhibitors may not share photographs of their entries on social media prior to May 30th, 2022.
8. For clarification of the schedule, contact the class or section convenor who will contact the appropriate schedule writer(s) if required.
9. Pre-registration is required in all classes in Division 1 (Design) and Division 3 (Special Exhibits) and will be accepted commencing March 1st, 2022, 9:00 a.m. EST. Entry submissions in these divisions cannot be accepted unless pre-registered. Pre-registration is not required in Division 2 (Horticulture).
10. Entry submissions will be accepted commencing April 1st, 2022, 9:00 a.m. EST. All entries must be submitted to the appropriate convenor by email no later than 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 9th, 2022.
11. One email per entry (class) submission. Each entry must be submitted by separate email (i.e. 3 entries means 3 separate emails) and include a completed entry form. Email submissions should indicate the exhibitor's name and the class number in the subject line.
12. Exhibitors agree to have their entry published by The Garden Clubs of Ontario on social media and/or in print media and be named. Photographs will not be used for advertising or marketing purposes.
13. Entry submissions must include the required number of photographs (viewpoints as indicated) and a completed Entry Form. The exhibit must be in focus, no fuzzy images. Writing (i.e. name, date stamp etc.) is not permitted on the photograph(s). Photographs should be sent in high resolution (original/actual/full). Photographs may be cropped but not otherwise altered.

RULES & REGULATIONS: DIVISION 1 - DESIGN

1. Novice designation must be declared when registering as well as on the entry form. A Novice is an Exhibitor who has never won a first place ribbon in a Garden Clubs of Ontario Triennial Show. GCO accredited Design Judges are not deemed to be novices. Only GCO members are eligible for the Novice Award.
2. Exhibitors must pre-register with the class convenor. Pre-registrations will be accepted commencing March 1st, 2022, 9:00 a.m. EST. A waiting list will be maintained. Entry submissions cannot be accepted unless pre-registered.
3. Exhibitors may enter any number of classes but may have only one entry per class. Exhibitor eligibility is indicated in each section.
Note: Section A design classes, #101-108, are limited to five (5) entries per class.
Sections B – E design classes, #109-114, are limited to twelve (12) entries per class.
4. All designs must be the original work of the exhibitor and not previously exhibited.
5. **The use of floral foam is strictly prohibited.** Sustainable mechanics using wire, kenzans, branches, moss, sand and other creative techniques are permitted.
6. Exhibitors may submit only one (1) front facing photograph per entry except in Classes 102 and 103 (miniature designs) where two (2) photographs are required to be submitted. The entire design including any stand or support is to be visible.
7. The judges' comments will be sent to all competitors in each class but will not be published.
8. The following International Flower Show Rules, World Association of Floral Artists (WAFA), will apply:
 - a) An exhibit is made of plant material, with or without accessories, within a space specified in the Show Schedule.
 - b) Plant material must predominate over all other components of the exhibit.
 - c) The use of artificial plant material is forbidden unless stated in the regulations.
 - d) Fresh plant material must be in water or water-retaining material unless such material remains turgid throughout the event.
 - e) Painted and/or artificially coloured plant material may be used unless otherwise stated in the regulations.

DIVISION 1 - DESIGN

SECTION A

Open to members of The Garden Clubs of Ontario.

Limited to five (5) entries per class. Entries to be staged by the exhibitor.

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| Class 101 | Heat Wave | A design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
<i>Convenor: Jan Middleton janm Middleton17@icloud.com</i> |
| Class 102 | Frost Bite | A miniature design using primarily fresh plant material.
Design not to exceed 12.7 cm (5") in height, width and depth including container, base and/or accessories.
<i>Note: Two (2) photos required. A ruler should be included in the second photograph to show the dimensions.</i>
<i>Convenor: Joyce Johnson joycejohnson@rogers.com</i> |
| Class 103 | Hot, Hot, Hot | A miniature design using dried and/or preserved plant material.
Design not to exceed 12.7 cm (5") in height, width and depth including container, base and/or accessories.
<i>Note: Two (2) photos required. A ruler should be included in the second photograph to show the dimensions.</i>
<i>Convenor: Angelique Ellerton angelellerton@gmail.com</i> |
| Class 104 | Endangered Wild Life | A Type II Exhibition Table design.
Space allotted: 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
<i>Convenor: Sandy Wilson wilson63@rogers.com</i> |
| Class 105 | Landslide | A design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
<i>Convenor: Pat Ware warepat@icloud.com</i> |
| Class 106 | Desert | An abstract design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
<i>Convenor: Donalda Kelk kelkdonalda@gmail.com</i> |
| Class 107 | Energy | A design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited
<i>Convenor: Lynne Schmidt lynneschmidt22@gmail.com</i> |
| Class 108 | Upcycle | A necklace,
designed to include materials that previously had a different use.
Design not to exceed 61 cm by 61 cm (24" x 24")
<i>Convenor: Elizabeth Pigott epigott1@cogeco.ca</i> |

