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## DO'S AND DON'T'S OF FLOWER ARRANGING

### DO'S

1. Decide on type of arrangement
2. Picture your design in your mind
3. Use the right container
4. Select flowers to go in container
5. Strip off foliage of flowers
6. Use flowers that are hardened
7. Begin with a good flower holder
8. Begin with a skeleton - work toward a focal point  
(center of interest)
9. Try to use odd numbers in arrangement
10. Have voids
11. Use smaller and lighter colored flowers on top and outside  
Use darker and heavier flowers toward base
12. Arrangement should be 1-1/2 to 2 times the height or the  
width of the container
13. Keep best and largest flowers for focal point
14. Cut stems on slant and only when sure of desired length
15. Use your imagination
16. Use plant material grown naturally small for miniature arrangements
17. Obey your schedule
18. Use some white flowers in a white container
19. Make arrangement three dimensional - height, width, depth

### DON'T'S

1. Don't use flowers of one length
2. Don't ignore texture (use fine flowers with fine containers)  
(use coarse flowers in coarse containers)
3. Don't spot your flowers in salt and pepper fashion
4. Don't place darker or larger flowers taller unless lower  
ones are in heavy groups
5. Don't use equal quantities of flowers
6. Don't keep adding pieces that are lying around
7. Don't use wild flowers on conservation list
8. Don't use artificial or dried material unless schedule permits
9. Don't let your mechanics show

Some comments on the show of 1972.

- 1 - The members of our club should strive to have a better flower show next year.
- 2 - If not enough members are interested in showing what they can grow then maybe for a fee we should include all amateur gardeners of the Upper Keys. This way we lose our identity. That is if the membership wants a flower show.
- 3 - We could have more classes on flower arranging, if more people are interested.
- 4 - Should evaluate this years show and have constructive criticism. Write down your gripes and lets see what can be done and try to have a better understanding amongst our members.
- 5 - A flower show begins the day after one closes.
- 6 - No one person can be the big chief - What makes a Chief are his Indians - No Indians no chief.

A few reasons we did not get an Award:

- 1 Two few entries out of 200 members in Artistic.
- 2 Too few entries out of 200 members in Horticulture.
- 3 Should have bulletin Board over Trophies showing extra ribbons and what they signify. This the public would appreciate. Also makes it easier on the Hostesses.
- 4 After judging the names of winners should be posted - so the Public knows who won what and why.
- 5 Junious should be in the room with the Horticulture Division
- 6 We left extra hangers in the Horticulture room that should have been removed before judging.

Some miscellaneous Comments

- 1- Heard quite a number of the Public asking about a plant sale. After we are a garden club - Did not realize a plant sale was so important - no reason each and everyone cannot start cuttings for next year.
- 2 - Heard quite a number of the Public asking about baked goods. This also did not think was important.
- 3 - We give a flower show not only for the enjoyment of us who display but also to make extra monies for the Club to carry us through the summer. So why not try

*Wesford*  
Contact Keys C. for awards for Jns before  
1973 show.

Comments for the Artistic Division:

- 1 - Chairman or Co-chairman should stay at the Club until after the judging.
- 2 - Chairman has the say as to how Artistic Division should be set up.
- 3 - Chairman should keep checking with consultants to be sure all categories are filled.
- 4 - All consultants should keep checking with enterees to be sure they are going to fulfill the schedule
- 5 - If all categories are not filled the morning of the show - Too bad - this means those categories will not be judged.
- 6 - There will be no filling in of a category by someone in the hall ~~just-te-fill-up-a-space~~ with a ficticious name just to get a ribbon - This is not cricket.
- 7 - Chairman should see that the entry papers are in the hands of the chairman of the clerks.

