

Division I - Horticulture

Rules of the Show

1. **Governing Rules** - The rules and regulations of the American Rose Society for the exhibition of garden roses as they appear in the most recent Guidelines for Judging Roses shall govern this show.
2. **Eligibility** - Competition is open to all rose growers registered for the convention. They are eligible to receive awards in all sections unless otherwise specified. In the horticulture section all blooms must have been grown in the exhibitor's own outdoor private garden, with no more than one exhibitor from that garden. Family members may enter as a team (e.g. Mr. and Mrs.), but not individually also.
3. **Hours** – The Prep Room and Show Room will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the show. Entries close at 9:45 for horticulture and 10:00 for arrangements and photographs. Exhibitors must vacate the judging area promptly at entry closing.
4. **Placement of Entries** – Exhibitors must place their own entries. The show committee will be available to answer questions about placement, if needed. This is an alphabetical show. With the exception of classes specifically requiring multiple varieties, each variety will be judged as a separate subclass.
5. **Entry Tags** – ARS entry tags are required, and will be available from the Show Committee if needed. Both the top and bottom portions of the tag must be completed, but exhibitor numbers are not required. Challenge classes calling for different varieties exhibited in separate containers shall have a standard entry tag attached to each container with the variety correctly named. Challenge class tags must be used when the class requires multiple specimens in a single container. In that case all varieties must be shown on the one tag, using the back of the tag if necessary.
6. **Number of Entries** - Exhibitors may enter two roses of the same variety in classes in Section D calling for one bloom per stem, unless otherwise noted. More than two specimens of the same variety in the same class, entered by the same exhibitor, automatically disqualifies all of the exhibitor's entries of that variety in that class. Each exhibitor is entitled to enter only one entry in each challenge class. More than one entry by an exhibitor in any challenge class will automatically disqualify all of the exhibitor's entries in that challenge class.
7. **Classification and Names** – All roses must be entered in the correct class and using the ARS Approved Exhibition Names (AEN). **The online Modern Roses database is the most up-to-date reference and will take precedence over all other references.** The Official List of Approved Exhibition Names, the Handbook for Selecting Roses and the online Recent Registrations listing are other acceptable references if the online database is not available. If a variety is not listed in any of the above official ARS sources, the Combined Rose List may be used as a reference. The show chairman shall be the sole arbitrator of any dispute.
8. **Disqualification and Penalization** – In accordance with ARS rules, entries will be disqualified for the following reasons: (1) Misnamed, (2) Improperly named, (3) Misclassified, (4) Misplaced, (5) Unlabeled or mislabeled, (6) Exhibitor's name is visible, (7) Stem-on-stem (except for Old Garden Roses and Shrubs), (8) Presence of a foreign substance on the foliage, stem or bloom, (9) Not disbudded (unless buds are specifically allowed), (10) Violation of show rules. Exhibits may be penalized for faults in any of the six prime elements of judging, with points deducted according to the degree of impairment.
9. **Point Scale** – The following point scale will be used for judging horticulture entries:

Elements	Points
Form	25
Color	20
Substance	15
Stem and Foliage	20
Balance & Proportion	10
Size	10

10. **Awards** – Judges will be authorized to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. However, in classes where quality is lacking, fewer or no awards may be granted at the discretion of the judges. Special certificates will be awarded to the winning entry in any class for which an ARS certificate is not awarded.

11. **Wedging** – The use of wedging material to position a specimen in the container is permitted and should be provided by the exhibitor. All wedging material must be below the top of the container or a penalty may be incurred. Please place wedging material in such a way that it allows space for adding water as necessary. No plant material may be used as wedging. Specimens placed so low in the container that the bottom row of leaves are forced up and may serve as wedging will be subject to penalization.
12. **Containers** – All containers for exhibition, except for arrangements, will be provided by the show committee. However, exhibitors may provide their own containers for English Boxes, floating specimens and the like since the number available from the show committee will be limited.
13. **Maintenance** – The Show Committee reserves the right to dispose of unsightly blooms at any time after judging. The Show Committee will protect exhibits as much as possible, but in no way assumes responsibility for damage, loss or accident.
14. **Closing** – All exhibits must remain at the show until its close. District awards may be taken at the close of the show if the rules of the district allow it. It would be appreciated if all entries would be left in their places at the end of the show so they can be part of the Festival of Roses of the Rose Society of Greater St. Louis.
15. **Loss or Damage** – Exhibitors agree that the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Rose Society of Greater St. Louis, The ARS Central District, the ARS Illinois-Indiana District, and the officers and members shall not be responsible for loss or damage to property or person.
16. **Questions** – Should any question arise, the answer to which cannot be found in ARS rules or this show schedule, the decision made by the Show Chairman will be final.