SECTION B **Open to members of all Garden Clubs and Horticulture Societies in Canada with the exception of The Garden Clubs of Ontario.**
Limited to twelve (12) entries per class. Entries to be staged by the exhibitor.

Class 109 Flash Flood An underwater design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
Convenor: Anne Harbord anneclark.flowers@gmail.com

Class 110 Manipulated A foliage design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
Convenor: Claudette Smith smithclaudette@gmail.com

SECTION C **Open to members of all Garden Clubs and Horticulture Societies in Canada.**
Limited to twelve (12) entries. Entries to be staged by the exhibitor.

Class 111 After the Storm A collage (see definition on page 13),
minimum size 38 cm x 38 cm (15" x 15"),
maximum size 61 cm x 61 cm (24" x 24").
Note: The collage is to be hung when photographed.
Convenor: Irina Code irina.code@gmail.com

SECTION D **Open to members of a school of Ikebana in Ontario, Canada.**
This class will not be judged but is intended to showcase this design style.
Limited to twelve (12) entries. Entries to be staged by the exhibitor.

Class 112 Wildfire An Ikebana arrangement,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
Convenor: Sue Clarkson sueclarkson@gmail.com

SECTION E **Open to members of a Garden Club belonging to the World Association of Floral Artists (WAFA) with the exception of The Garden Clubs of Ontario.**
Limited to twelve (12) entries per class. Entries to be staged by the exhibitor.

Class 113 Tornado A design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
Convenor: Sue Schaal schaal@sympatico.ca

CLASS 114 Global Warming A design,
not to exceed 76 cm x 76 cm (30" x 30"), height unlimited.
Convenor: Barbara Bedell bbedell7@gmail.com

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
DIVISION 2 - HORTICULTURE & DIVISION 3 - SPECIAL EXHIBITS

1. Competition is open to all members in good standing of The Garden Clubs of Ontario and students enrolled in the Royal Botanical Gardens 6th School for Horticultural Judges, Instructors & Exhibitors.
2. Photographs of exhibits must be taken between April 1st and May 8th, 2022. Entry submissions may be made at any time during that period. The deadline for submissions is May 9th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EST.
3. Only entries with two (2) photographs, each taken from the required viewpoint, will be accepted. Photographs may be cropped but not otherwise altered.

RULES & REGULATIONS: DIVISION 2 - HORTICULTURE

1. Each exhibitor may submit one (1) entry per class with a maximum of five (5) entries in total in the Horticulture Division.
2. All exhibits must have been grown or cared for by the exhibitor for at least three (3) months prior to being photographed for submission as an entry.
3. When exhibiting container grown plants, more than one plant per container is acceptable if of the same cultivar with some exceptions (i.e. *Saintpaulia*/African Violet plants other than trailing types – single crown only). Pot slipcovers are permitted but must be unobtrusive.
4. Accessories are not permitted in any class in the Horticulture Division.
5. Where a definitive number or quantity is specified, no more or less may be exhibited. Any bud showing colour must be considered a bloom.
6. Any foliage shown with cut specimens must be attached. Unattached foliage is not permitted.
7. Staking, wiring or tying is not permitted in the cut specimen classes but is allowed for container grown plants (excluding entries of *Saintpaulia*/African Violet plants). Cut specimens may be discretely supported by wedging.
8. The Show Committee may subdivide classes if deemed necessary.

