

Spring Achievement Day Contest Rules

The Achievement Day Contests are held in each District during Spring. The Environmental contests are divided into divisions: Artistic Design, Horticulture and Upcycle. **No Plastic of any kind is allowed in Environment except in Upcycle where you are saving it from a landfill.**

Each participant is allowed one entry per class. Each participant is allowed to compete in their highest level of achievement. i.e. An advanced painter may not enter an advanced painting and a beginner painting in the same year. The contests are for non-professionals therefore the professional category has been eliminated. That means if you are a paid photographer, you may not have an entry in that category. District Prizes will be awarded:

First Place: Blue Ribbon and Certificate

Second Place: Certificate

Third Place and Honorable Mention: Certificates

Only First Place in winners in each district will go to convention,.

- All entries must be pre-registered with the District Environment Chairman by the pre-registration deadline for your district. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS PRE REGISTERED**
- Entry forms must include all the required information. Forms will be available from the District Chairman, Club President or the State Chairman.
- All entries must be the work of the clubwoman whose name is on the entry form.
- Entries must be the work done after the last convention and not entered in previous Federation contests.
- Entries will be handled with care but they will be handled and are entered at the owner's risk.
- Items may not be removed from exhibit area prior to check out without permission from the State Chairman.
- Height is defined from the table top to the top of the arrangement.
- All categories may be sub-divided by the committee or the judges.
- **DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL**

Each item is judged on its own merit,

Scoring will not be provided

Comments should be provided by the judges for each entry

No more than one FIRST will be awarded per class/category or sub-category

ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION

Entry form in the Artistic Design Division must also include one of the following levels:

Beginner – Up to three years in category

Advanced-Three or more years in category or prior First Place Award in the Category

CATEGORIES-Reminder: No plastic flowers, greens, containers, vases are permitted.

1. Dollhouse Floral Arrangement-Up to 3 inches in any direction including stand. If using fresh flowers take picture at the District Contest and remake it for Convention.
2. Pressed Fresh Flowers under glass – Maximum Frame Size is 12" in any direction
3. Hat decorated with flowers not to exceed 18 inches in any direction
4. Seasonal Flower arrangements – not to exceed 18 inches in any direction. The flowers may be cloth or fresh, if fresh take a picture at District and remake for Convention.
A. Spring B. Summer C. Fall D. Winter
5. Flower arrangement in a teacup seated upright on a saucer – may not exceed 7 inches in any direction. If fresh flowers take a picture at District and remake for Convention, The Flowers may be **A. Fresh B. Dried C. Cloth**

6. Flower arrangement in a teapot -Fresh Flowers take a picture at District and remake for Convention.*
 - A. Single serving teapot may not exceed 5 inches in height (includes top finial), width up to 6" length 10" (spout to handle).
 - B. Multi-serving teapot – Height not to exceed 10"(includes top finial), width up to 6" length 10" spout to handle
7. Door Decoration-Dried, Cloth or Fresh Plant material (as with other categories if you use fresh material take a picture at the District and remake it for Convention if you win) A. Small 6-12 Inches in any direction B. Large- 12-22 inches in any direction.
8. Potpourri – A list of the ingredients must be listed on each entry or it will be disqualified. Item may not exceed 6" in any direction. The container does not have to be homemade but must be able to stay open and then closed for transit. The container must be decorated.
9. A fresh flower design using some evergreens, suitable for placement in a foyer table. Not to exceed 16" in any direction. Take a picture at District and remake for Convention.
10. Flower Arrangements in UPcycled container. THE CONTAINER MUST BE UPCYCLED. NOT A PLAIN JAR OR BOTTLE WITH A FLOWER

*.Please note that if you are using a teacup or a teapot has a vase it should adhere to that category specifications

HOUSEPLANT DIVISION

In this division there are no levels. It is not necessary to grow the plant from seed or propagate it yourself. Plants must have been in your possession a minimum of 6 months before the district contest. Container area must not exceed 12" across. The outside of the pot must be clean. You may put a saucer under the pot. No plant dressing or decorative accessories (figurines, fish, etc.) may be used. **ALL PLANTS MUST BE INSECT FREE. Note: if your houseplant is in full bloom at district level and the blooming period has ended by convention, take a photograph of the entire plant in bloom and attach it to the pot for convention.**

CATEGORIES

11. Terrarium – have more than one plant in the terrarium which may not exceed 18" in any direction, accessories to scale allowed.
12. African Violets A. Single Flower B. Double Flower
13. Cacti and Succulents A. Any single cactus, B. Christmas cactus, C. Small Cactus and/or Succulent garden, D. Succulents
14. Fern – may not exceed 24" in any direction
15. Orchids – A. Small 6" or less B. Large over 6"
16. Pothos
17. Other houseplants-A. Blooming plants- Follow the note on blooming plants above.B. Foliage (other than Fern). C. Dish Garden – may be combination of blooming and foliage D. Air Plant

UPCYCLE

This category is new to Environment. It is the process of taking a used item and converting it into an art object or a useful item. It is giving new life to something that might have gone to the landfill and finding a use for it. I have seen tee shirts turned into backpacks, wine corks into trivets, old broken jewelry into works of art. You must attach a list of items used and what they were in their previous life and what they have become. We invite you to save the environment and do something completely original.

There will be FOUR categories in Upcycle

- A. Use of clothing
- B. Cork Design
- C. Jewelry
- D. Holiday Displays