

## **Summer Issue 2020 The National Gardener flower show school**

As many NGC FS Schools, Flower Shows, Symposiums and the April FSS Handbook Exam have been canceled due to COVID-19, the following policies have been implemented:

- Any FSS series that is currently in progress may reduce the number of months required between courses from four to three months until December 31, 2021.
- FSS students, Student Judges and all Accredited Judges who have been unable to further their education or accrue the required Exhibiting and Judging Credits listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows (HB), Chapter 12, are granted an extension of one year to all FSS students and Judges whose timeframe or Good Standing date ends December 31, 2020.

The FSS Committee encourages all clubs to reschedule flower shows as soon as possible to stimulate the enjoyment of sharing our love of horticulture, design, education and creativity. Please check the NGC and state websites often for cancellations and rescheduled events.

The following updates include changes or clarifications in the "Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017" (HB).

Chapter 12 Clarification IV. B. 1. Judging Requirements HB page 115

The Student Judge must judge five (5) NGC Flower Shows (Small Standard, Standard or Specialty Show) with a minimum of 6 classes including at least one class in horticulture, one class in design and four classes in any of the five (5) divisions, except Photography. Effective July 1, 2020

Chapter 1

- III. D. 2. B. ii. Subdividing HB page 3 There must be three (3) or more exhibits, botanically identical (variety, cultivar, series or trade-marked names), or similar in form, color, size or description to justify forming a subclass with the exception of petite horticulture specimen(s) that are never in competition with standard-sized specimens but are subdivided into their own class or subclass. (Additional reference HB page 61)

Chapter 12

III. Becoming a Student Judge HB pages 113 and 114

- A. Successful completion of three (3) Flower Show School courses. NGC recommends that a course series be taken in sequential order, but this is not required.
- B. Pass all Written Flower Show Procedure, Horticulture and Design exams and Written Point Score exams with a minimum score of 70 for any three (3) courses.
- C. Note: After successful completion of any two (2) courses the student is eligible to count exhibiting credits ...

IV. Becoming an Accredited Judge HB page 114-115

- A. 2. Classroom Requirements ... minimum score of 70.
- D. 4. Schedule Writing ... minimum score of 70
- E. 1. Handbook Examination...minimum score of 70

V. Becoming an Accredited Life Judge HB page 116-119

- D. ... minimum score of 70 Accredited Judge to Life Judge Requirements (Table on HB page 119)
3. ... minimum score of 70

VI. Becoming an Accredited Master Judge HB page 119-120 Accredited Life Judge to Accredited Master Judge Requirements (Table on HB page 119)

3. ... minimum score 70

For clarification, all references to passing exams listed in the "Handbook for Flower Shows, 2017," must state a minimum score of 70.

V. A. Judging Requirements for each Refresher HB pages 116-120 ADD: 3. d. Serving on the evaluating panel of an NGC Flower Show. For clarification, this now includes all Accredited, Accredited Life and Accredited Master Judges.

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