

GET INSPIRED!

Let your creativity bloom

(66 Members)
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Show Description



The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield held an NGC Standard Flower Show on April 26, 2025, at the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains, NJ. The theme, “Get Inspired! Let Your Creativity Bloom,” was brought to life with original artwork and a vibrant logo displayed throughout the event.

A large, colorful floral arrangement welcomed guests at the entrance, along with greeters offering printed schedules or a QR code for digital access. Inside, the show featured a wide range of floral design classes, including Creative, Traditional, Art in Bloom, Miniatures, and Functional Table settings. A special Judges-Only class showcased Assemblage, Reflection, Spatial Thrust, and Multi-Rhythmic designs. Titles and quotes celebrated inspiring individuals—artists, educators, veterans, dancers—and designers shared personal stories of inspiration.

The Horticulture Division included 235 entries from 33 exhibitors across seven sections and 29 classes. Each section featured famous quotes and was creatively staged with risers, boxes, and shelves.

The Botanical Arts Division, themed “Nature’s Wonders,” included dried flower postcards, 3D animal forms, and botanical jewelry. Photography classes focused on nature and wildlife, with themes like the Four Elements and Majestic Wildlife.

The Youth Division was a highlight, showcasing imaginative floral designs, decorated birdhouses, and butterfly plaques.

An educational exhibit titled “Inspirational Learning” promoted the importance of native plants, aligning with NGC principles.

The event was a vibrant celebration of creativity, education, and community.

NGC FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SHOW DATA FORM

FSA Form 2

TO BE COMPLETED AND PLACED IN THE BOOK OF EVIDENCE JUST AFTER THE SHOW DESCRIPTION

Title of NGC Flower Show Get Inspired! 2
Name of Award Club Standard Show Award # FS-1C State Garden Club GCNJ

- I. List of sponsoring clubs and/or organizations. (If more space is needed, list additional names on additional page.)

Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. New Jersey

- II. Number of club members in sponsoring organization/s

66 total, 13 Juniors

- III. Number of participating members

50 Active, 13 Juniors

- IV. Percentage of participating club members

100% of active members

- V. Total number of exhibits in each Division as applicable for the type of show:

Horticulture Division 235 Design Division 32 *Education Division 1

**Youth/Sponsored Groups Division 38 **Botanical Arts Division 21

*To be eligible to apply for an NGC Flower Show Achievement Award, the flower show MUST include one or more Educational Exhibit/s.

**May also include Sections from the two optional Divisions according to the size of the sponsoring organization.
(See NGC website: www.gardenclubs.org Flower Show Achievement Awards for specific requirements.)

- VI. NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered in each Division. Note if any awards were withheld.

Horticulture Division Award of Horticultural Excellence, Awards of Merit (3),
Arboreal Awards (2), Grower's Choice Awards (2)

Design Division Award of Design Excellence, Designer's Choice Award
Table Artistry Award

Education Division Award of Appreciation

Youth/Sponsored Groups Youth Top Exhibitor Awards (9)

Botanical Arts Division Botanical Arts Artistic Craft Award,
Botanical Arts Photography Award

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Division - Design

People of Greatness



Designer's Choice and Award of Design Excellence

CLASS 4 Artist –

A Design, Freedom of Style, inspired by your favorite work of art. Design staged on 36"W x 30"D space of a 6ft. table covered with white tablecloth adjacent to the artwork. Choice of plant materials and other components. Plant material: Calla lilies, chrysanthemums, yew, St. John's wort, philodendron, fantail willow, cherry tomatoes.

Table Artistry Award

CLASS 8 Dancer –

A Tray Table for one. Staged on a tray for one person on a quarter of a 5 ft. round table covered with a white tablecloth provided by the committee. Designer's choice of plant material and style of tray. Plant material: Filbert, stock, spray roses, grape hyacinth, pearl acacia, rockfoil.



Division II - Horticulture

Beauty in Bloom

Horticultural Excellence Award and Arboreal Award

SECTION E *"Daddy, it's raining petals" ~ Anonymous*

Flowering Shrub Branch.

CLASS 19 *Rhododendron* – Azalea



Arboreal Award

SECTION D *"A thing of beauty is a joy forever" ~ John Yeats*

Flowering Tree Branch.

