

## 2020 Dolley Madison Garden Club Zinnia Show

Ribbons will be awarded in each class. Horticulture awards will be given to the following: **Best Groomed Show Entry, Most Unusual Zinnia and Best in Show Flower.** There will also be a Novice Award; please mark your entry as Novice if you have not won a ribbon in a DMGC Zinnia Show. The **Julia DuPont Andrews Memorial Bowl** will be awarded to the winner of the Sweepstakes at the DMGC Zinnia Show – most points received in the horticulture and/or artistic flower design classes. **Ribbon points are: Blue = 4 points; Red = 3 points; Yellow = 2 points; White = 1 point.** All Entries receive 1 point or Honorable Mention.

### Horticulture Show Schedule

Section A: *Zinnia Elegans* Single Stem

**Class 1:** Large Zinnia (Flower 4" or more in diameter) Single, Semi-double, double, dahlia or cactus. For example: Burpee Big Tetra, Zenith Hybrid, Benary's Giant.

**Class 2:** Medium Zinnia (flower 2"-4") Single, semi-double, double, dahlia or cactus. For example: Cut and Come Again and or Pinwheel.

**Class 3:** Small Zinnia (flower up to 2") Single, semi-double, double, dahlia, cactus. For example: Lilliput or Thumbelina

Section B: Collection of three of a kind, same color, same variety. Please put in place. Have your collection in the same type bottles, clear or green glass allowed.

**Class 4:** Large Zinnias

**Class 5:** Medium Zinnias

**Class 6:** Small Zinnias

Section C: Zinnia species other than *elegans*:

**Class 7:** Other Zinnia. Could include: Augustfolia, haageana, tenifolia or other species not listed in a class.

\*The entry class is determined by the recommended flower size for your variety. Your zinnia seed company determines this. Prescribed size of variety is entry qualification.





## **Dolley Madison Garden Club Rules for Showing Horticulture**

1. All classes are open to all growers. Plant material must be grown by the exhibitor for at least three months.
2. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish, but only **one** entry per class.
3. All entries must be accompanied by a 3"x 5" card. Exhibitor's name is listed on the face down side of the card and the common, plus botanical, name of the specimen is on the card side showing. Plant must be labeled correctly with genus and species.
4. Exhibitors must provide clean clear or green glass bottles to display their entries. Bottles must have small necks such as wine bottles, vinegar bottles or drink bottles. Bottle size should be in scale to your specimen size. Wedging material, such as cotton balls, should be used to hold plants upright. **No boxwood.**
5. Stem must be visibly submerged in water. There should be no foliage below the water line. In the case of Zinnias, two leaves should be visible above the bottle neck.
6. Only one stem in the container.

### **Exhibiting Horticulture successfully**

1. Select plants for cutting early in the morning. Cut at a slant to encourage more water intake.
2. Cut Zinnias when the center of the bloom is tight and at the peak of maturity. Remove all side branches and most foliage. One set of leaves is sufficient.
3. Do not show plants with spent or damaged flowers. A small blemish should not take an otherwise perfect specimen out of contention.
4. The specimen should be free of pests and disease. Any evidence will disqualify your entry and it will not "pass" into the show.
5. No leaf polish or sprays

## Types and examples of Zinnia Flowers

### Single

Zinnia Flowers that have one row of petals and a visible center are known as single flowers. The daisy-like zinnias that Spanish colonist first noticed in Mexico were single-flowered plants. The heirloom *peruviana* and *tenuiflora* species have single flowers in a variety of colors including red, yellow, and bronze. Another example is *zinnia augustifolia* "Crystal" series, which grows up to 18 inches tall and has 1 ½" orange, yellow, or white flowers with orange centers. It is heat-tolerant.

### Double and Semi-Double

In 1856, French collectors introduced double-flowered zinnias. This type of zinnia has many rows of petals that completely cover the center of the flower. *Zinnia elegans* "Candy Cane" grows up to 24" tall and has 3" wide double flowers. Its color combinations range from white with bronze streaks to yellow mixed with pink.

Semi-double flowers such as lime colored *zinnia elegans* "Envy" have multiple rows of petals with a visible center. Beehive zinnias are double-flowered zinnias with rows of petals that form a beehive-shaped stack. Button-type flowers look like flattened beehive flowers.

### Cactus

Cactus-type zinnias have double or semi double flowers with petals that twist and curl. *Zinnia elegans* "Cut and Come Again", an heirloom cultivar stands up to 42" tall and has 3" wide flowers ranging in color from cream to magenta. Other cactus type zinnias are available in color mixes such as the pink, orange and yellow *Zinnia elegans* "Raggedy Ann" mix.

### Dahlia

Some cultivars, known as dahlia flowered zinnias, have double or semi-double flowers with flat wide petals. These cultivars usually have long stems and large blossoms that are attractive in cut flower arrangements. For example, the *Zinnia elegans* "Benary's Giant" series is available in 13 different colors and has 3'-4' stems with 3"-6" double flowers. Colors include a red, yellow and orange mix.

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Zinnia Horticulture Division

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Please list common and Botanical  
Name of the specimen below:

Are you a novice? Yes    No

Judge's Comments:

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