

Delaware Valley Rhododendron Society

A chapter of the
American Rhododendron Society

Cut-Flower Competition

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Jenkins Arboretum
631 Berwyn-Baptist Road
Devon, Pa. 19333

Entry Rules and Essential Information

Deadline for entries:

9:30 a.m. sharp!

Open to the public: 12:30-4 p.m.

For The Catalogue of Previous Entries:
Please go to <http://dvchapterars.org/files/2024ShowCatalog.pdf>

Entry Rules

1. Competition is open to all gardeners, whether or not a member of the American Rhododendron Society. Entries by institutions are eligible only for Honorable Mention. There is no fee. Perpetual trophies won by nonmembers will be retained by the chapter at its discretion.

2. All entries shall be from plants grown in the exhibitor's garden for six months. All buds need not be open.

3. Entries of unregistered, unnamed and unknown cultivars are permitted providing other criteria are met. All unknown cultivars will be regarded as hybrids. Azaleodendrons will be entered in the class of the seed parent of the hybrid.

4. Only one entry of a variety or species may be made by any individual. Any number of varieties may be entered in a section.

5. Elepidote (nonscaly series, large leaf) rhododendron entries shall be a single-bud truss.

6. Azalea, azaleodendron and lepidote (scaly series, little leaf) rhododendron and all entries in Class 10 shall be either a single-stemmed spray or a single or multiple truss not measuring more than 14 inches in width or height above vase (a single whorl of elepidote foliage in Class 10 may exceed 14 inches).

7. All entries must be received at the site of the show before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the show. Entries offered after that time will be assigned to the conversation table and will NOT be eligible for judging.

8. Exhibitors must complete an entry tag for each entry before 9:30 a.m. Tags will be available at the show; the classification committee will provide assistance; vases will be furnished.

9. All entries should be properly groomed and conditioned. No artificial shine may be used on foliage. Leaf margins may not be trimmed.

10. Cotton or other shim material may be used to support a truss or spray in the vase provided that it does not extend above the top of the vase.

11. Placement will be by the committee. The committee may rule an entry ineligible based on these rules, and it reserves the right to reclassify any entry and to subdivide any class or section.

12. Judging will start soon after 9:30 a.m. No exhibitors or spectators, other than working committee members, will be permitted in the area during judging. All judges' decisions are final.

13. Judges, at their discretion, will award ribbons for first, second and third place in each section. Only one first-place ribbon may be awarded in each section, and, using the point schedule below, no more than 6 points may be awarded in each section. Honorable mention may be awarded when deemed appropriate.

14. Points are awarded on the following basis:

Best in Show: 7 points

Other Trophy Winners: 5 points

Best in Class (except Classes 7 and 10): 4 points

Blue Ribbon (First Place): 3 points

Red Ribbon (Second Place): 2 points

Yellow Ribbon (Third Place): 1 point

15. The show will be open to the public 15 minutes after completion of judging until 4:00 p.m. Exhibitors may remove entries and ribbons then. Exhibits not claimed will be disposed of.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact co-chairs Perc Moser

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more information and to obtain entry tags for advance completion.

Show Classes

Class 1

Rhododendron Species

- 1.1 Elepidote (nonscaly)
- 1.2 Lepidote (scaly)

Class 2

Rhododendron Hybrids, Elepidote (large leaf)

- 2.1 White
- 2.2 White, prominent blotch
- 2.3 Pink, light
- 2.4 Pink, deep
- 2.5 Pink, prominent blotch
- 2.6 Red, scarlet (orange red)
- 2.7 Red, rose red or crimson
- 2.8 Red, dark or blackish
- 2.9 Red, prominent blotch
- 2.10 Blue-purple, lavender blue
- 2.11 Blue-purple, strong purple
- 2.12 Blue-purple, prominent blotch
- 2.13 Cream and pale yellow
- 2.14 Deeper yellow
- 2.15 Orange and peach shades, including multicolor
- 2.16 Picotee, any colors
- 2.17 Yakushmanum hybrids (at least 50 percent yak)
- 2.18 Lax truss, any colors

Class 3

Rhododendron Hybrids, Lepidote (little leaf)