CLASS 14 *Cornus* – Dogwood

Grower's Choice Award

SECTION G *"A chaplet of leaves crowns the victor" ~Virgil*

Container-grown Foliage Plants.

CLASS 29 Any other worthy named specimen.

Philodendron hederaceum– Philodendron



Division II - Horticulture

Beauty in Bloom

Grower's Choice Award

SECTION F *"Earth laughs in flowers"*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Container-grown Flowering or Fruited Plants.

CLASS 23 *Saintpaulia* - African Violet



Award of Merit

SECTION A *"Flowers don't tell, they show"* ~ Stephanie Skeem

Herbaceous Flowering Perennials.

CLASS 2 *Dicentra* – Bleeding Heart

Award of Merit

SECTION B *"Where flowers bloom so does hope"* ~ Lady Bird Johnson

Bulbs, corms, rhizomes.

CLASS 9 Any other worthy named specimen
Hippeastrum spp – Amaryllis



Award of Merit

SECTION C *"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."*
~ Audrey Hepburn

Herbaceous Foliage Perennials.

CLASS 12 *Polypodiopsida* – Ferns



Division III - Botanical Arts

Nature's Wonders

Section A - Artistic Crafts

All Creatures Great and Small Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award

CLASS 1 "Be Kind to Animals"

A dried flower postcard, depicting a representation of an animal composed of plant material mounted on a rectangular piece of cardstock.

Writing permitted on the front, nothing need be written on the back. Committee will stage on an easel. Designer's choice of plant

materials. Plant material: *Acer negundo*, *Acer palmatum*, *Acer tarticum*, *Adiantum capillus-veneris*, *Agrimonia parviflora*, *Betula niga*, *Duranta erecta*, *Geranium maculatum*, *Ginkgo biloba*, *Jacaranda mimosifolium*, *Kummeronia striata*, *Lagerstoemia indica*, *Lepidium virginicum*, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, *Onychium japonica*, *Pistacia chinensis*, *Potentilla argentea*, *Sorbaria sorbifolia*, *Triadica sebifera*, *Viola tricolor*.



Rake & Hoe Judy Kampe Award – Popular Choice Award

CLASS 2 "Protecting Wildlife"

A 3-dimensional animal, composed of dried and /or fresh plant material. Mechanics of any sort may be used provided they are covered with plant material. Designer's choice of plant materials and other natural accessories permitted. Plant material: moss, rose petals, burning bush leaves, grasses, birch leaves, dogwood leaves, baptisia leaves, poplar tree twigs.



Section B - Photography

Capturing Nature and Wildlife

Botanical Arts Photography Award

CLASS 6 "Majestic Wildlife"

Photograph of any wildlife which exudes elegance or majesty. Plant material must be part of the composition.

Rake & Hoe Public Popular Vote Award

CLASS 7 "Awe-Inspiring"

Photograph of any other object of nature which inspires greatness including water, sky, architecture



Division IV - Youth Creative Kids Powers

SECTION A - DESIGN

CLASS 1 The Design Power of Kids

A Design, Freedom of Style, staged in a space 14"W and 14"L, with no height restriction, staged on an appropriate space of a covered table top.

Underlay permitted. Designer's choice of plant material and components.

Three age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-14

A- carnations, chrysanthemums, sweet william, statice, boxwood

B- chrysanthemums, daisies, acuba, variegated boxwood

C- carnations, roses, lilies, statice, acuba



A



B



C



A



B



C

SECTION B - BOTANICAL ARTS

CLASS 2 Botanical Arts Design - Butterfly Flutter

A Pressed Plant Material Plaque with fresh and/or dried plant material, no larger than 8"x10" attached to a background panel serving as the frame of reference. Staged on an easel provided by the committee.

Three age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-14

A- pistachios, maple leaves, arborvitae, dried daisies, baby's breath

B- shells, twigs, moss, dried leaves, roses, ferns

C- dried daisies, silver dollar, leaves, ferns and feathers

SECTION B - BOTANICAL ARTS

CLASS 3 Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts - *Give the Birds a Home*

A Decorated Birdhouse, supplied by committee with fresh and/or dried plant material, size serving as the frame of reference. Accessories permitted ie. shells, feathers.

