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Horticultural Society

Our 100th Year

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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20
7 PM

BENSALEM SENIOR CENTER

“DESIGN IT, GROW IT, SHOW IT!”



Our June program will be a lively interactive, user-friendly review of how to enter horticulture and design in an NGC flower show. National Garden Club Life Judge, Karen Wychock, will explain how to ‘grow and show’ horticulture specimens for entry in our annual flower show ‘Rooted In History.’ Her demonstration

will also include National Garden Club design styles that with helpful pointers in creating and entering floral designs. She will share some personal tried and true quick tips on entering both garden specimens and design.

If you have never entered a flower show or if you are an “old hat” at entering, you will walk away with some great information and great ideas for our upcoming flower show, ‘Rooted In History!’ Please bring your flower show schedule and your questions to the meeting!



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY PLANT SALE!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Plant Sale on May 20. Despite the rain we had a very successful sale. Please keep splitting your houseplants and perennials. We will need them for our Annual Flower Show on August 18-19 and for our participation in Fire Prevention Week in October. Check out page 7 for photos of the event.

Thank you to Cookie and her family for hosting this annual THS event. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Happy Father's Day

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Summer beckons us all year long with the promise of swimming pools, ice cream trucks, and relaxing in the shade. In 2023, the June solstice occurs on Wednesday, June 21, marking the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. This solstice marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the Sun, resulting in the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. As gardeners we get very excited about all of those sunlight hours. Our plants know that its prime growing season! All we need now is a day of slow, steady rainfall! Is that too much to ask?



With that in mind, what are you growing for this year's THS flower show on August 18-19? Are you growing flowers or vegetables? Are you growing succulents, cacti, shrubs or trees? Are you taking part in our challenge seed classes? Whatever your choice, we would enjoy seeing them at our show in August. You can enter your specimens in 123 classes of horticulture as listed in our flower show schedule. Some are tried and true repeaters. Some are new to our show. Please take the time to look over the schedule and plan your entries!

I will be presenting this month's program entitled, "Design It, Grow It, Show It!" I will explain how to 'grow and show' horticulture specimens for entry in our annual flower show 'Rooted In History.' I will provide you with helpful hints in creating and entering floral designs. I will also share some personal tried and true quick tips on entering both garden specimens and design. If you have never entered a flower show or if you are an "old hat" at entering, you will walk away with some great information and great ideas for our upcoming flower show, "Rooted in History" Please bring your flower show schedule to the meeting along with your questions.

AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW I NEED YOUR HELP IN 4 WAYS....

I will be conducting a FREE workshop for seniors at the Bensalem Senior Center on Friday, June 16. I do this every year as part of our standard flower show. The seniors will be decorating a glass vase with tissue paper and dried botanicals (flowers, petals, greens, etc.). The workshop will be conducted twice - once from 9-11 AM and then from 1-3 PM. I can use one person to help with each of these workshops. That person would help hand out supplies, cut tissue paper, fill out entry cards, clean paint brushes and offer help to any senior who needs some guidance. Please let me know if you can help with either time frame.

I can also use some help in emptying my van and setting up for my June presentation. I will be at the Senior Center on June 20 at 6 PM. Let me know if you can help unload, set up and pack up on June 16.

We will be making birdseed ornaments for our upcoming flower show. We will meet at my home on June 22 and on June 28 from 10-12 noon to make the ornaments. Let me know if you can help with this project from our upcoming flower show.

Lastly, we have 68 brand new tablecloths that need some pressing. They have a few creases in them from packing. If you can iron out the wrinkles in 1, 2, 3 or more tablecloths please let me know. I'll have the tablecloths available at the June and July meetings. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at our June 20 meeting.
Karen

Calendar for 2023

June 20
July 18
August 8
September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12

2023 Board Meetings

July 13
September 7

2023 THS Events

May 20
Annual Plant Sale

August 18-19
Annual Flower Show
"Rooted In History"

Fire Prevention
October 7 (tentative date)

2022 THS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

OFFICERS

President - Karen Wychock
Vice-President - Karen "Cookie" Woodson
Treasurer - Lenis Van Aken
Recording Secretary
Aurea Almazan, General Meetings
Lenis Van Aken, Executive Meetings
Corresponding Secretary - Karen Wychock
Members at Large (4)
Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow and ???

