



District 9 Fall Forum

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Host Society Pelham Garden Club

Meridian Community Centre

100 Meridian Way, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E6

Accursi Room, 2nd Floor

Theme “The Healthy Gardener”

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration

Flower Show entry placement closes at 9:45 am

Judging will start at 10:00am

Meeting will be 10 am - 3 pm

Tickets are \$20 (at the door)

Light Breakfast and lunch will be provided

We will have not just 2 but 3 informative speakers for the day.

Speaker Topics

“Safety in the Garden”,

“Gardening without injuring ourselves”

and

“The Mental Health Benefits of Gardening”

We will have a little business, competition results and some awards that will be handed out throughout the day.

Wear your comfiest clothing/footwear & enjoy the programme.

Reminder each D9 Society/Club to bring a door prize valued over \$20.

Additional Prize Table Tickets 1 Sheet of 26 tickets for \$10 will be for sale.

Please note that this event will be scent free - thank you.



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COMPETITION SHOW RULES

Entries can be placed between 8:30 am and 9:45 am. Judging will start at 10 am.

Each exhibitor must fill out a Competition Registration Form, and each exhibit must have a Completed Entry Card placed with the entry on the table. Entry cards are available at time of show, on the District 9 website or by email.

ENTRY RULES

- All members In Good Standing of Garden and/or Horticulture Club of District 9 are allowed to enter.
- Judge’s decision is final.
- OJES (2019) will apply unless otherwise stated
- Each entry needs an entry card, please fill out before event.
- Please read rules and schedules in each class carefully.
- Completed Competition Registration Form to be handed to Show Chair.

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION RULES

- All Horticultural entries must be grown by the exhibitor
- One entry per class-no exceptions
- Please read the schedule carefully to understand what is expected in each class
- Please do not touch or move another exhibitor’s entry. Please ask the show chair for assistance.
- Protected, invasive and endangered species are strictly forbidden. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to educate themselves. (OJES pg. 138)
- Containers are to be provided by the exhibitor.

DESIGN DIVISION RULES

- Plant material may be obtained from any source.
- Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- You may submit only one entry per class.
- Fresh plant material, fruit, branches, decorative wood or any dry or treated plant material may be used in designs unless otherwise stated.
- Accessories permitted.

Judging standards are in accordance with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture (OJES 2019 Edition). Judge’s decision is final.



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Section A - Design

1. **Rooted in Wellness** – A design using fruit, vegetables, and flowers in max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions.
2. **Nature’s Medicine** – A design using herbs max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions.
3. **Peaceful Retreat** – A Reflective Design - Water-viewing Design max. size 30.48cm (12”) in all directions
4. **Stretch and Flow** – A modern line design emphasizing movement, balance and flexibility – inspired by yoga or exercise max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions
5. **Nature’s Energy** – A small design – 14 cm to 25.4 cm (5½” to 10”) using colours of the sun

Section B – Horticulture

6. **Zinnia** - 1 stem
7. **Rose in a suitable container** - 1 specimen bloom
8. **Sunflower under 6”** - 1 stem
9. **Marigold** - 3 stems, same cultivar
10. **Dahlia** – 1 stem

Competition Prize List	
1 st	\$7
2 nd	\$6
3 rd	\$5

Definitions for Show

Cultivar (pg. 134 OJES 2019): A coined term meaning “Cultivated Variety.” Varieties of plants originated and maintained only in cultivation, which when reproduced retain their distinguishing features. Includes most named cultivated garden plants. e.g. Petunia ‘Sugar Daddy’, Geranium ‘Cardinal’, and Rose ‘Peace’.

Modern Line Design (pg. 144 OJES 2019) – a design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by a minimum of plant material and other (optional) components. Line is strongly defined and either vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Lines may extend from more than one area of interest, and in different directions. Plant material used to form the line has bolder forms than used in Traditional Line Design. Focal area should not destroy the strong linear thrust.

Small Design (pg. 150 OJES 2019) – from 14 cm to 25.4 cm (5½” to 10”) and which must not exceed 25.4 cm (10”) in height, width, and depth, including any container, base, and/or accessories.

Water-viewing (pg. 156 OJES 2019): A traditional line design, adapted in Canada in the 1960s, with a dominated line of plant material and great use of space, in a shallow container with ½ to 2/3 of the container surface showing water. Modern line design does not fit this definition but could be used in a design calling for Visible Use of Water.



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