SECTION A CENTRAL DISTRICT CHALLENGE CLASSES

Classes 1 through 6 and the Buck Trophy are open to American Rose Society members who are members of the Central District and are registered for this convention. Only one entry in each class of this section from any one garden is allowed.

Class 1 - J. Horace McFarland Memorial District Trophy

Five (5) hybrid tea exhibition roses, each a different variety, one-bloom-per-stem, without side buds, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers. Exhibit must not exceed 30 inches in any horizontal direction. Eligible for **ARS J. Horace McFarland Memorial District Trophy & Certificate**

Class 2 – Max Woolery Challenge

Three (3) red hybrid teas, different varieties, one bloom per stem, exhibition form, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 3 – Omaha Challenge

Three (3) one-bloom-per-stem hybrid teas, all of the same variety, showing cycle of bloom - one bud (sepals down, petals just beginning to unfurl), one at exhibition stage, and one fully open with stamens showing, exhibited in separate containers.

Class 4 – Paul D. Morgan Memorial Challenge

Three (3) floribunda sprays, same or different varieties, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 5 - The Ralph S. Moore District Trophy

Seven (7) miniature exhibition roses, each a different variety, one-bloom-per-stem, without side buds, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers. Exhibit must not exceed 18 inches in any horizontal direction. Eligible for **ARS Ralph S. Moore District Trophy and Certificate**

Class 6 – Barbara and Larry Buster Challenge

Four (4) miniflora specimens, four separate varieties **or** two each of two varieties, one bloom per stem, exhibition stage, correctly named, exhibited in separate containers.

Dr. Griffith Buck Memorial District Trophy

Classes 44 and 45 are open to all exhibitors; however, the **Dr. Griffith Buck Memorial District Trophy** and a certificate will be awarded to the Best Shrub exhibited by a **Central District member** in Classes 44 and 45. **To be eligible, Central District members must place the initials “CD” on the entry tag near the variety name.**

SECTION B

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT CHALLENGE CLASSES

Classes 7 through 13 are open to American Rose Society members who are members of the Illinois – Indiana District and are registered for this convention. Only one entry in each class of this section from any one garden is allowed.

Class 7 – J. Horace McFarland Memorial Perpetual Award

Five (5) hybrid tea exhibition roses, each a different variety, one-bloom-per-stem, without side buds, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers. Exhibit must not exceed 30 inches in any horizontal direction. Eligible for **ARS J. Horace McFarland Memorial Perpetual Award and Certificate**

Class 8 – Dr. Homer Lyman Memorial Award

Three (3) red hybrid tea specimens, medium red or dark red, either all the same variety or different varieties, exhibition form, one-bloom-per-stem, exhibited in separate containers.

Class 9 – Hugh Lewis Memorial Trophy

Three (3) hybrid tea specimens, all the same variety; one bud (sepals down, petals beginning to unfurl), one exhibition stage, and one fully open (stamens must be showing), exhibited in separate containers.

Class 10 – Henry J. Suppan Memorial Award

Three (3) floribunda sprays, same or different varieties, exhibited in separate containers.

Class 11 – Ralph S. Moore Perpetual Trophy

Seven (7) miniature specimens, each a different variety, one-bloom-per-stem, exhibition form, exhibited in separate containers, and staged in an area not to exceed 12 inches in any horizontal direction. **ARS Certificate.**

Class 12 – Illinois-Indiana District Miniature Perpetual Trophy

Three (3) miniature specimens, all the same variety, exhibition form, one-bloom-per-stem, exhibited in separate containers.