Three age groups: 8-9, 10-11, 12-14

A: shells, twigs, moss, dried ruscus and roses

B: white beans, nandina berries, coconut bark, shells, moss

C: moss, cinnamon sticks, kidney beans, stones, shells, crushed dried leaves and flower petals



A



B



C

SECTION C - HORTICULTURE

CLASS 4 Container- grown plant

A Container grown plant, in a 4"-6" pot.

Dracaena trifasciata, snake plant

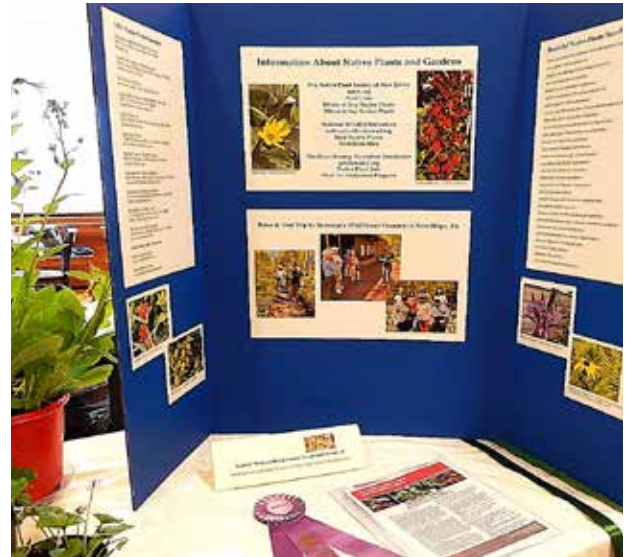


Division V

Educational Award of Appreciation

EXHIBIT 1 The Importance of Native Plants in Your Garden

Using native plants in your garden is crucial because they are naturally adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, providing a vital food source and habitat for native wildlife like birds, insects, and small mammals, while requiring less water and maintenance compared to nonnative plants, thus promoting biodiversity and helping to conserve the environment.



Staging- Entryway

A large poster was in the entryway to greet visitors with a flower arrangement that was a door prize, along with tickets to the NJ Festival Orchestra and Tour of Notable Homes.



*The Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Inc.
of Westfield Presents*

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*A Garden Club of New Jersey
Standard Flower Show featuring
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Free Admission
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Saturday, April 26, 2025
1 PM – 6 PM

Shady Rest Golf and Country Club
820 Jerusalem Rd
Scotch Plains, NJ

www.rakeandhoeclub.org

Signage



Large Division signs on Walls

CLASS 8– Dancer



*"...I only try to dance better than myself"
~ Mikhail Baryshnikov*

Design Class Signs on Tables



Henry David Thoreau

Here I imagine breakfast on Walden Pond with the man whose writings on the spiritual power of nature still resonate and inspire. Perhaps we would have taken a stroll first for he wrote, "An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."

Exhibitor explanation of their design

Section F



*"Earth laughs in flowers"
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Container-grown
Flowering or
Fruited Plants**

Horticulture Section Signs on Tables

Staging Overview *Design*



In the entryway room, Class I Educator was reserved for judges only to create one of many types of designs which inspires them. Class 1 and 3 were staged on tall black pedestals. (Above and right)



Also in the entryway room, Class 2 Leader was a Creative Design staged on a black mesh cylinder. Exhibitor wrote about the person who had a great impact on the world. (Above)



In the main room Class 3 Special Person was a Traditional Design inspired by your favorite person. (Above)

Design



Class 4 Artist was a Design, Freedom of Style, inspired by your favorite work of art. Artwork was shown along with the exhibitors explanation of why they chose that artwork on long rectangular tables. (Left)



Class 5 Musician was a Petite Design, Freedom of Style staged in a shadow box. Exhibitors wrote about their favorite musician and why they inspired them. (Above)



Class 6 Writer, a Functional Table Design for two were staged on small round tables with a written explanation of who they would most enjoy dining with.



Class 7 Veteran a Tray Table for one, novice class was staged on large round tables with an explanation of their favorite veteran and why. (Above)



Class 8 Dancer, a Tray Table for one about their favorite dancer, also staged on large round tables. (Above)

Division II Horticulture

Single species, cut specimens were displayed on long rectangular tables along the sides of the room. Use of risers allowed the display of many entries.