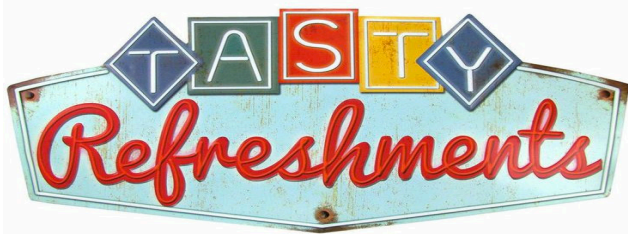
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Adviser, Betty Sykes

District XI Representative
Karen Wychock

Flower Show Chair - Karen Wychock
Membership - Ruth Kurtz
Membership List - Marie Cartwright
Greeters - Choony Choi, Rae Glasgow
Historian - Lynn Kay
Little Show - Ruth Dorn and Ron Cliggett
Little Show Judges - Ruth Aumann,
Choony Choi and Rae Glasgow
Publicity - Marie Cartwright
Scholarship - Jim Kates
Awards - Unfilled
Ways and Means - Rosanne Payson
Picnic - Sally Irons, Rae Glasgow
Spotlight - Phyllis Ford





Refreshments anyone?

As a member of the Trevoise Horticultural Society, everyone is expected to volunteer for refreshments once a year. Please sign up at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

June 20

Linda East, Liz Arnold, Carolyn Shaun

July 18

Lynn Contino, Ann Krull

August 8

Lisa Contino, Ruth Dorn

September 19

Phyllis Ashcraft, Phyllis Dietz, Phyllis Ford

October 17

Ruth Kurtz, Dick Longcoy, Betty Sykes,
Connie Simon

November 14

Arleen Patton, Ruth Gabel, Ron Cliggett

December 12

Holiday Party! Everyone brings!

If I forgot to list anyone's name, please let me know. I lost my original sign up sheet!

**DISTRICT XI/GCFP
2023
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



September 15

District XI Annual Meeting
Cedarbrook Country Club

Garden & Watershed

HOTLINE

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Trevoise Horticultural Society
Rooted In History

Standard Flower Show
August 18-19, 2023

The Trevoise Horticultural Society is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. Trevoise is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. Our most ambitious endeavor is the staging of our annual Standard Flower Show which will take place on August 18 and 19, 2023. This year's theme is "Rooted in History." Funds generated from this event help to support annual scholarships awarded to deserving tristate area college students who are majoring in horticulture related studies.

To help defray the cost of our show, we asked for donations from our members and from area businesses to create 15-20 beautiful gift baskets. Would you please consider donating a gift certificate or item for our baskets? We would greatly appreciate any and all donations. Please phone Karen Wychock (chairperson) at 215-460-8853 if you are able to help support our show. You can still mail a gift certificate to her directly at 108 Lyric Way, Warrington, PA 18976.

Thank you for considering our request to make a donation toward our flower show. We hope to see you at this year's show, "Rooted In History!"

St. Ephrem Catholic Church
5400 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
August 18-19, 2023
Friday 4-8 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 4:30 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

Over 123 classes of Horticulture, competitive Floral Designs, a Junior Division, Educational Exhibits, Garden Market and Bake Sale!

Trevoise Horticultural Society
2023 NGC Small Standard Flower Show

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HISTORY**

Friday, August 18
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday, August 19
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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flower show! Please consider volunteering your time to the show in a way that fits your interests and time. Can you help set up the show? Can you donate a gift basket? Can you volunteer to clerk the show? Can you act as a hostess/host? We have a job for everyone!



Gift Baskets: Ruth Kurtz is once again chairing the gift baskets. We all love “end of the season sales” so please keep your eyes open for all of those great buys. We have people of different ages and people with different interests attending our show. We are asking you to put together a themed basket with approximately \$50 worth of items and bring it to the show. If you have an individual item or want to make a cash donation toward a basket, please bring them to the meeting. If you have any questions or want to discuss an idea, please call Ruth Kurtz at 215-674-9720 or email her at rek302@gmail.com.

