

What Judges Look For — Design

I. Prejudging Considerations

- A. Walk through the entire Flower Show to establish the quality of the Design Division and Botanical Arts Division – Design
- B. Quickly appraise the show and caliber of exhibits
- C. All design exhibits including Floor Designs, Exhibition and Functional Tables, and those staged on pedestals are judged directly center-front at least three (3) feet from the exhibit. Functional Tables may be judged from a seated position, but this is not required. Alfresco Type Tables placed on the floor should be judged standing or seated. Low-Rise Designs are judged looking down on the design. *Profile*
- D. Duo Designs are judged only from the front of each side of the design.
- E. Free-standing designs are judged at least three (3) feet from all sides. Schedule **MUST** state if the design is Free-Standing.
- F. Petite designs are judged in center-front at a viewing height suitable for seeing design details.

II. Judging Designs

A. Conformance (14 points)

- 1. Design Type (7 pts) – if a Design Style (Traditional, Creative Abstract), Design Type or Advanced Design Type (Creative Mass, Parallel, Tapestry, Underwater, etc.) or Color Harmony (Monochromatic, Complimentary, etc.) is required by the Schedule, all seven (7) points are awarded to the exhibit if it fulfills the requirement. If the design type requirements are not fulfilled, **ALL SEVEN (7) POINTS MUST BE DEDUCTED**.
- 2. Judges do not base their decisions on whether the design type requested adheres to the Principles of Design, but strictly if the design conforms to the descriptions in the *Handbook for Flower Shows*.

What Judges Look For:

- a. Does the Design Style, Design Type or Color Harmony exhibited conform to the Handbook description?
- b. If so, all points are awarded. ✓
- c. If not, all points are deducted.
- 3. All other schedule requirements (7 pts) – remaining points are **divided equally** among the requirements stated in the class description and schedule including staging, frame of reference and other requirements.