RULES & REGULATIONS: DIVISION 3 - SPECIAL EXHIBITS

1. Exhibitors may submit one entry per class. Pre-registration is required as entries are limited to ten (10) per class. Pre-registrations will be accepted by the convenor commencing at 9:00 a.m. EST on March 1st, 2022.
2. Plant material may be from any source and may be newly acquired.
3. All plant material is to be listed on the entry form using both botanical and common names.
4. Accessories are permitted in all classes in the Special Exhibits Division.

DIVISION 2 – HORTICULTURE

Exhibitors may submit 1 entry per class with a maximum of five (5) entries per exhibitor in this division.

SECTION A

Narcissus (Daffodil), see page 12 for Narcissus Classification Guide

Convenor: Marie Decker

mardecker12@gmail.com

Submit 2 photos: 1 front and 1 side viewpoint

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| 1. <i>Narcissus</i> – trumpet or large cupped | 1 scape |
| 2. <i>Narcissus</i> – small cupped | 1 scape |
| 3. <i>Narcissus</i> – double | 1 scape |
| 4. <i>Narcissus</i> – Collection of 5 different cultivars
(Cultivars in the collection may be from one or multiple <i>Narcissus</i> divisions but may not include any specimens entered in classes 1-3 by the exhibitor. Each scape is to be exhibited in its own container and all five are to be photographed together in a row.) | 1 scape of each |

SECTION B

Tulipa (Tulip)

Convenor: Wendy Somers

wendy.somers@gmail.com

Submit 2 photos: 1 front and 1 top (birds' eye) viewpoint

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| 5. <i>Tulipa</i> – single (includes all types with a single row of petals except species tulips) | 1 bloom |
| 6. <i>Tulipa</i> – double | 1 bloom |
| 7. <i>Tulipa</i> – Collection of 3 different cultivars
(Cultivars in the collection may be any type but may not include any specimens entered in classes 5 and 6 by the exhibitor. Each specimen is to be exhibited in its own container and all three are to be photographed together in a row.) | 1 bloom or stem of each |

SECTION C

Other Hardy Spring Flowers

Convenor: Cathy Faber-Rowlands

crwf@sympatico.ca

Submit 2 photos: 1 front viewpoint and 1 showing the stamens (a closeup of a portion of the entry is acceptable)

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| 8. Any small spring flower from a minor bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome
(i.e. <i>Anemone blanda</i> , <i>Crocus</i> , <i>Chionodoxa</i> , <i>Fritillaria meleagris</i> , <i>Iris reticulata</i> , <i>Muscari</i> , <i>Scilla</i> etc.) | 3 stems, same cultivar |
| 9. Any other spring flower from a bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome
(i.e. <i>Hyacinthus</i> , <i>Fritillaria imperialis</i> , <i>Uvularia</i> , <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> etc.) | 1 stem |
| 10. Any spring flowering perennial or biennial | 1 stem, spike or spray |

SECTION D

Container Grown Plants (Houseplants)

Convenor: Roberta Roberts

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Top inside measurement of container not to exceed 26 cm (10") in diameter. See OJES, 2019 Ed., pg. 12.

Submit 2 photos: 1 front and 1 top (birds' eye) viewpoint

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| 11. Indoor plant grown primarily for bloom, colourful bracts or fruit | 1 pot |
| 12. Indoor plant grown primarily for foliage (includes cactus & other succulents) | 1 pot |

DIVISION 3 – SPECIAL EXHIBITS

(For definitions, see page 13)

Pre-registration with the convenor is required
and will be accepted commencing at 9:00 a.m. EST on March 1st, 2022.

Exhibitors may submit 1 entry per class. Classes are limited to 10 entries.

Convenor: Anne Harbord anneclark.flowers@gmail.com

Submit 2 photos: 1 front viewpoint & 1 from a second viewpoint (i.e. side, top/birds' eye etc.)

13. We're all in This Together

Plants and Flowers

May be in one or several containers.

Space allotted: 76 cm wide x 76 cm deep (30" x 30"),
no height restriction

14. Extremes

A Display

The nature of the display to be determined by the exhibitor.