Donation Letters: In trying to complete our gift baskets, we ask local businesses for donations. Donations may be in the form of gift cards to local garden centers, building supply stores, restaurants, etc. A letter of introduction is already written for you and available from Karen Wychock at all meetings.

Market Place/Food Table: As usual we need homemade food items such as cakes, cookies, candy, jams and jellies! Visitors love homemade goodies! Our “white elephant” table can also use donations. Rummage through your closets, attic and garage for any unwanted garden pots, hand tools, garden decorations, books and jewelry! Please see Ruth Dorn with any questions.

Plant Table: Our visitors are always lined up for one of Choony Choi’s great floral designs! She can always use vases, potted plants, and cut flowers/greens from our gardens.

Hospitality: As always, we need greeters! Our visitors need a warm welcome from one of our members. A smile goes a long way when someone is not quite sure of their surroundings. Won’t you help in donating an hour of your time? If available, please contact Phyllis Dietz at 215-676-1375.

Clerks: Have you ever dreamt of following the judges around our show? If so, your dream has come true! Simply let Karen know that you would like to be a clerk at this year’s show! No experience necessary! We need 8 clerks this year.

You’re invited to celebrate Trevoise Horticultural Society’s 100th Birthday on August 18-18, 2023. Our show, entitled “Rooted In History,” will once again take place at St. Ephrem Church on Bensalem, PA.

In 1923, Mr. Jay V. Hare, Secretary of the Reading Railroad, persuaded a number of his friends and associates to join him in putting on a flower show in the village of Trevoise where he had his home. At that time, Lower Bucks County was real countryside with wide vistas of rolling green acres. In these surroundings, Jay Hare found his avocation in the pursuit of horticulture, as did his neighbors; Mr. Garrett V. Clark, an executive with the Buchanan Printing Company of Philadelphia, and Mr. Charles S. Randall, an outstanding grower of dahlias and other flowers. For the next 18 years these three men led the fledgling Trevoise Horticultural Society in Pennsylvania. We now find ourselves celebrating our 100th birthday! What an amazing accomplishment. Whether you have been a THS member for many years, or a member for a few months, we are happy to have you as a participating member of the Trevoise Horticultural Society.

As usual, we need your help in making this another great



Trevoze Annual Plant Sale

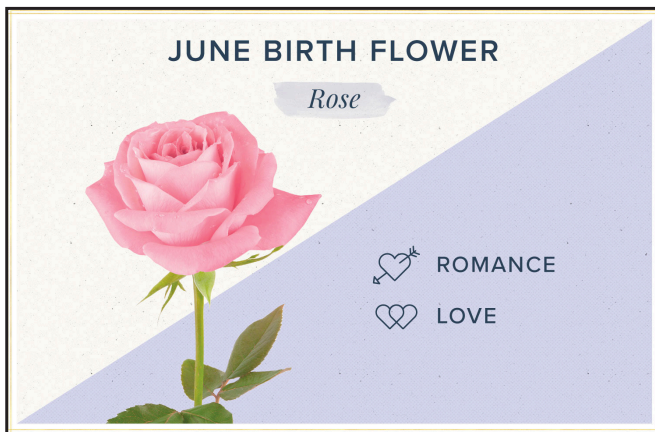
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BIRTH MONTH FLOWERS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Long before email, texting, instant messages or even phone calls, people used flowers to communicate. The language of flowers — also known as floriography — was popular in the 18th and 19th century. While we now have more ways to communicate, the messages told with flowers are as meaningful today as ever. Each birth month flower has a unique meaning, and is sure to make the recipient feel extra special.



JUNE: THE ROSE

The rose is the official birth flower for the month of June. You're not going to be surprised that the meaning of this flower is romance and love. The ancient Greeks and Romans associated the flower with their goddesses of beauty and love, Aphrodite and Venus, and the meaning stuck around for centuries to come.