Comments for the Horticultural Division:

- 1 - All placements should be thoroughly checked by following schedule to see that specimen are in the designated sections.
- 2 - If we don't have enough entries in hanging baskets and orchids all excess hangers should be removed. - Quite unsightly - Judges comment.
- 3 - Chairman and Co-Chairman should stay at the Club until after Judging.
- 4 - If there are'nt enough Dish Gardens in the Club Membership then let us drop this category.
- 5 - Let us have more cut specimens and growing plants.
- 6 - Overall chairman of the Flower show should not have to be the Horticulture Chairman.
- 7 - Chairman should see that the entry sheets are in the hand of the Entry Clerk.

Comments for the Junior Division:

- 1 - Chairman should be at the Club until after judging
- 2 - Chairman should see that the Chairman of the Clerks gets the entry sheets.
- 3 - Chairman should not enter any plant material that is not good material - the rules of the schedule pertains to them also.
- 4 - The judges could not give out the Awards on the Awards schedule 1971, because display was not well defined as to Elementary, Intermediate or High School
- 5 - If we can only have one class of Junior Gardeners then thereis no reason the Intermediate or Senior Pupils could not be notified that they are elegeble for the Co'op Award.
- 6 - We usually have our shows on Friday and Saturday - there is no excuse for fresh flowers and vegetables not being put in. After all the children do not go to school Saturdays.

Comments for the Boutique:

- 1 - We always seem to have a problem to get the Chairman of the Boutique to be at the Club to get things placed.
- 2 - Suggest we try to find a covered shelter for this. i.e. as a small tent.
- 3 - Try to bring the quality of the Boutique up instead of quantity.
- 4\*\*~~Heard quite a number of people asking about~~

Comments for Judges Hospitality:

- 1 - This is a nice gesture. Think we should continue.
- 2 - Should be enough Danish and Coffee and or Tea for the ones who come so early for Horticulture and Artistic. No charge.
- 3 - List of names could be furnished the Chairman of Hospitality.

Comments for Awards Chairman:

- 1 - Chairman should not leave the Club until after judging.
- 2 - Awards chairman should have more than enough ribbons cut. They do not waste. Can always be used the following year. All ribbons do not have to be stamped with the month and year the extra we might use can be done after judging.
- 3 - Awards Chairman should be responsible for all awards being on the premises - this means everything on the awards schedule.  
*Contact Keys Etc. Coop for Jr. Gardeners for 1972*
- 4 - The Awards Chairman should see that the Silver Trophies are cleaned.

Comments for Clerks:

- 1 - The chairman of clerks should not leave the room while the judging is going on.
- 2 - The chairman should well verse her clerks as to what is expected of them. No telling the judges what is on the schedule as the judges have probably studied the schedule  
\*\*\* and know it like a book.

Comments on Publicity:

- 1 - The publicity chairman should not only give us publicity for the flower show but she also should see that the newspapers have all the information as to who won awards so that we have follow up publicity.

Comments on Judges Chairman:

- 1 - The Chairman of Judges will write all letters for obtaining the necessary judges for the flower show. We usually get great help from Mrs. Frank Nichols in Miami for letting us know who to get.

Comments on Hostess Chairman:

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- 1 - The chairman should see that she gets enough hostesses so that not any one has to stay on their feet more than 3 hours. This is a hard floor and your feet sure can hurt.
- 2 - There should be a way that the hostesses should be able to have at least ice water.

Comments on the Chairman of Show:

- 1 - The chairman is responsible for the overall show.
- 2 - The chairman along with the publicity chairman should try to have programs printed for the public.
- 3 - The chairman and the publicity chairman have to see that all schedules are printed for the club.
- 4 - The chairman, the artistic chairman, co-chairman, the Horticulture chairman, her co-chairman, the Junior chairman and her co-chairman, must work very closely together to see that the flower show schedule is off and a good running start for the coming show.
- 5 - The chairman should have the telephone committee call all members as to when the flower show is, the time all entries should be in.
- 6 - The chairman whould strive with the help of all members try to have show excel the previous year.
- 7 - The chairman should have a list of the plants that are on the Conservation plant so that she can let the members of the Club know.
- 8 - The chairman should know what plants on the Conservation List that are home grown can be shown. This should be added to the overall rules. in Horticulture.