

Say "I Do"

A Tribute to June Brides



National Garden Club Standard Flower Show Achievement Award #5C

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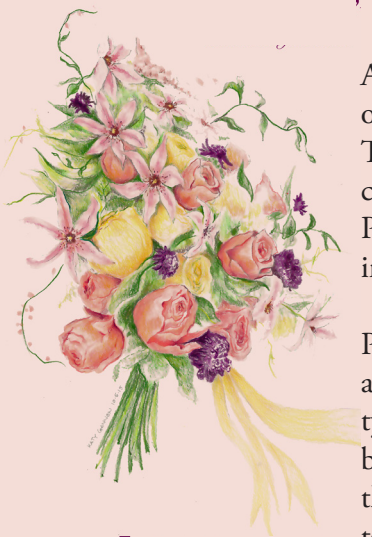
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Show Description



After our last Standard Flower Show, the Club decided to have a Flower Show every other year. This time the Show would be held in June, a celebration for June brides. The inspiration for the Show came from the beautiful old S. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church where St. Mary's Garden Club meetings are held in the Auditorium. Permission was granted to also use the Church which greatly enhanced the visual impact of the Show.

Preparations for *Say "I Do"* began in the fall of 2015 with committee meetings and group meetings to bring new members up to speed. Workshops on design types and horticulture grooming were planned, and begonia tubers were donated by a local nursery for a challenge class. To accommodate large designs for the bridal theme, existing pedestal tops were enlarged to 20". Black fabric draped the pedestals and skirted the horticulture tables.

The Show was divided into two venues. In the Auditorium, Division I, Section A. *She said "Yes,"* designs eligible for the Designers' Choice Award, were staged on pedestals with Horticulture classes exhibited on tables. Special Exhibits were staged on tables in the hallway. Indispersed in the entryway and throughout the design classes, were bridal dresses from twelve of our member and member families, displayed on dress forms. Windows were swagged with white fabric and bows to carry on the bridal theme. Division I, Section B. *We say "I Do,"* designs eligible for the Tricolor Award, were exhibited in the Church. Gathered white fabric was linked with bows and large "diamond" rings to mark the way to the Church. Upon entering, viewers were overwhelmed with the scent of fresh flowers, the glowing light from the stained-glass windows and exquisite floral designs. Gathered fabric also was used inside the Church as an illusion of pew markers. For added interest, needle-pointed kneelers, made by Church members, were exhibited with verbiage outlining the history of the Church and the making of the kneelers.

After leaving the Church, viewers were invited to view the garden, which was one of the Special Exhibits. The garden was designed, planted and maintained by members of St. Mary's Garden Club. A garden plan and a plant schedule were posted both in the garden and in the Special Exhibit area. This exhibit won the Educational Exhibit Award!

A preview party was held the night before the Show opened with members' families invited for wine and hors d'oeuvres. A decorated bridal cake was donated by a local baker and served to the guests. With 48 of the Club's 50 active members working in some capacity, the Show was a great success. All agreed that it felt like a real wedding right down to the icing on the cake!

NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
SHOW DATA

The following form is to be completed and appear in the Book of Evidence immediately following the Show Description



1. List of sponsoring clubs and/or organizations – if more than one. If space is inadequate, insert separate sheet and so indicate on this form.

St. Mary's Garden Club

2. Number of club members in sponsoring organization/s: 79*
3. Number of participating members: 48 Active
3 Associate
4. Percentage of participating club members: 96% of Actives
10% of Associates
5. Total number of exhibits in:

Horticulture Division:	<u>214</u>
Design Division:	<u>28</u>
Special Exhibits Division:	<u>3</u>

6. List NGC Top Exhibitor Awards offered. Note if any awards not given:

Horticulture: Award of Horticultural Excellence, Growers Choice (3), Award of Merit (5), Arboreal Award (2)
One Arboreal Award was not given.

Design: Award of Design Excellence, Tricolor Award, Designer's Choice Award, Maine Designer Award,
Ben E. Kirkland Creative Design Award

Special Exhibits: Educational Top Exhibitor Award

7. Source of flower show funding: St. Mary's Garden Club; S. Mary the Virgin Church provided
the venue; Skillins Nurseries provided begonia corms; Estabrook's Nurseries lent plants for the entry display.