Space allotted: 76 cm wide x 76 cm deep (30" x 30"),
no height restriction

EXAMPLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY VIEWPOINTS FOR HORTICULTURE ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

SECTION A

Class 1 *Narcissus* - trumpet or large cupped, 1 scape

Submit 2 photos: 1 front and 1 side viewpoint



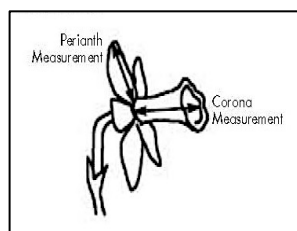
SECTION C

Class 8 Any small spring flower from a minor bulb,
corm, tuber or rhizome, 3 stems, same cultivar
i.e. *Iris reticulata*

Submit 2 photos: 1 front and 1 top (birds' eye) viewpoint












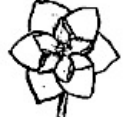


NARCISSUS CLASSIFICATION GUIDE



All narcissus (daffodils) have a perianth and corona, though their appearance may vary greatly from cultivar to cultivar. The number of flowers per scape (stem) and the size of the corona (cup) compared to the perianth (petals) will determine in which class to place the specimen in a flower show. To determine whether the specimen is a trumpet, large cupped or small cupped, use a ruler to measure as per the diagram or gently bend a petal from the perianth forward to measure against the corona.

Botanically, narcissus are divided into 13 divisions based on their flower form. Eleven divisions are shown in the chart below. Some flower shows will have a separate class for miniature narcissus, however, size is not a factor in the botanical classification, only flower form is. To be considered miniature, the leaves and flower(s) should grow no more than 6 inches tall, the flower(s) can be any type described below.

Division 1: Trumpet  <p>One flower per stem; longer corona (ie trumpet) at least as long as the perianth segments (petals).</p>	Division 7: Jonquilla & Apodanthus  <p>Usually 1 to 5 (more rarely up to 8) flowers per stem. Perianth segments reflexed or spreading. Corona is cup or funnel shaped or flared, usually wider than long. Usually fragrant.</p>
Division 2: Large Cupped  <p>One flower per stem; shorter corona (ie cup) is more than 1/3, but less than equal to the length of the perianth segments (petals).</p>	Division 8: Tazetta  <p>3 to 20 flowers per stem. Perianth segments spreading (not reflexed) and usually fragrant.</p>
Division 3: Small Cupped  <p>One flower per stem; corona (cup) not more than 1/3 of the length of the perianth segments (petals).</p>	Division 9: Poeticus  <p>Usually one flower per stem. Perianth segments white. Corona very short or disc shaped, usually with a green/yellow centre and red rim, but sometimes of a single colour. Usually fragrant.</p>
Division 4: Double  <p>One or more flowers per stem; double the number of perianth segments or the corona, or both.</p>	Division 10: Bulbocodium  <p>Usually one flower per stem. Perianth segments insignificant compared to the corona. Anthers dorsifixed (ie attached central to filament). Filament style curved.</p>
Division 5: Triandrus  <p>Usually two or more pendant flowers per stem, perianth segments often reflexed.</p>	Division 11: Split Corona <p>Type A</p>  <p>Corona (cup or trumpet) is split, usually for more than 1/2 its length. Either with the corona segments opposite the perianth segments, usually in 2 whorls of 3 (type A), or with the corona segments alternate to the perianth segments, usually in a single whorl of 6 (type B).</p>
Division 6: Cyclamineus  <p>One flower per stem; perianth segments prominently reflexed. Flower at an acute angle to the stem with a very short pedicel.</p>	<p>Type B</p> 

DEFINITIONS

Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture, 2019 Edition

Abstract Design - A design in which plant material and other components, together with space, are used as design units, i.e. line, form, colour and texture to create original images free from unnecessary additions. Some natural growth pattern may or may not be apparent. Includes: Assemblage, Collage and Kinetic, etc.

Collage - An abstract design, created by gluing plant material and usually other objects on a flat surface. The collage is typically done in low relief. Depth is implied and achieved by overlapping planes, changes in value and/or juxtaposition of colour, pattern and/or texture. Painted mediums may be incorporated. There should be no visible spaces under any of the materials.

Design – A combination of fresh and/or dried plant materials, with or without other objects arranged to create an artistic unit. A design may include container(s), base(s) and/or accessories. The designer uses the elements of design: space, line, form, colour, texture and pattern in the accepted principles of design: balance, rhythm, proportion, scale, contrast and dominance to interpret the theme and/or class and create a design of harmony and distinction.