However, different colored roses can change the symbolism of the flower. Yellow roses stand for friendship, white roses mean innocence or purity and pink

roses symbolize perfect happiness. The honeysuckle is the other birth month flower for June. You may not be as familiar with honeysuckle because honeysuckle flowers grow on shrubs or flowering vines and are not frequently used in bouquets. Honeysuckle flowers attract butterflies, so plant one in your yard (or the yard of someone with a June birthday) if you enjoy the colorful critters!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING THS MEMBERS:

- Alice Szarek June 9
- Rae Glasgow June 14
- Dick Longcoy June 13
- Lynn Contino June 28



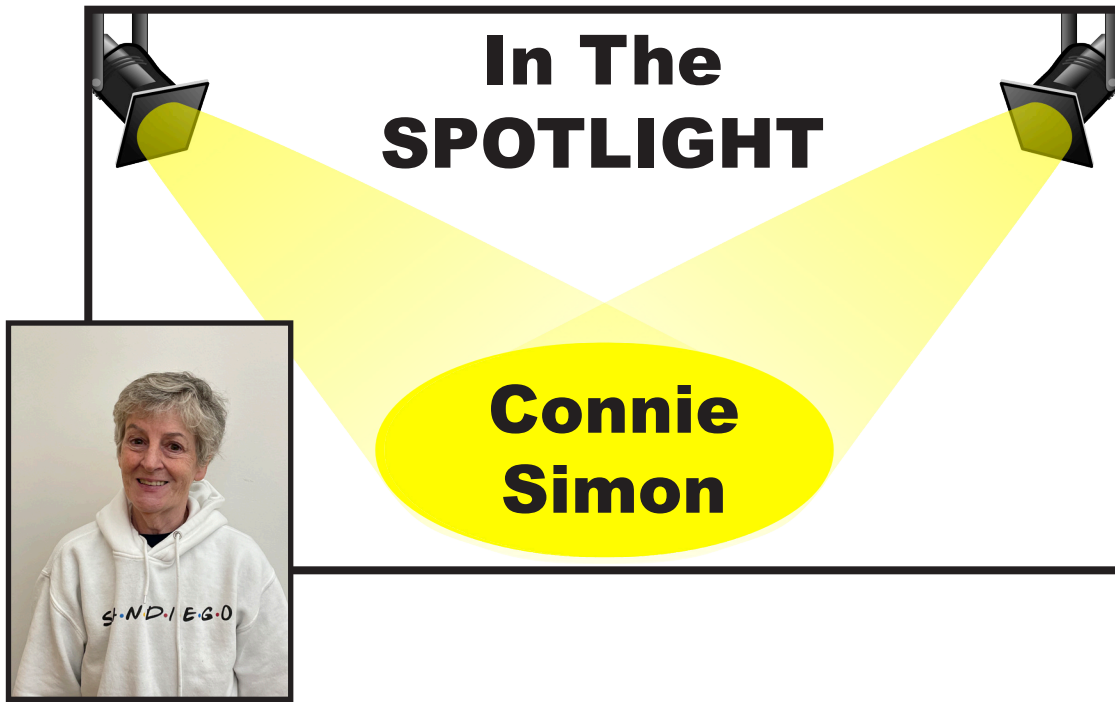
GARDEN CHATTER

YOUR JUNE "TO DO" LIST

- Mulch new beds and cultivate and top off mulch on beds that were mulched in previous years.
- Immediately after blooming, prune spring-flowering trees and shrubs such as deutzia, rhododendron, azalea, mock orange, pieris, lilac, viburnum, weigela, beauty bush, fringe tree and quince.
- Direct-seed sunflowers and other warm-weather annuals. The lawn also can be seeded still if herbicides or weed preventers weren't used.
- Plant tender bulbs such as cannas, callas, dahlias, caladium, gladioli and tuberous begonias.
- After danger of frost (usually around Mother's Day), plant annual flowers and warm-weather vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, melons, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, eggplant, pumpkins, corn and beans. Keep a repellent handy for the rabbits... they love these tender young transplants.
- Cut spring-bulb foliage after it yellows, never before. Also don't tie or braid foliage. It's OK to remove spent flower stalks as soon as the blooms are done.
- Plant new trees, shrubs and perennials and transplant/divide existing ones.
- Plant containers, window boxes and hanging baskets. Consider digging up divisions of perennials with good-looking foliage to dress up your containers. Examples: coralbells, hosta, foamy-bells, painted ferns, lamium and variegated brunnera.
- Late in month, prune back one-half of the new growth of pines, spruce and fir to encourage bushiness (if desired). If you're trying to control size of these, remove most of this new growth late May through June.
- Harvest rhubarb, lettuce, radishes, spinach and other spring-planted crops.
- Remove any fallen leaves or other rotting organic matter from ponds.
- Lift and divide any overgrown aquatic plants, begin feeding plants and fish, and add new water-garden plants (temperature permitting) and fish.
 - Keep garden watered – especially newly planted plants – if rain isn't sufficient.
 - Pull weeds in beds, spot-spray for weeds in lawn or use a weed-'n-feed product if lawn weeds are everywhere.
 - Continue regular spraying program for fruit trees and roses.
 - Scout for pest problems and treat as needed. Watch for bag worms on evergreens; tent caterpillars on fruit trees; leaf miners on holly and birch; gypsy moths on a variety of trees; woolly adelgids on hemlocks; borer adults on rhododendrons and dogwoods; lace bugs on azaleas and pieris; scale on euonymus, and spider mites on spruce.
- Gradually get houseplants use to the outside once all danger of frost is past. Most appreciate a "summer vacation" outside, and many make good centerpieces in shady flower pots.
