

# **NIGC 2026 Flower Show Entry Rules and Categories**

**Event is April 8, 2026 at the Long Beach Yacht Club**

**Theme: Zen in Bloom**

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Fresh flowers are to be used in all entries either from your garden or purchased. **Exception is Division II and Division III where flowers are to be from members' gardens.** Small amounts of dried, dyed or sprayed leaves or flowers are also allowed to enhance an arrangement.
2. Accessories are permitted to complete the theme of the arrangement.
3. All members are encouraged to participate and multiple entries are welcomed.
4. Exhibitors will furnish their own containers for all entries, with the exception of Division II Horticulture/Single Bloom or Stem. (See rules)
5. Entries are to be delivered to LBYC, 2nd floor, between **8 and 9:15am** on the day of the show.
6. Judging will begin promptly at **9:30am**. No entries will be accepted after **9:15am**.
7. An entry form must accompany each entry. Entry forms will be available at the March 9th General Meeting and on the website. Complete entry form prior to arrival. If you are unsure of the Division someone will assist you at the event.
8. Each entry can only be entered into one specific category, not duplicated. (Example: An entry for Design/Arrangement cannot also be entered for the Theme award.)
9. Exhibitor's names will be concealed until the judging has been completed.
10. Ribbons/Awards will be given as follows:
  - First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention** in all Classes in each Division
  - Judges Favorite Award**
  - Garden Show Favorite Award** voted on by attendees during the open viewing.

## FLOWER SHOW DIVISIONS

All entries to be identified on entry form in one of the listed categories

### Division I—Design/Arrangements

Containers can be of members choosing to complement entry.

- Class 1 Classic.
- Class 2 Informal, Country Bouquet, Nosegays.
- Class 3 Oriental/Asian.
- Class 4 Small, up to 7 inches tall, including container.
- Class 5 Tea Cup, no size limit
- Class 6 Purchased, 100% of entry is to be purchased.

### Division II—Horticulture/Single Bloom or Stem

All entries **MUST** be displayed in clear glass vessels for miniature or tall stems that are available from the Garden Club. Contact Nancy Emslie at (562) 433-6261 or [nancyemslie@verizon.net](mailto:nancyemslie@verizon.net). Acceptable entries include Single Bud, Full Blown Bloom, Miniature.

- Class 1 Roses.
  - a. Red/Maroon
  - b. Orange/Yellow
  - c. White/Cream
  - d. Lavender/Multiblend
  - e. Pink
- Class 2 Bulbs
- Class 3 Orchid families.
- Class 4 Camellia, Gardenia
- Class 5 Others.

### Division III—Plants/Container Gardens

Entries must have been grown in the exhibitor's home for approximately 1-3 months prior to the show.

- Class 1 Blooming
- Class 2 Orchids and Orchid families
- Class 3 Cactus, Succulents/Drought Tolerant (planted, **only one specimen** in container)
- Class 4 Dish Gardens/Baskets. (planted, **two or more mixed specimens** in a container)

### Division IV—Table Settings (NO Flatware)

Entries must be kept to a normal place setting size (i.e. placemat or tray, approximately 24x20 inches).

Pre-registration is required to ensure space for each entry. Contact Lisa Mauck (949) 337-5336 or

[Lmauck1704@gmail.com](mailto:Lmauck1704@gmail.com)

- Class 1 Formal/Elaborate  
Linens/placemat, china, floral arrangement, large accessories and accoutrements.
- Class 2 Informal/Simple  
Placemat, napkin, china and small floral arrangement, one to three small accoutrements.

### Division V—Theme

Entry of any type which best exhibits this year's Flower Show theme. **"Zen in Bloom"**