- 3.1 White
- 3.2 Pink
- 3.3 Salmon
- 3.4 Lavender and blue shades
- 3.5 Yellow-cream
- 3.6 Red
- 3.7 Multicolor

Class 4

Azalea Species

- 4.1 Deciduous
- 4.2 Evergreen

Class 5

Azalea Hybrids, Deciduous

- 5.1 White
- 5.2 Cream or off-white
- 5.3 Yellow
- 5.4 Orange
- 5.5 Salmon or orange-pink
- 5.6 Pink
- 5.7 Red
- 5.8 Multicolor

Class 6

Azalea Hybrids, Evergreen

- 6.1 White, single
- 6.2 White, hose-in-hose/double
- 6.3 White, colored blotch, stripe or border
- 6.4 Pink, clear, single
- 6.5 Pink, clear, H.I.H. or double
- 6.6 Pink, clear, prominent blotch
- 6.7 Pink orange, single
- 6.8 Pink orange, H.I.H. or double
- 6.9 Pink orange, prominent blotch
- 6.10 Pink lavender, single
- 6.11 Pink lavender, H.I.H. or double
- 6.12 Pink lavender, prominent blotch
- 6.13 Rose red, single
- 6.14 Rose red, H.I.H. or double
- 6.15 Orange-red, single
- 6.16 Orange-red, H.I.H. or double
- 6.17 Salmon
- 6.18 Lavender-purple, single
- 6.19 Lavender-purple, H.I.H. or double
- 6.20 Multicolor
- 6.21 Strap-petal, any color

Class 7

Hybridizers Class

(hybridized by the exhibitor; not previously exhibited at this show or its predecessors)

- 7.1 Azalea, evergreen
- 7.2 Azalea, deciduous
- 7.3 Rhododendron, elepidote
- 7.4 Rhododendron, lepidote

Class 8

Other New Hybrids

(not previously exhibited at this show or its predecessors, including open-pollinated, those hybridized by someone other than the exhibitor, Seed Exchange plants)

- 8.1 Azalea, evergreen
- 8.2 Azalea, deciduous
- 8.3 Rhododendron, elepidote
- 8.4 Rhododendron, lepidote

Class 10

Foliage

(no open flowers)

- 10.1 Elepidotes
- 10.2 Elepidotes, indumented
- 10.3 Lepidotes
- 10.4 Azaleas

Novice Classes

(for first-time exhibitors)

Rhododendrons

Azaleas

Tips for Competition

Ideally, a truss should be fully open or have no more than two unopened flowers, without blemishes on the petals or leaves. It should definitely not be past its prime. If necessary, some leaves may be removed, but the truss should end up with a fair rosette of green, undamaged foliage. A straight stem is best.

Immediately after cutting, a flower truss should be placed in water and set in a cool place for about two hours. Use lukewarm water to revive a wilted truss. For best uptake of water, the base of the stem should be slit or crushed for the bottom inch or two.

Groom trusses, using tweezers, stamp tongs, and damp cotton to remove any foreign material on the petals or leaves, including insects. Flower bud scales that are loose inside the truss should be removed, along with any dead pips.

To transport trusses: (1) Use bottles securely positioned in boxes or crates with dividers. (2) Poke stem holes in the lids of plastic refrigerator containers. (3) If trusses have been in water at least 2 hours, lay them in a flat box on top of slightly crumpled tissue paper.

Azalea and little-leaf rhododendron sprays are groomed the same as trusses. Sprays must stay within the size limits of 14 inches maximum height or width above the vase.

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Judges

Jerry O'Dell

Eva Jackson

Adam Levine

Chris Manogue

Steve Henning

Karen Miller

Trophies

Best in Show – John Wister Trophy

Best Species – Karel F. Bernady Trophy

Best Rhododendron Hybrid – Mr. and Mrs. James S. Sorber Trophy

Best Evergreen Azalea – Lloyd Partain Trophy

Best Deciduous Azalea – Steven Wright Trophy

Hybridizer's Cup – Joseph F. Minahan Trophy

Best Foliage – Dan and Betts Layman Trophy

Sweepstakes for most points – Judi Meade Trophy