SECTION B *"Where flowers bloom so does hope"*
~ Lady Bird Johnson
Bulbs, corms, rhizomes



SECTION C *"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."* ~ Audrey Hepburn
Herbaceous Foliage Perennials



SECTION A *"Flowers don't tell, they show"* ~ Stephanie Skeem
Herbaceous Flowering Perennials



SECTION E *"Daddy, it's raining petals"*
~ Anonymous
Flowering Shrub Branch



SECTION D *"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"*
~ John Yeats
Flowering Tree Branch

Division II *Horticulture*

Potted entries were staged on large round tables in the middle of the main room. Boxes and risers were used for creative staging.



SECTION G *"A chaplet of leaves crowns the victor"*
~Virgil
Container-grown Foliage Plants



SECTION G (Above and Below)



SECTION F *"Earth laughs in flowers"*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson
Container-grown Flowering or Fruited Plants



Division III

Botanical Arts - Section A

Artistic Crafts

All Botanical Arts were staged on long rectangular tables.



Class 1 *"Be Kind to Animals"*

A dried flower postcard (Above and Right)



Class 3 *"Animal Elegance"*

Botanical Animal Jewelry. Use of black velvet enhanced the display (Above and Below)



Class 2

"Protecting Wildlife"

A 3-dimensional animal



Division III *Botanical Arts - Section B* Photography

All photography was staged on the walls in a hallway



CLASS 4 *"Four Elements of Nature – Earth, Wind, Fire and Water"*
Photograph of any element of nature



CLASS 6 *"Majestic Wildlife"*
Photograph of any wildlife which exudes elegance or majesty



CLASS 6



CLASS 7 *"Awe-Inspiring"*
Photograph of any other object of nature which inspires greatness

CLASS 5 *"Four Seasons of Nature – Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall"*
Photograph of anything in nature during a specific season (Left)

Division IV Youth Creative Kids' Powers

Youth exhibits were staged on long rectangular tables with risers.



CLASS 1 *The Design Power of Kids*



CLASS 3 *Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts - Give the Birds a Home*



CLASS 4 *Container-grown plant*



CLASS 2 *Botanical Arts Design - Butterfly Flutter*

Division V Education Inspirational Learning



Staging was on a long rectangular table

Publicity

Article and Ad in the
Westfield Monthly,
April 2025

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Get inspired and let your creativity bloom! The sights and scents of the season will be on full display at the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield's Flower Show on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Shady Rest Country Club in Scotch Plains, NJ.

This prestigious event celebrates the very best in horticulture, showcasing floral arrangements, horticultural displays, botanical arts, and photography competition entries from Rake and Hoe members, all judged by Garden Club of New Jersey accredited judges.

"Join us for a celebration of beauty in bloom and the wonders of nature and wildlife!" said Sharon Shiraga, Westfield Rake and Hoe President. "Whether you're a seasoned gardener or simply looking to enjoy a day surrounded by flowers, our Flower Show promises to inspire and delight."

THE FLOWER SHOW WILL PRESENT:

- Stunning floral arrangements in various categories, including petite design, creative pedestal design, traditional pedestal design, and an artistic design titled "Art in Bloom," inspired by a favorite piece of art.
- Horticulture displays featuring flowering bulbs, perennials, foliage, branches from trees, flowering shrubs, and potted indoor plants.
- Botanical arts and crafts with the theme "All Creatures Great and Small."
- Photography exhibits capturing the beauty of nature and wildlife.
- Judged exhibits of flower designs, artistic crafts and horticulture by Rake and Hoe Junior members
- An educational exhibit about the importance of using native plants in your garden.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Shady Rest Golf and Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Rd, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076. Admission is free to the public, and everyone is invited to enjoy the floral artistry on display. Attendees can also look forward to door prizes and an invitation to a "Taste of the South" lunch.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please visit the Rake and Hoe website at www.rakeandhoe.org or contact Sharon Shiraga at atrakeandhoevix@gmail.com