*St. Mary's Garden Club is comprised of 50 Active members (fully participating) and 29 Associate members (retired after 6 or more years of Active status, participating at will) for a total of 79 members. 6/13

Division 1 - Design Top Awards

Award of Design Excellence Tri-Color Award Ben E. Kirkland Award



Section B. She Said "Yes," Class 6. *With this Ring*

The most decorated design entry of the flower show is a creative mass design, enhanced by a prism-cut glass pedestal container and incorporating shiny metal wire coiled into ring shapes and interspersed within the design. Chrysanthemums, orchids and calla lilies in analogous shades of pink and mauve are complimented by astible and oriental lilies in white. Reflective elegance!

Design Top Awards (continued)

Designer's Choice Award

The winning exhibition table is a bold and modern design, using colors of black, gold, silver and cream to carry the wedding theme through the design elements. The pavé floral design, comprised of chrysanthemums, tulips, baby's breath, and dianthus, uses softness and bright color to bring balance to the composition.

Section A. She Said "Yes," Class 4. *Choosing the China*



Maine Designer Award

The three columns suggest three notes of music and are connected by ivy. Tulips leaning in groups of three draw the eye along the musical score. A baton and waltz score on the base complete the composition.

Section A. She Said "Yes," Class 3. *Booking the Band*

Division II - Horticulture Top Awards

Award of Horticultural Excellence



Section D-1. Flowering Container-Grown Plants, Class 35.

The winning entry (in the back) is a *Phalaenopsis* orchid in a soft, graduated rose color, planted in a classic terracotta pot.

Horticulture Top Awards (continued)

Grower's Choice Award (3)



Section D. Container-Grown Plants.

Above left:

Section D-3. Combination Plantings, Class 46. Outdoor Planter. Mixed succulent hanging basket, containing *Sedum reflexum* 'Blue Spruce,' *Sedum* 'Firecracker,' *Echeveria runyonii* 'Topsy Turvy,' *Sempervivum arachnoides* 'Cobweb,' and *Sempervivum pilioseum*

Above right:

Section D-3. Combination Plantings, Class 45. Dish Garden. Entry contains *Peperomia*, *Muehlenbeckia*, *Soleirolia soleirolii*, and *Ficus benjamina*

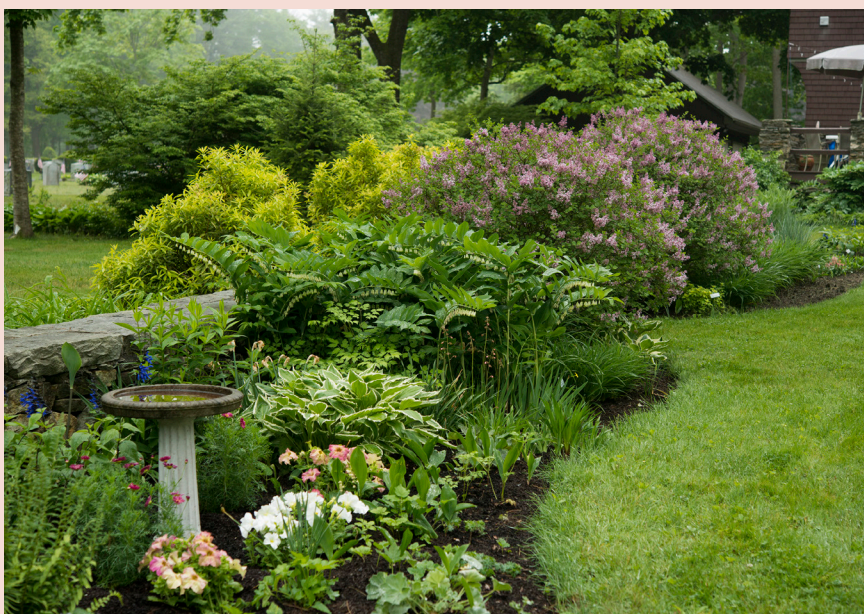
Right:

Section D-2. Foliage, Class 39. *Begonia*. Winning entry (rear) is *Begonia rex cultorum* 'Helen Teupel'



Division III - Special Exhibits Top Award

The winner of the Educational Top Exhibitor Award was "The Garden at Saint Mary's." The Garden, located behind the Parish Hall was designed and is maintained by St. Mary's Garden Club. The exhibit consisted of two parts, an interior display that included a history of the garden and a landscape site plan with plant schedule and an exterior tour of the garden. Appropriate directional signage and plant identification labels were placed in the garden.