Class 13 – Illinois-Indiana Miniflora Rose Challenge

Five (5) miniflora specimens, each a different variety, one-bloom-per-stem, exhibition form, exhibited in separate containers.

SECTION C
GENERAL CHALLENGE CLASSES

Classes 14 through 26 are open to American Rose Society members who are registered for this convention. Only one entry in any class of this section from any one garden.

Class 14 – Five Open HT/G Challenge

Five (5) OPEN hybrid tea and/or grandiflora specimens, stamens must show, one bloom per stem, each a different variety, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 15 – Matched Pair

A matched pair of exhibition stage blooms or sprays of the same variety, any type or class, exhibited side by side, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 16 – ARS Award of Excellence Challenge

Four (4) miniature or miniflora exhibition roses, ARS Award of Excellence winners, one bloom per stem, each of a different variety, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers.

Class 17 – English Box

Six (6) hybrid tea exhibition blooms, no more than two (2) of the same variety, exhibited in an English Box provided by the show committee. Challenge class tag required. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 18 – Miniature/Miniflora English Box

Six (6) miniature and/or miniflora exhibition blooms, no more than two of the same variety, exhibited in an English Box proved by the show committee. Challenge class tag required.

Class 19 – Rose in a Bowl

One (1) hybrid tea, grandiflora or floribunda exhibition form bloom, no foliage, floating in a bowl of clear water. Clear (no color) container provided by the exhibitor. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 20 – Miniature/Miniflora in a Bowl

One (1) miniature or miniflora exhibition form bloom, no foliage, floating in a bowl of clear water. Clear (no color) container provided by the exhibitor.

Class 21 – Bouquet Bowl

Five (5) or more blooms of any type, no foliage, floating in a bowl of clear water. Clear container provided by the show committee. Only a limited number of containers are available, so first-come, first-served. Please only take one if you are sure you will use it.

Class 22 – Large Rose Picture Frame

One (1) hybrid tea, grandiflora or floribunda, exhibition stage, displayed in a large picture frame provided by the show committee.

Class 23 – Miniature/Miniflora Rose Picture Frame

One (1) miniature or miniflora bloom, exhibition stage, displayed in a small picture frame provided by the show committee.

Class 24 – Hi-Lo

One (1) large rose matched with one (1) miniature or miniflora rose, each one bloom per stem, correctly named and exhibited in separate containers. Form and color should match as closely as possible. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 25 – Rose Bouquet

Six (6) to nine (9) specimens, any type except miniatures or minifloras, exhibited in a container provided by the exhibitor.

Class 26 – Miniature/Miniflora Stages of Bloom

Three (3) miniature or miniflora blooms, all the same variety, one bud (sepals down, petals beginning to unfurl), one exhibition stage, and one fully open (stamens must be showing), exhibited in separate containers.

**SECTION D
SPECIMEN CLASSES**

Exhibitors may enter two roses of the same variety in classes in Section D calling for one bloom per stem, unless otherwise noted. More than two specimens of the same variety in the same class, entered by the same exhibitor, automatically disqualifies all of the exhibitor's entries of that variety in that class.

Class 27 – Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras

One (1) bloom per stem, no side buds, exhibition form. Eligible for ARS Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates.

Class 28 – Single Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras

Varieties classed as "Single" by the American Rose Society or shown by the ARS as capable of producing blooms with 8 or fewer petals, so long as the entered specimen has 8 or fewer petals. One bloom per stem, with or without side buds, or a spray.

Class 29 – Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray

A spray of two (2) or more blooms per stem, with or without side buds. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 30 – Fully Opened Large Rose (Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda)

One (1) bloom per stem, no side buds, fresh stamens fully exposed. Roses classed as Single are not to be shown in this class.

Class 31 – Floribunda Spray

A spray of two or more blooms per stem. Eligible for Gold, Silver and Bronze ARS Certificates.

