

American Rhododendron Society 2019 International Convention Flower Show

**Entries Accepted: Thursday, May 16, 2019
2:00 to 4:00 pm and 8:00 to 9:00 pm
and by appointment**

**The Desmond Hotel, Malvern
1 Liberty Blvd.
Malvern, PA 19355**

Entry Rules and Essential Information

**Open to the public:
Friday, May 17, 2019
Saturday, May 18, 2019**

For Catalogue for Varieties and their Classes to go:

<http://ars2019.org/flowershow/ARS2019ShowCatalog.pdf>

Tips for Competition

Ideally, a truss should be fully open or have no more than two unopened flowers without blemishes on the petals or leaves. It should definitely not be past its prime. If necessary, some leaves may be removed, but the truss should end up with a fair rosette of green, undamaged foliage. A straight stem is best.

Immediately after cutting, a flower truss should be placed in water and set in a cool place for about two hours. Use lukewarm water to revive a wilted truss. For best uptake of water, the base of the stem should be slit or crushed for the bottom inch or two.

Groom trusses, using tweezers, stamp tongs, and damp cotton to remove any foreign material on the petals or leaves, including insects. Flower bud scales that are loose inside the truss must be removed, along with any dead pips.

To transport trusses:

- (1) Use bottles securely positioned in boxes or crates with dividers, or
- (2) poke stem holes in the lids of plastic refrigerator containers, or
- (3) if trusses have been in water at least 2 hours, lay them in a flat box on top of slightly crumpled tissue paper.

Azalea and little-leaf rhododendron sprays are groomed the same as trusses. Sprays must stay within the size limits of 14 inches maximum height or width above the vase.

For a catalogue of previous entries to aid completion of entry tags, go to ARS2019.org/flowershow. For more information contact show chairman Bob Smetana at vfarssmetana@yahoo.com.

Entry Rules

1. Competition is only open to registered attendees of the ARS 2019 International Convention.
2. All entries shall be from plants grown in the exhibitor's garden for six months. All buds need not be open.
3. Entries of unregistered, unnamed and unknown cultivars are permitted providing other criteria are met. All unknown cultivars will be regarded as hybrids. Azaleodendrons will be entered in the class/section corresponding to the class/section of the seed parent of the hybrid.
4. Only one entry of a variety or species may be made by any individual. Any number of varieties may be entered in a section.
5. Elepidote (non-scaly series, large leaf) rhododendron entries shall be a single-bud truss.
6. Azalea, azaleodendron and lepidote (scaly series, small leaf) rhododendron and all entries in Class 12 shall be either a single stemmed spray or a single or multiple truss not measuring more than 14 inches in width or height above vase.
7. Each specimen plant (garden grown) may be displayed in a pot, tub or burlap.
8. All entries must be received at the site of the show on Thursday or by special arrangement.
9. Exhibitors must complete an entry tag for each entry. Tags will be available at the show; the classification committee will provide assistance. Vases will be furnished.
10. All entries should be properly groomed and conditioned. No artificial shine may be used on foliage. Leaf margins may not be trimmed.
11. Cotton or other shim material may be used to support a truss or spray in the vase provided that it does not extend above the top of the vase.
12. Placement will be by the show committee. The committee may rule an entry ineligible based on these rules, and it reserves the right to reclassify any entry and to subdivide any class or section.
13. Since table space is limited the show committee reserves the privilege to jury the show, removing entries that don't appear to be competitive in their class.
14. Judging will be by ballot of all registered attendees, a "People's Choice" show. Voting results are final. Judging will be closed Friday night at 10pm May 17, 2019.
15. Winners will be announced and ribbons made available at the Saturday Banquet.
16. The show will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed after the show closes or at the Saturday evening banquet. Exhibits not claimed in the flower show exhibit area will be disposed of.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email show chairman Bob Smetana at vfarssmetana@yahoo.com for more information.

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Classes and Sections

Class 1		Class 4		Class 7	
Rhododendron Species		Azalea Species		New Hybrids (hybridized by the exhibitor; not previously exhibited at this show)	
1.1	Elepidote (nonscaly)	4.1	Deciduous	7.1	Azalea, evergreen
1.2	Lepidote (scaly)	4.2	Evergreen	7.2	Azalea, deciduous
Class 2		Class 5		7.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
Rhododendron Hybrids,		Azalea Hybrids, Deciduous		7.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
Elepidote (large leaf)		5.1	White	Class 8	
2.1	White	5.2	Cream or off-white	Other New Hybrids (open-pollinated or hybridized by someone other than the exhibitor; not previously shown here)	
2.2	White, prominent blotch	5.3	Yellow	8.1	Azalea, evergreen
2.3	Pink, light	5.4	Orange	8.2	Azalea, deciduous
2.4	Pink, deep	5.5	Salmon or orange-pink	8.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
2.5	Pink, prominent blotch	5.6	Pink	8.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
2.6	Red, scarlet (orange red)	5.7	Red	Class 9	
2.7	Red, rose red or crimson	5.8	Multicolor	ARS Seed Exchange (seed lot, year, name of seed, and contributor must be stated)	
2.8	Red, dark or blackish	Class 6		9.1	Azalea, evergreen
2.9	Red, prominent blotch	Azalea Hybrids, Evergreen		9.2	Azalea, deciduous
2.10	Blue-purple, lavender blue	6.1	White, single	9.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
2.11	Blue-purple, strong purple	6.2	White, hose-in-hose/double	9.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
2.12	Blue-purple, prominent blotch	6.3	White, colored blotch, stripe or border	Class 10 Specimen Plants (garden grown)	
2.13	Cream	6.4	Pink, clear, single	10.1	Azalea plant, evergreen
2.14	Yellow	6.5	Pink, clear, H.I.H. or double	10.2	Azalea plant, deciduous
2.15	Orange and peach shades, including multicolor	6.6	Pink, clear, prominent blotch	10.3	Rhododendron plant, elepidote
2.16	Picotee, any colors	6.7	Pink orange, single	10.4	Rhododendron plant, lepidote
2.17	Yakushimanum hybrids (at least 50 percent yak)	6.8	Pink orange, H.I.H. or double	Class 11	
2.18	Lax truss, any colors	6.9	Pink orange, prominent blotch	Bonsai or Container-Grown Plants	
Class 3		6.10	Pink lavender, single	11.1	Garden varieties
Rhododendron Hybrids,		6.11	Pink lavender, H.I.H. or double	11.2	Vireyas
Lepidote (little leaf)		6.12	Pink lavender, prominent blotch	Class 12	
3.1	White	6.13	Rose red, single	Foliage	
3.2	Pink	6.14	Rose red, H.I.H. or double	(no open flowers)	
3.3	Salmon	6.15	Orange-red, single	12.1	Elepidotes
3.4	Lavender and blue shades	6.16	Orange-red, H.I.H. or double	12.2	Elepidotes, indumented
3.5	Yellow-cream	6.17	Salmon	12.3	Lepidotes
3.6	Red	6.18	Lavender-purple, single	12.4	Azaleas
3.7	Multicolor	6.19	Lavender-purple, H.I.H. or double		
		6.20	Multicolor		
		6.21	Strap-petal, any color		