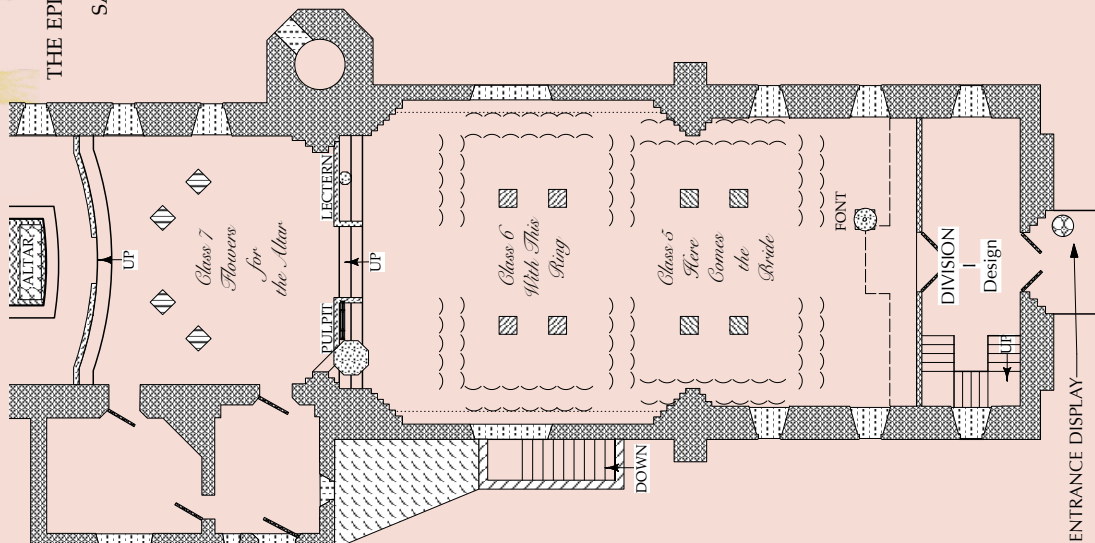


Staging

A floor plan of both the Parish Hall Auditorium and the Church showing the placement of the three divisions.



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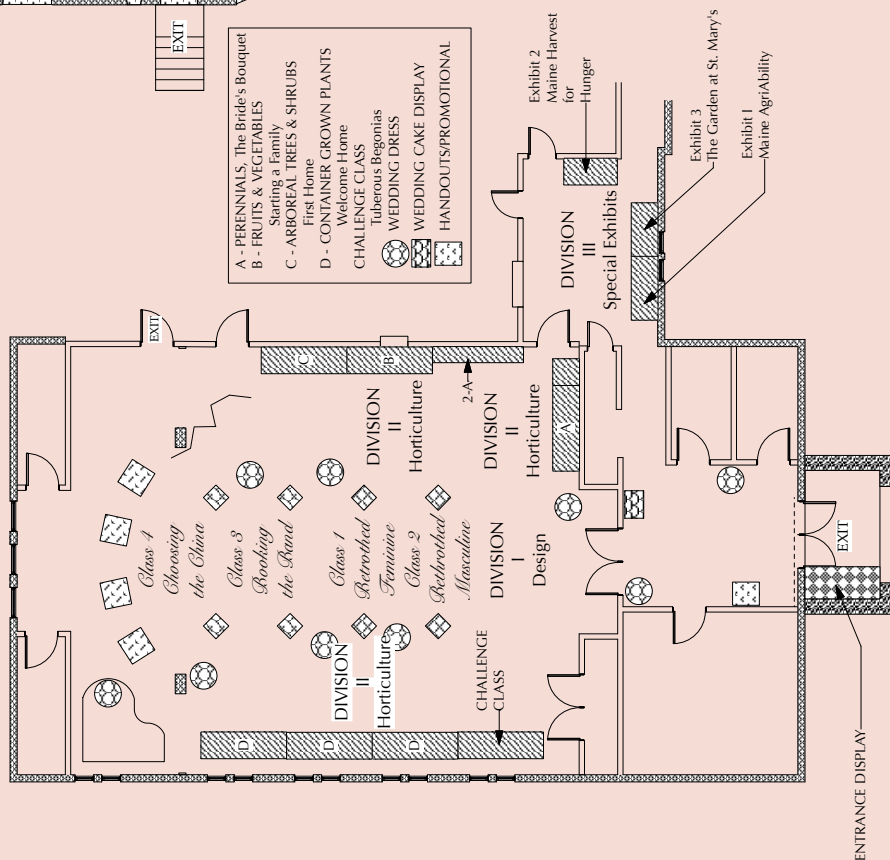
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Flower Show Layout
St. Mary's Garden Club

