



“ALL ABOARD!”

AN NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Presented By

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City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department’s Green Thumb Festival

Walter Fuller Park Community Center

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Saturday, April 25 9AM – 4PM

Sunday, April 25, 2026 9AM – 3PM

Sunday, April 26, 2026 3PM - Awards Ceremony

ENTRY DEADLINES

Design Entries: March 4

Crafts Entries: March 4

Photography Entries: March 4

Horticulture Entries: April 4

Fairy Garden Entries: April 4

DIVISION I: DESIGN **“TRAIN #40 IS DEPARTING NOW”**

Eligible for the Award of Design Excellence *HB p. 42*

Eligible for one Designer's Choice Award - HB p. 47

Plant material in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh. Background is black pipe and drape unless otherwise stated.

SECTION A. "FIRST STOP"

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CLASS 1: "Train Trestle"

4 Exhibits

Creative Angular Design - HB p. 73

A Creative Design emphasizing strong angles that may be acute, obtuse, reflex, right angles or combination of angles.

- Staged on a section of a 29" high 6' table covered with a black floor length cloth, provided by committee.
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 32" wide x 30" deep. No height restriction.

CLASS 2: “Passing By A Waterfall” 4 Exhibits.

Creative Cascade Design - HB p. 72

A Design with an emphasis on a downward rhythmic movement. The downward lines may be curved, straight, zigzag, interrupted or may be a combination. The design is supported by a container or other device. A minimum of components may extend upward.

- Staged on a white wood pedestal 38" high with a 20" square top.
- An underlay is optional, not to exceed the edge of the top of the pedestal, provided by the designer.
- Frame of Reference: 22" wide. No height restriction.

CLASS 3: “Train Tracks” 4 Exhibits

Creative Spatial Thrust Design - HB p. 75

A Creative Design consisting of two (2) parallel placements of similar components. Emphasis is on the two (2) thrusting lines and the vacant space between them. Thrust may be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Plant material and/or other optional components may be added to only the outer edges of the thrusting lines. If emergence of the thrusting lines occurs on different planes; vacant space is not required until both lines appear on the same plane.

- Staged on a section of a 29" high 6' table covered with a black floor length cloth, provided by committee.
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 32" wide x 30" deep. No height restriction.

SECTION B. "THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD"

Eligible for one Petite Award - HB p. 47

*Designer's Choice: Plant material in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh.
Background is black pipe and drape unless stated otherwise.*

CONSULTANT: Barbara Kirkconnell **Indigo9933@gmail.com**
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CLASS 4: "Gazing Out The Window" **4 Exhibits**

8" Creative Transparency Design - HB p. 72

A Creative Design not to exceed 8" in width, depth or height with see-through elements (translucent, diaphanous, grid-like materials) integral to the design and permitting some components to be viewed through others.

- Staged on a section of a black shelf, 9" wide, 32" long.
- Underlay is required not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 8" wide x 8" deep x 8" high.

CLASS 5: "The Rails" **4 Exhibits**

12" Creative Spatial Thrust Design - HB p. 75

A Creative Design not to exceed 12" in width, depth or height consisting of two (2) parallel placements of similar components. Emphasis is on the two (2) thrusting lines and the vacant space between them. Thrust may be vertical, optional components may be added to only the outer edges of the thrusting lines. If emergence of the thrusting lines occurs on different planes, vacant space is not required until both lines appear on the same plane.

- Staged on a section of a bistro table covered in black stretch fabric.
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 12" wide x 12" deep x 12" high.
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CLASS 6: "River Crossing" **4 Exhibits**

10" Creative Underwater Design - HB p. 73

A Creative Design having some or all plant material and optional component/s underwater. Plant material and other components under water must contribute to overall design and are selected for their lasting quality.

- Staged on clear risers on a section of a black shelf 10" high, 10" deep.
- An underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 10" wide x 10" deep x 10" high.

SECTION C. "DINING ON A TRAIN"

Eligible for one Table Artistry Award. HB p. 47

Designers Choice: Plant material in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh.

Background is black pipe and drape.

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Class 7: "Breakfast Room Service" **4 Exhibits**

Casual Tray for One- HB p. 76

The decorative unit should be in scale to the one (1) place setting. The tray requires an appropriate-sized decorative unit with stability of the decorative unit given importance.

- Staged on a section of a 4' table.
- Exhibitor to supply a tray not to exceed the Frame of Reference
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 20" wide, no height restriction.

Class 8: "Private Dining for Dinner" 4 Exhibits.