ABOUT RAKE AND HOE

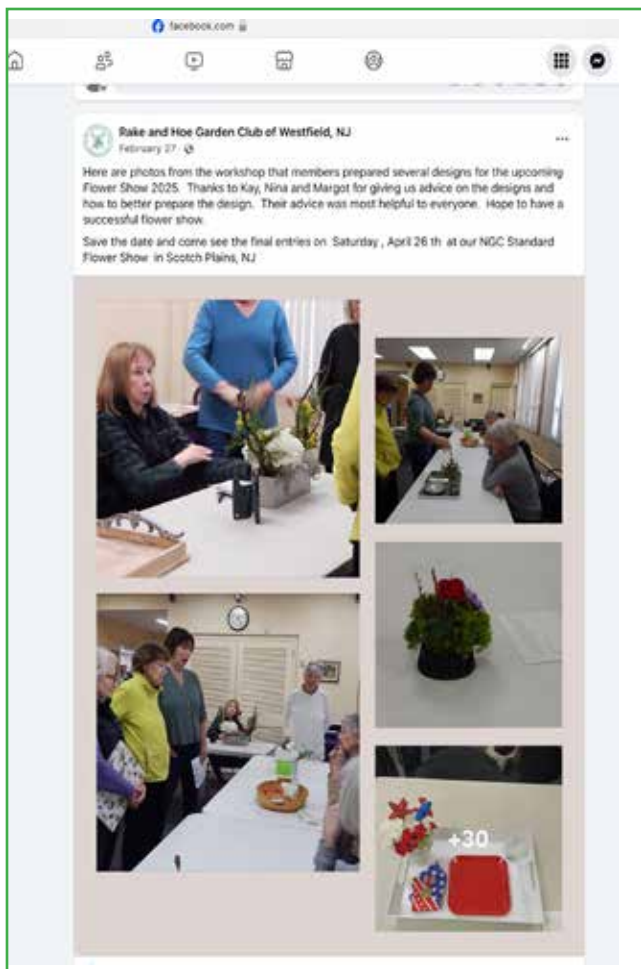
The Rake and Hoe Garden Club brings beauty to the community, while supporting a variety of charitable causes and providing opportunities for members to learn and grow in their gardening expertise. The club also offers field trips and plant exchanges and facilitates education in horticulture, floral design, nature and wildlife.

The club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

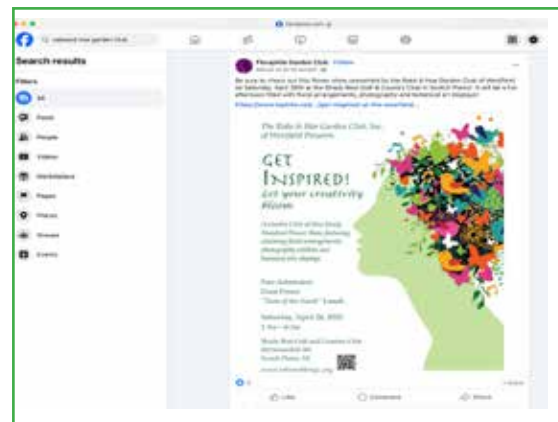
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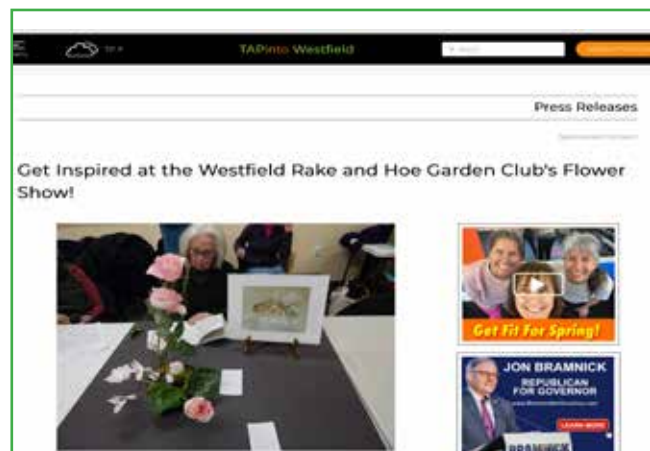


Facebook page about members at a flower design workshop



Facebook page of Flower Show Poster



Online page on TAPinto Westfield