Class 32 – Floribunda One-to-a-Stem

One (1) bloom per stem specimen without side buds. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 33 – Polyantha Spray

One (1) spray of two or more blooms. Eligible for ARS certificate.

Class 34 – Miniature Exhibition Bloom

One (1) bloom per stem at exhibition stage without side buds. Eligible for ARS Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates.

Class 35 – Miniflora Exhibition Bloom

One (1) bloom per stem at exhibition stage without side buds. Eligible for ARS Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates.

Class 36 – Miniature Single

One (1) bloom per stem, without side buds. Any variety classed by the ARS as “Single” or shown by the ARS as capable of producing blooms with 8 or fewer petals, so long as entered specimen has 8 or fewer petals. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 37 – Miniflora Single

One (1) bloom per stem, without side buds. Any variety classed by the ARS as “Single” or shown by the ARS as capable of producing blooms with 8 or fewer petals, so long as entered specimen has 8 or fewer petals. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 38 – Miniature Spray

One (1) spray of two or more blooms per stem, with or without side buds, including singles. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 39 – Miniflora Spray

One (1) spray of two or more blooms per stem, with or without side buds, including singles. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 40 – Miniature or Miniflora Open Bloom

One (1) bloom per stem, no side buds, stamens fully exposed. Singles are not eligible for this class.

Class 41 – Species Roses

One (1) bloom per stem or spray of any rose classed as “Species”. Eligible for ARS Genesis Award.

Class 42 – Any OGR Variety Introduced Before The Year 1867

One (1) bloom per stem or spray. Species roses may not be entered here. Eligible for Dowager Queen Award.

Class 43 – Any OGR Variety Introduced In 1867 Or Later Or Without Known Date

One (1) bloom per stem or spray. Species roses may not be entered here. Eligible for Victorian Award.

Class 44 – Classic Shrub

Any rose from the classes Hybrid Kordesii (HKor), Hybrid Moyesii (HMoy), Hybrid Musk (HMsK) and Hybrid Rugosa (HRg). One bloom per stem, with or without side buds, OR one spray. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 45 – Modern Shrub

Any rose from the class Shrub (S). One bloom per stem, with or without side buds, OR one spray. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 46 – Climbers

Any rose from the classes Large Flowered Climbers (LCI), Hybrid Gigantea (HG) and Hybrid Wichurana (HWich). One bloom per stem with no side buds OR one spray. Eligible for ARS Certificate.

**SECTION E
SPECIAL CLASSES**

Each specimen entered in a class in this section shall be placed in alphabetical order by name of variety. Each variety constitutes a separate sub-class for judging.

Class 47 – Most Fragrant Rose

One bloom per stem, without side buds, any type, color, size or stage of bloom. Entries will be judged on the basis of Fragrance (70%) and Horticultural Excellence (30%). Open to all exhibitors registered for the Convention. Limit one entry per exhibitor. Eligible for the ARS Most Fragrant Rose Certificate.

NOVICE CLASSES

Novice classes are open to any exhibitor who has not won five (5) blue ribbons in the horticulture division of a rose show conducted under the rules of the American Rose Society. Exhibitor may enter both regular competition classes and Novice classes, but may not enter the same varieties in both classes. Best of Classes 48, 49 and 50 eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 48 – Exhibition Form Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras and their Climbing Counterparts

One (1) bloom per stem, exhibition form, without side buds.

Class 49 – Floribunda Spray

A spray of two (2) or more blooms per stem, with or without side buds.

Class 50 – Exhibition Form Miniatures, Minifloras and Climbing Miniatures and Minifloras

One (1) bloom per stem, exhibition form, without side buds.

JUDGES CLASSES

Open only to judges who are judging this show and their immediate families. These classes will be judged by local judges attending the show or show judges with no entry in these classes. Best of Classes 51, 52 and 53 eligible for ARS Certificate.

Class 51 – Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora and Floribunda

One (1) bloom per stem or a spray

Class 52 – Miniature and Miniflora

One (1) bloom per stem or a spray

Class 53 – My Beautiful Rose of Today

Any rose of any variety not eligible for Classes 51 or 52, one (1) bloom per stem, with or without side buds, or a spray.