

Guidelines for Parlour Show Entries (Updated for 2025)

1. Exhibitors are asked to have their exhibits staged by 6:45 PM.
2. Competition is limited to paid-up members, unless otherwise specified.
3. More than one entry is allowed in each class but must be different cultivars/varieties.
4. Judging will be done according to the Garden Clubs of B.C. Judging and Exhibiting Standards. A copy of these is available from the Parlour Show Committee Chair.
5. All entries must have a "Name Covered Entry Tag" with the entrant's name along with the class number, class name and, in the case of Horticultural classes, the genus/variety if known.
6. In Horticultural classes, materials must be from your own garden and been grown by the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
7. In classes where multiple stems of the same variety are required, the class is judged for unity among each stem. This means that each stem should be as identical as possible, in length and size and the flower is at the same stage of growth, size and colour.
8. Allow sufficient time to cut, clean and appropriately condition your chosen plant materials that originate from your garden. Ideally, this should be done at least 24 hours previously. Please ask the Parlour Show Committee about conditioning specific plant material.
9. Where foliage occurs naturally on a flower stem (eg. roses, tulips, etc), the entry should be shown along with its attached foliage in an appropriate proportion. Foliage should be removed below the waterline of the vase.
10. Wedging of stems is permitted unless visually disturbing.
11. Any bud showing colour will be counted as a bloom. Specimen blooms should be shown disbudded eg. dahlia, delphinium
12. "Surprise Us": Enter any Horticultural specimen of fruit, flower or vegetable not included in the monthly schedule. This class is judged individually for its Horticultural qualities. Points are earned toward Parlour Show awards total.
13. "Don't Judge Me": Enter any Horticultural specimen. This class is not judged but entries will earn one point per entry toward Parlour Show points totals.
14. Materials for design/decorative classes may be used from any source unless the Schedule states that materials must be from your own garden. Artificial plant materials are not allowed. Accessories (inorganic materials) must be used in a subordinate manner to enhance a design of plant material and the design appearance complete if the accessory is removed.
 - a. Any material used in design/decorative classes may be dried, painted or otherwise altered.
 - b. No soil is permitted in floral designs. Plant material must be in water or water retentive material to stay.

Annual Awards:

At each Parlour Show, points are awarded in every category of the Schedule. Four points are given for a First; 3 for a Second; 2 for a Third; and 1 point for entering, including exhibits entered in "Don't Judge Me". The Parlour Show year is from December 1st to November 30th. Points are tallied after the November meeting and awards are announced at the December meeting.