- Late in the month trim back mums, tall asters, sedum, boltonia and other late-season bloomers that tend to flop by about one-half
- Watch for tiny, sticky, black "dots" on siding from artillery fungus growing in mulch. Switch to pine bark, cedar or cypress mulch if it's a problem.



George Weigel
<https://georgeweigel.net>



Welcome to Connie Simon. She recently retired from International Sales at The Lenox Company and wants to get more serious about gardening.

Connie's father grew tomatoes and other vegetables in their home garden and her Aunt Mabel concentrated on growing Pansies. She also taught Connie about the importance of dead heading Roses.

For Christmas, Connie's husband, Jim, built 4 raised beds and a retaining wall. The beds had flowers and vegetables, including Watermelons and Cantaloupes. The wall has several Azalea bushes in front of it. Nearby is a working compost pile.

Connie is interested in growing native plants, especially those that attract birds and butterflies, and taking care of the hibiscus planted front of the new wall so it will survive local winters. Her property isn't large, but she wants to make the most of it.

Submitted by Phyllis Ford



NGC NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB HORTICULTURAL DISPLAY

Horticulture Display is new to our flower show. It combines horticulture and design. Check out p.15 in our flower show schedule. It does require advance registration. Please phone Lenis Van Aken at 215-322-4154 if interested in entering this class.

Definition: A collection of specimens exhibited with a strong overall artistic effect.

A. A minimum of five (5) different container grown specimens exhibited in individual containers, or the appearance of being individually exhibited.

B. Specimens such as evergreens and some epiphytes not requiring containers must appear as individual specimens.

C. The Display as a whole is a single entry, and only one entry card is used.

D. Specimens should be related, such as all one plant family (Rosaceae, Pinaceae), one genus (Hosta, Paeonia), similar characteristics (bromeliads, ferns, orchids), etc.

E. Advanced registration is required.

F. While artistic effect is of equal importance to cultural perfection, featured plant specimens must dominate.

G. Placement of the display is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

H. Staging materials including shelves, frames, blocks, background panels, man-made sculptures, underlays, other fresh and/or dried plant material, etc., are permitted but are used only to enhance plant materials.

I. Each specimen must be correctly and clearly identified with the current scientific designation, and in a manner to easily identify the specimen's location in the display.

J. Individual specimen scores in the Display are NOT averaged; the lowest scoring specimen in the Display will determine the highest ribbon possible for the exhibit.



NGC NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB MULTI-RHYTHMIC DESIGN

Multi-Rhythmic Design – a Creative Design with emphasis on two (2) or more rhythms in the design with one (1) rhythm dominating.

1. Lines create two (2) or more separate and distinct rhythms, each creating a different pattern and movement unlike the other.
2. Lines may go in any direction, be continuous, interrupted and/or crossed.