June 3-4, 2016
Falmouth, Maine
St. Mary's Garden Club
June 3, 2016

PARISH
AUDITORIUM



- A - PERENNIALS, The Bride's Bouquet
- B - FRUITS & VEGETABLES Starting a Family
- C - ARBOREAL TREES & SHRUBS First Home
- D - CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS Welcome Home
- CHALLENGE CLASS Tuberosus Begonias
- WEDDING DRESS
- WEDDING CAKE DISPLAY
- HANDOUTS/PROMOTIONAL

- Exhibit 2 Maine Harvest for Hunger
- Exhibit 3 The Garden at St. Mary's
- Exhibit 1 Maine AgrAbility

ENTRANCE DISPLAY

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Right: A display of late spring flowers sets the mood and welcomes visitors to *Say "I Do."*

Below: When visitors enter the building they are given a schedule, and hostesses from St. Mary's Garden Club are available to answer any questions. All Divisions, Sections, and Classes are labeled with calligraphic signs. After touring the displays in the Parish House, visitors are directed to the Church to view additional design classes and to the Garden.



Planning the Wedding . . .

The soaring ceilings of the auditorium highlight the excitement of an upcoming wedding. The classes in this section reflect the planning that goes into a wedding.



Division 1. Design Section A. She Said "Yes"

Class 1. *Betrothed - feminine*
A Duo Design. Judges' Class



Class 2. *Betrothed - masculine*
A Duo Design. Judges' Class



Class 3. *Booking the Band*
A Rhythmic Design

Class 4. *Choosing the China*
An Exhibition Table, Type 1



Looking to the future, remembering the past. . .

Wedding dresses belonging to club members and their families add a bit of nostalgia, a bit of sweetness, and a bit of awe to the show.



Finally, the Big Day. . .



Flowers and bows accented with a diamond ring invite guests toward the church where they will witness the couple's vows.



Bridal kneeler placed in front of the altar. Designed and executed by a St. Mary's Garden Club member.

The beautiful sanctuary of S. Mary's Church is a wonderful backdrop for Section B. *We Say "I Do"* of the Design Division. The ceremony is itself celebrated in the following classes.



. . .The Ceremony

Division 1. Design Section B. We Say "I Do"



Class 5. *Here Comes the Bride*
An All-white Design



Class 6. *With this Ring*
A Reflective Design



Class 7. *Flowers for the Altar*
An Altar Design

After the Big Day. . .

The ceremony and the honeymoon are over and it's time to begin a life together. What to do with the bride's bouquet, how to landscape their first home and brighten the interior with plants, and whether to start a family — more decisions for the newlyweds.



Division II - Horticulture Section A. Perennials - *The Bride's Bouquet*

Section A-3. Bulbs, Corms, Tubers and Rhizomes



Section A-1 Flowering



Section A-2 - Foliage

Section B. Fruits and Vegetables - *Starting a Family*

Class 22. *Asparagus*, Class 24 *Rheum*, Class 25. Any other



Section C. Arboreal Shrubs and Trees - *Landscaping the First Home*



An Arboreal Award was given to *Microbiota decussata*, to the left of center, in Class 31. Needled Evergreen.

Landscaping the First Home (continued)



Above: Class 28. Flowering

Below: (from right to left) Class 26. Deciduous, Class 27. Foliage, Class 28. Flowering





Section D. Container-Grown plants - *Welcome Home*

Section D-3. Combination Plantings,
Class 47. Tuberous *Begonia*, a challenge class



Section D-1. Flowering,
(from right to left)
Class 32. *Begonia*, Class 35.
Orchid, Class 36. *Pelargonium*,
Class 37. *Saintpaulia*



Section D-2. Foliage.
(from right to left)
Class 39. *Begonia*, Class 40,
Cactus or succulent

Publicity



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A STANDARD FLOWER SHOW
June 4, 2016
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION

PRESENTED BY ST. MARY'S GARDEN CLUB
SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
43 FORESIDE RD, FALMOUTH ME 04105

Say I Do was publicized widely, both within nearby communities and within the Garden Club Federation of Maine (GCFM).

A notice was placed in the Portland Press Herald in the community events section of the paper and posters advertising the event were placed in prominent public places in Falmouth and surrounding communities.

In addition, 60 personal invitations were mailed to GCFM state officers, district directors, presidents of Stroudwater District clubs, large local churches and synagogues that host weddings, and southern Maine florists and wedding planners.

As a remembrance of the event, "wedding favors" in the form of small cookies, decorated with event colors, were handed out to visitors as they left.