Casual Functional Table for Two- HB p. 76

Table planned for actual service of food. A decorative unit must be included. Coordination of all components must be balanced within the allotted space

- Staged on a 37" square card table, 29" high
- Exhibitor to provide covering/s.
- Judged standing and from the front.
- Frame of Reference: 37" wide, no height restriction.

Class 9: "Cocktails The Lounge" 4 Exhibits

Exhibition Table With A Decorative Unit- HB p. 76

Not meant to be functional. Created artistically to suggest the service of food with no requirements as to type or number of table appointments. Must have a decorative unit (completed floral design). Plant material must be used as needed.

- Staged on a section of a 29" high 6' table covered with a black floor length cloth, provided by committee.
- Designer to provide a 2-dimensional staging panel 48" high, not to exceed 32" wide.
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 32" wide x 30" deep.

SECTION D. "AN ADVENTURE"

Eligible for one GCSP Novice Section Award

(Not eligible for the Award of Design Excellence)

Open only to Designers who have never won a blue ribbon in any design class at an NGC flower show.

Plant material in the exhibit may be dried, treated dried and/or fresh. Background is black pipe.

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Class 10: "Imagine" 4 Exhibits

Creative Design- HB p. 76

Designer has complete freedom in choice of plant material and design. A Creative Design uses components in a non-realistic manner and may contain abstraction, with plant material not necessarily in water.

- Staged on a section of a 29" high 6' table covered with a black floor length cloth, provided by committee.
- Underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference: 32" wide x 30" deep. No height restriction.

DIVISION II: HORTICULTURE

“NEXT STOP”

SECTION A. - “KEY WEST”

ORCHIDS: BLOOMING - Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

1. <i>Cattleya</i>	6. <i>Phalaenopsis</i>
2. <i>Dendrobium</i>	7. Recognized Named Hybrids
3. <i>Ludisia</i>	8. <i>Vanda</i>
4. <i>Oncidium</i>	9. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
5. <i>Maxillaria</i>	

SECTION B. - “MIAMI”

FLOWERING: Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

10. <i>Adenium</i> (desert rose)	17. <i>Kalanchoe</i>
11. <i>Amaryllis</i>	18. <i>Mandevilla</i>
12. <i>Anthurium</i>	19. <i>Schlumbergera</i> (Christmas cactus)
13. <i>Begonia</i>	20. <i>Spathiphyllum</i>
14. <i>Episcia</i>	21. <i>Streptocarpus</i> (inc. African Violets)
15. <i>Geranium</i>	22. Any Other Worthy Named
16. <i>Hoya</i>	Specimen

SECTION C. - “FT. LAUDERDALE”

BROMELIADS: Blooming or With Colorful Bracts - Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

23. <i>Aechmea</i>	27. <i>Vriesea</i>
24. <i>Guzmania</i>	28. Any Other Worthy Named
25. <i>Neoregelia</i>	Specimen
26. <i>Tillandsia</i>	

SECTION D. - “WEST PALM BEACH”

BROMELIADS: FOLIAGE - Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

29. <i>Aechmea</i>	34. <i>Neoregelia</i>
30. <i>Ananas</i>	35. <i>Tillandsia</i>
31. <i>Billbergia</i>	36. <i>Vriesea</i>
32. <i>Cryptanthus</i>	37. Any Other Worthy Named
33. <i>Guzmania</i>	Specimen

SECTION E. - “FT. PIERCE”

FOLIAGE: Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

38. <i>Aglaonema</i> (Chinese evergreen)	52. <i>Fittonia</i> (nerve plant)
39. <i>Alocasia</i>	53. <i>Goeppertia</i> (calathea)
40. <i>Anthurium</i>	54. <i>Hedera</i> (ivy)
41. <i>Asparagus</i> (fox tail)	55. <i>Hypoestes</i> (polka dot)
42. <i>Aspidistra</i> (cast iron)	56. <i>Maranta</i> (prayer plant)
43. <i>Begonia</i>	57. <i>Peperomia</i>
44. <i>Caladium</i>	58. <i>Philodendron</i>
45. <i>Coleus</i>	59. <i>Spathiphyllum</i> (peace lily)
46. <i>Codiaeum</i> (croton)	60. <i>Stromanthe</i>
47. <i>Colocasia</i>	61. <i>Syngonium</i>
48. <i>Cordyline</i> (ti plant)	62. <i>Zamioculcas</i> (ZZ plant)
49. <i>Dieffenbachia</i>	63. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
50. <i>Dracaena</i> (no sansevieria)	
51. <i>Epipremnum</i> (pothos)	

