

Horticulture Definitions

A.O.V	Any other Variety
Abstract	A design created through selection and organization of components in a non-naturalistic manner.
Bowl	Height equal to or less than diameter, arrangement consists of freshly cut plant material in a container with base, if necessary.
C.V.A.	Colour variety allowed
Crafts	Handcrafted flowers – contrived flowers – any kind of flower made from plant material. The material used and the resultant product must be recognizable as plant material i.e. corn husks, cones, nuts, bark, etc. No artificial plant material will be permitted.
Cut	Includes side shoots and multiple flowers
Decorative Wood	A piece of bare dried wood showing interesting form. May be weathered naturally by elements and/or polished or otherwise treated.
Design	Using dried, weathered, or treated materials, and/or accessories with or without fresh plant material.
Distinct	One variety and colour
Driftwood	Any wood that has been exposed to and weathered by water, preferably sea water.
Exhibit	Some clubs (ours included) define all floral entries as exhibits.
Inflorescence	The flowering part of the plant.
Miniature	Is 3" or less, in any direction, including the container. Sometimes, a schedule will call for 4" or 5" limits.
Modern Design	A creative design characterized by bold forms, sharp contrasts. Not too many flowers are used and no fillers. Use a plain container.
Pave	Design materials are placed closely together in a cobblestone effect.
Petite	Is 7" or 9" in any direction, including container.
Spray	The terminal growth consisting of 1 stem (not branch) with or without a central flower head or bud. 2 or more blooms should be open and be fully developed.
Spike	An inflorescence with more or less elongated axis usually unbranched, bearing stalked or stalkless flowers e.g. delphinium, foxglove, gladioli, grasses.
Stalk	A stiff stem branching or not with one or more flowers e.g. bearded iris
Stem	The main axis of plant includes one or more flowers, no side branches.
Truss	A compact cluster of flowers growing from on stem e.g. rhododendron, pelargonium and tomatoes.
Vase	Height greater than diameter