

DESIGN CLASS

2026 Theme: "NATURE'S JEWELS"

Open to Adults and Youth.

1. **Totally Topaz.** A happy design in shades of yellow.
2. **Ruby Slipper** A predominantly red design in a unique container.
3. **Emerald Isle.** Edible plants in shades of green arranged in a "pot of gold".
4. **Diamond Lil!** A vibrant arrangement showing motion.
5. **Amazing Amethyst.** A tall, stately design featuring the purple/mauve spectrum.
6. **Scintillating Sapphire.** A shimmering, sparkling blue-water design.
7. **She's A Pearl.** A simple Ikebana design using white.

DESIGN CLASS GUIDELINES, RULES and TIPS

Fresh plant material is to be used, unless otherwise stated. Plant material may be home-grown, borrowed, or wild, but not store bought. Appropriate foliage and accessories are permitted. Designs are judged using the **Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards** (OJES) 2019 edition.

Copies of the OJES booklet are available to peruse through the Stirling Horticultural Society, or you can order your own copy through the Ontario Horticultural Association website: www.gardenontario.org

TIPS: Cut flowers and foliage the evening before the show or in the early morning. Store in a cool dark place; re-cut stem ends before placing in show containers. Grooming is essential.

Questions? Email us at stirlingdhs@gmail.com

SDHS FLOWER SHOW

Saturday July 11, 2026

St. John's Anglican Church Hall

73 North St. Stirling

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:45 Drop off, label and place entries.

NOTE: Late arrivals may be disqualified.

11:00-1:00 Judging; no-one permitted in the display area.

1:15-2:00 View entries, vote for "People's Choice", refreshments

2:00-3:00 Special Prizes Awarded, Judge "Q&A"

POINTS AND PRIZES

Only one entry per person per category allowed.

In both Specimen and Design classes, **POINTS** will be awarded for each numbered article as follows (OJES page 13)

1 st	5 points	3 rd	2 points
2 nd	3 points	Entry	1 point

All entries will receive at least 1 point.

Participants with the highest **aggregate total** of points will win one of the three (3) **cash** prizes in each class:

Specimen Class:

Highest overall points \$75

Second overall points \$50

Third overall points \$25

Design Class:

Highest overall points \$75

Second overall points \$50

Third overall points \$25

Special Prizes

People's Choice

\$25

Best in Show

\$25

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SPECIMEN CLASS

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Articles are judged for perfection of bloom, stem and/or leaves. No filler or accessories are allowed; all entries must be in a stable vase or container.

Marigolds (*Tagetes*) (p. 87 OJES)

1. Three stems yellow, same variety
2. Three stems orange, same variety
3. Three stems any other colour
4. N/A

Dahlia (p. 59 OJES)

5. One bloom over 4 inches
6. One bloom under 4 inches
7. Three Pompon, same variety
8. Three blooms, mixed varieties

Rose (p. 96 OJES)

9. One bloom of any variety
10. One spray of any variety

Zinnia (p. 106 OJES)

11. Three blooms over 3", same variety
12. Three blooms under 3", same variety
13. Three orange blooms, any variety
14. Three stems, any other variety

Pelargonium (Annual Geranium) (p. 92 OJES)

15. One stem, with foliage

Other

16. Any other annual not already listed. Must be named.

Echinacea (Coneflower) (p. 66 OJES)

17. Three blooms, same variety

Entry Tag (EXAMPLE)

CLASS SPECIMEN

SECTION DAHLIA

ARTICLE #7

Keep Exhibitors Name & No. Covered
Until After Judging.
insert flap here

NOTE: Add Specimen
name beside the
ARTICLE number, if
requested.

Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*) (p. 64 OJES)

18. One scape, any variety

Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan) (p. 99 OJES)

19. Three blooms, same variety

Other

20. Any other perennial, biennial, bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome not already listed. Must be named.

Hydrangea (Inflorescence) (p. 77 OJES)

21. One panicle (flower head) on stem or branch, any variety

Hosta (p. 76 OJES)

Leaf size is determined by multiplying the length from the leaf tip to the intersection with the petiole, by the width of the leaf at its widest point.

LARGE: 64"-120" MEDIUM: 30"-119" SMALL: 6"-29" MINI: less than 6"

22. Three Large leaves, any colour, same variety
23. Three Medium leaves, any colour, same variety
24. Three Small leaves, any colour, same variety
25. Three Miniature leaves, any colour, same variety

Heuchera (Coral Bells) (p. 75 OJES)

26. Three leaves, same variety
27. Three stems of bloom, same variety

Plants

All entries in this section must have been owned for at least 3 months.

28. Succulent (one variety). Must be named. (p. 101 OJES)
29. Flowering houseplant in bloom. Must be named. (p. 42 OJES)
30. Houseplant grown for foliage. Must be named. (p. 43 OJES)
31. Patio Planter. Variety of plants growing in a single open container.
32. Any other potted plant. Must be named