SECTION F. FERNS: Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

64. <i>Adiantum</i> (maidenhair)	69. <i>Platycerium</i> (staghorn)
65. <i>Asplenium</i> (bird's nest)	70. <i>Polypodium</i> (true)
66. <i>Davallia</i> (footed)	71. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
67. <i>Microsorum</i> (elkhorn)	
68. <i>Nephrolepis</i> (Boston)	

SECTION G. - "ORLANDO"

CACTUS & SUCCULENTS: Container Grown Specimens

Container must be 14" or less in diameter and weigh 20 pounds or less.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

72. <i>Agave</i>	84. <i>Haworthiopsis</i>
73. <i>Aloe</i>	85. <i>Hoya</i>
74. <i>Beaucarnea</i> (ponytail palm)	86. <i>Kalanchoe</i>
75. <i>Bowiea</i> (climbing onion)	87. <i>Mammillaria</i>
76. <i>Cereus</i>	88. <i>Pachypodium</i>
77. <i>Crassula</i> (jade)	89. <i>Portulacaria</i> (elephant bush)
78. <i>Dorstenia</i>	90. <i>Rhipsalis</i>
79. <i>Dracaena</i> (sansevieria)	91. <i>Sedum</i>
80. <i>Echeveria</i>	92. <i>Stapelia</i> (carrion flower)
81. <i>Euphorbia</i>	93. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
82. <i>Gasteria</i>	
83. <i>Haworthia</i>	

SECTION H. - "LAKE LAND"

UNUSUAL CONTAINERS:

Foliage Container - Grown or Mounted

*Container should not exceed 20" in diameter when measured across the top and weigh 20 lbs. or less.
All containers must have a single species, but multiple specimens allowed as needed. Containers must be in scale with plants and may not dominate.*

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

94. Cactus Only	97. Mounted
95. Succulent	98. Any Other Unusual Container
96. Foliage	

SECTION I. - "TAMPA"

MULTIPLE PLANTINGS: with Common Characteristics - Container Grown Specimens

Planter should not exceed 14" in diameter when measured across the top of the container and weigh 20 lbs. or less.

All containers must have a minimum of three (3) different species.

Containers must be in scale with plants and may not dominate. All plants must be identified by botanical name and its location in the container on an accompanying 4"x6" card. This legend can be a diagram or photograph.

Eligible for One Grower's Choice Award HB p. 41

CLASS:

- 99. **Dish Gardens** - Cactus and Succulents
- 100. **Dish Gardens** - Other than Cactus and Succulents
- 101. **Mounted**
- 102. **Planters**
- 103. **Terrariums**
- 104. **Any Other Worthy Combination Planting**

SECTION J. - "ST. PETERSBURG"

ARBOREAL: FLOWERING - Cut Specimens

One (1) branch with several nodes; not to exceed 30 inches.

No foliage allowed below the waterline.

Committee provides clear containers, plastic wrap and clear marbles for wedging and anchoring.

Eligible for One Arboreal Award HB pp. 40-41

CLASS:

105. <i>Allamanda</i>	110. <i>Jatropha</i>
106. <i>Clerodendrum</i>	111. <i>Plumeria</i>
107. <i>Gardenia</i>	112. <i>Tecoma</i>
108. <i>Hamelia</i> (firebush)	113. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
109. <i>Ixora</i>	

SECTION K. - "SARASOTA"

ARBOREAL: FOLIAGE - Cut Specimens

One (1) branch with several nodes and an apical tip; not to exceed 30 inches.

No foliage allowed below the waterline.

Committee provides clear containers, plastic wrap and clear marbles for wedging and anchoring.

Eligible for One Arboreal Award HB pp. 40-41

CLASS:

- 114. *Acalypha* (copperleaf)
- 115. *Breynia* (snowbush)

116. *Codiaeum* (croton)

- a.** Broad leaf
- b.** Interrupted leaf
- c.** Narrow leaf
- d.** Oak leaf
- e.** Semi-Oak leaf

117. *Heptapleurum (Arboricola)*

118. *Podocarpus*

119. *Psychotria* (wild coffee)

120. *Sophora* (necklace pod)

121. *Viburnum*

122. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen

SECTION L. - "FT. MEYERS"

TROPICAL: FOLIAGE - Cut Specimens

One branch or one leaf with stem if part of natural growth pattern; not to exceed 30 inches.

Committee provides clear containers, plastic wrap and clear marbles for wedging and anchoring.

Eligible for One Award of Merit HB p. 41

CLASS:

123. <i>Alocasia</i>	131. <i>Ginger</i>
124. <i>Anthurium</i>	132. <i>Microsorum</i> (elkhorn fern)
125. <i>Aspidistra</i>	133. <i>Monstera</i>
126. <i>Caladium</i>	134. <i>Pandanus</i>
127. <i>Coleus</i>	135. <i>Philodendron</i>
128. <i>Cordyline</i> (ti plant)	136. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
129. <i>Dieffenbachia</i>	
130. <i>Dracaena</i>	

SECTION M. - "NAPLES"

FLOWERING - Cut Specimens

One (1) stem with several nodes; not to exceed 30 inches.