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB PARALLEL DESIGN

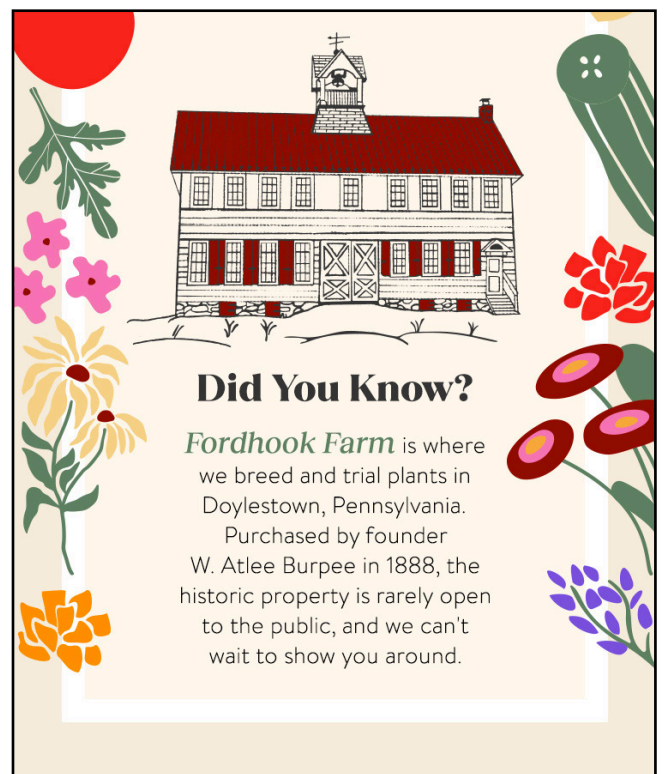


A Parallel Design is a design consisting of three (3) or more groupings of plant material and optional components with a strong parallel placement in a single container and/or base.

1. Multiple containers/bases may be used if combined to appear as one unit
2. Parallel direction may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal within the allotted space.
3. The overall effect must appear parallel. Groupings need not be equidistant from each other.
4. A connective/s may be used at the base of the design.



Mark your calendar for a free, fun-filled day full of inspiration (we've updated the gardens!), special speakers and so much more.



Did You Know?

Fordhook Farm is where we breed and trial plants in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Purchased by founder W. Atlee Burpee in 1888, the historic property is rarely open to the public, and we can't wait to show you around.



Please consider taking part in our Little Show each month! We always offer 2 design classes and several horticulture classes. It's a great way to practice for our Annual Flower Show. Ruth Dorn always has entry cards available for you to use.

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY LITTLE SHOW!

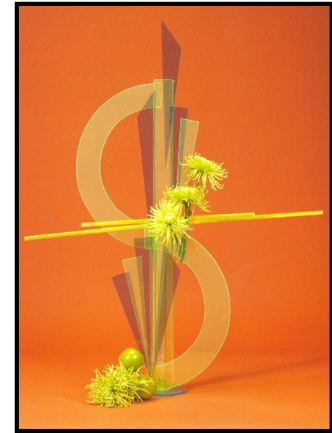
JUNE LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'DANCING IN THE RAIN'

1. Multi-Rhythmic design
2. Anything Goes

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3. Annual, 1 specimen
4. Annuals, 3 specimens, same or mixed
5. Columbine, 1 specimen
6. Any other perennial, 1 specimen
7. Perennials, 3 specimens, same or mixed
8. Rose, 1 bloom
9. Rose, 1 spray
10. Any other outdoor grown specimen
11. Best of your garden, collection of 3 or more varieties, all flowers or all vegetables. Supply list.



**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER
JUDGING HAS STARTED**

JULY LITTLE SHOW

DESIGN - 'BETTER TOGETHER'

1. Parallel Design

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2. Annual, 1 specimen
3. Annual, 3 specimens, same or mixed
4. Any bulb, corm or tuber, 1 specimen in bloom
5. Tomatoes, small fruited, 2" or under, any color, 5 specimens,
1 variety
6. Tomatoes, large fruited, Red, over 2" 3 specimens, 1 variety
7. Beans, edible pods, 8 pods
8. Any other vegetable, 1 specimen
9. Herb, culinary or fragrant, 1 specimen
10. Best of your garden, collection of 3 or more varieties, vegetables or flowers. Supply a list.
11. ARRANGEMENT OF CHOICE - You decide! Anything Goes!