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 number of specimens required, the type of container(s) and the space allotted.

Exhibition Table – Type II - A table not related to the actual service of food. Does not require a decorative unit; however, some plant material must be included. This exhibit may be staged against backgrounds, in frames, on tables or in spaces determined by the schedule. Dining components should dominate over accessories.

Foliage Design – A design in which foliage predominates.

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

Plants and Flowers - A combination of growing plants plus cut flowers and/or cut foliage with a water source. Any other plant material may be included. May be in one container or several containers, determined by the schedule.

Special Exhibit – One of the three main Divisions typically found in a show. A Special Exhibit is a combination of rooted horticultural specimens and may include cut plant material and other elements arranged in such a manner to create an artistic whole.

Underwater Design - A design with part(s) placed under water to create interest. Although the design must have part(s) underwater, no definite percentage is required. A portion of the design must be above the water line. The parts under water and out of water must form a unified design.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR THE DESIGN DIVISION

Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture 2019 Edition, Page 35

All designs in the Design Division will be judged using the Scale of Points shown below.

Design	40
The organization of the elements and principles of design.	
Balance	08
Rhythm	08
Proportion	08
Scale	08
Contrast	04
Dominance	04
Conformance	25
Compliance with the schedule requirements: space allotted, type of design, plant materials to be used, etc.	
Deductions for non-conformance should be proportional to the degree of non-compliance	15
Interpretation of theme and/or title	10
Creativity	20
An original artistic concept in the choice and organization of all the design components.	
Distinction and Condition	15
Marked superiority in all respects and physical state of plant material at the time of judging.	

GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS FOR VIRTUAL SHOWS

GOALS: to highlight your entry or design, to avoid background distractions and to take a sharp image.

BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR PHOTO:

1. **CLEAN** your camera or cell phone lens with a soft lens cloth.
2. **BACKGROUND:** Clear the background and horizontal surface, keeping it plain. You can use a large black or white Bristol board or a colour depending on your entry, or a plain painted wall. If using cloth, check there are no creases or folds.
3. **LIGHTING:** **DO** try to use natural light. **DON'T** photograph your entry with the window or a lamp in the background as your entry will be dark. Avoid using a flash as it will create shadows. If your camera has light settings you can adjust these to match your light source e.g. tungsten, fluorescent, cloudy. On iPhones there is a yellow sun slider, slide up or down to lighten or darken your image. iPhones – tap inverted “v” at top of frame to show options to adjust colour depending on your light.

TAKING YOUR PHOTO:

4. Stand directly in front of your entry or bend slightly so that your camera lens is pointing at the centre of your entry. Make sure you include the base or stand and keep some negative space around your entry. Don't take the photo from above unless it is meant to be seen that way or a required viewpoint.
5. **FOCUS** on your entry, not the background. You can use auto or manual focus. On most cellphones tap where you want to focus. Experiment, as outside the central focus can be blurry. Check that your image is sharp.
6. You can **ZOOM** in to cut out extra background, remembering to keep negative space around your entry. Digital zoom on cellphones can make the photo grainy.
7. Stabilize the image to prevent camera shake. Hold the camera or phone in both hands, either rest the device on a solid surface or brace elbows against your body.
8. **COMPOSITION:** many cameras and cellphones have grid settings, two vertical and two horizontal lines. Turn on, to check your image is level. Rule of thirds: generally position the most important part of your entry at the intersection of grid lines. However, the central position may be best for your entry.
9. Clear glass containers may reflect light and distract from the entry. Opaque containers allow the plant specimen to be the centre of attention.
10. As horticulture classes call for more than one photograph, make sure that you include stem(s) and foliage where applicable. See examples on page 11.
11. Remember your scale of points for judging horticulture entries. Things like grooming or lack thereof will impact the ultimate placement of the entry.

AFTER YOU TAKE YOUR PHOTO:

12. Look at your photo and take several to compare the best image. You may **CROP** your photo to cut unnecessary parts.
13. **EMAIL** your image at “full size” or “original” size as well as a completed entry form to the convenor.