No foliage allowed below the waterline.

Committee provides clear containers, plastic wrap and clear marbles for wedging and anchoring.

Eligible for One Award of Merit HB p. 41

CLASS:

137. <i>Alpinia</i> (ginger)	143. <i>Leucophyllum</i> (Texas Sage)
138. <i>Amaryllis</i>	144. <i>Rosa</i>
139. <i>Anthurium</i>	145. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen
140. <i>Ceratostigma</i> (plumbago)	
141. <i>Crinum</i>	
142. <i>Heliconia</i>	

DIVISION III: BOTANICAL ARTS

"THE END OF THE LINE"

SECTION A: ARTISTIC CRAFTS **"ON THE RIGHT TRACK"**

Eligible for the Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts Award *HB p. 44*
Some plant material must be used. Only dried material may be treated.

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CLASS 1: "Ticket To Ride" *4 Exhibits*

Decorate a Train Ticket *HB pp. 94-95*

- Staged on a section of a 4' table 36" high and 24" deep high, covered with black stretch fabric, provided by committee.
- Committee to provide the ticket and an easel for staging the ticket.
- An underlay is permitted, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of reference 12" x 12".

CLASS 2: "Lantern" *4 Exhibits*

Decorate a Lantern *HB pp. 94-95*

- Staged on a section of a 4' table 36" high and 24" deep high, covered with black stretch fabric, provided by committee.
- Committee to furnish the lantern. Size is 10" high x 4" wide.
- Exhibit not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of reference is 12" wide x 12" deep.

CLASS 3: "Conductor's Hat" *4 Exhibits*

Decorate a Conductor's Hat *HB pp. 94-95*

- Staged on a section of a 33" round bistro table 43" high, covered with black stretch fabric, provided by committee.
- Committee to furnish the conductor hats. Size is ???
- Exhibit not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- An underlay is optional, not to exceed the Frame of Reference.
- Frame of Reference is 15" wide x 15" deep.

SECTION B: PHOTOGRAPHY

"RIDING THE RAILS"

Capture the essence of railway scenes.

Eligible for the Botanical Arts Photography Award

HB p. 45

Single 8" x 10" color photos with 11" x 14" single black mats, provided by committee. Any plants or wildlife shown are to be identified by their common name or scientific name on a 3x5 card.

No frames allowed. HB pp. 95-96

Displayed on black grids, 2' wide x 60" tall.

CONSULTANT: Joyce Sutherland joysuthe@gmail.com 397-1157

CLASS 4: "Tracks" 4 Entries

Railroad tracks lead us to new places

A single image featuring railroad track and surrounding area in Florida.

- List the location and any plants by their common or scientific name on a 3" x 5" card.
- Landscape orientation.

CLASS 5: "Signals" 4 Entries

Passive and active signs and traffic control devices along roads that cross railroad tracks before and at highway-rail grade crossings.

A single image featuring railroad signals.

- List the location and any plants by their common or scientific name on a 3" x 5" card..
- Portrait orientation.

CLASS 6: "Fields" 4 Entries

Towns and cities grew at regular intervals along the tracks, becoming market centers to support growing rural activity

A single image featuring fields found along railroads.

- List the location and any plants by their common or scientific name on a 3" x 5" card.
- Landscape orientation.

SECTION C: HORTICULTURE
"TINY STATIONS"

Eligible for a Botanical Arts Horticulture Award HB p. 44

CONTAINER GROWN MINIATURE GARDENS HB pg. 92

A miniature landscape/scene, such as a Fairy Garden, diorama, etc.

All types of accessories permitted. Emphasis is not necessarily on plant material, but some live plant material/s must be included.

Staged on tables covered in gray floor length covers.

Frame of reference is 20" x 20". Weight limit 20 pounds. Space is limited. Minimum 12 Exhibits

All plants must be identified by botanical name and its location in the container on an accompanying 4"x6" card. This legend can be a diagram or photograph.

Pre-registration is necessary

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CLASS 7. "Largo Central Railroad"

All Plants are Foliage (no plants in bloom).

CLASS 8. "Tampa Union Station"

All Plants are Cactus.

CLASS 9. "Plant City Railroad Museum"

All Plants are Succulents.

CLASS 10. "Park Station".

Any Other Worthy Container-Grown Miniature Garden.