

GREATER ST. LOUIS  
DAHLIA SOCIETY  
EXHIBITION

RIDGEWAY CENTER

MISSOURI  
BOTANICAL GARDEN

*FOURTH WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER*

# COURT of HONOR

## **Single Bloom Entries**

King of the Show (best AA or A size bloom)  
Queen of the Show (best B size bloom)  
Princess of the Show (best BB size bloom)  
Best Miniature bloom  
Best Waterlily bloom  
Best Ball bloom  
Best Miniature Ball bloom  
Best Other Type (section O winner)  
Largest bloom of the show (section L winner)  
Smallest bloom of the show (best pom)  
Flower of the Year (section M winner)  
New Introduction (section N winner)  
Best First Year seedling

## **Vase Entries**

Four Kings  
Four Queens  
Best 3 AA-A blooms  
Best 5 AA-A blooms  
Best 10 AA-A blooms  
Best 15 AA-A blooms  
Best 3 B blooms  
Best 5 B blooms  
Best 10 B blooms  
Best 15 B blooms  
Best 3 BB blooms  
Best 5 BB blooms  
Best 10 BB blooms  
Best 15 BB blooms (qualifies for the Ellis Evans award)  
Best 5 miniature blooms  
Best 10 miniature blooms  
Best 5 waterlily blooms  
Best 10 waterlily blooms  
Best 15 waterlily blooms  
Best 5 ball blooms  
Best 10 ball blooms  
Best 5 miniature ball blooms  
Best 10 miniature ball blooms  
Best 5 pom blooms  
Best 5 other type blooms  
Best bouquet of dahlias

# GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY SHOW SCHEDULE

## *Terms and Conditions*

- 1 - All prospective exhibitors who are members in good standing in any dahlia society recognized by the American Dahlia Society are eligible to exhibit in any section of the show in which they meet the requirements as set forth in this schedule.
- 2 - The show competition is also open to non-society members. However non-members are restricted to only sections "R" (non-member) and "K" (first-year seedling).
- 3 - An amateur grower is defined as anyone who does not publish a list of saleable cultivars or advertise and who does not retain a professional gardener nor use a cloth house. Sections "A" and "B" are reserved for amateurs.
- 4 - A NOVICE is an amateur who has never won a blue ribbon at any ADS recognized dahlia show in a previous year. Section "I" is reserved for those competitors. Once a blue ribbon has been achieved in Section "I" a competitor must then enter Section "J" (advance novice). Participation in Section, "J" is limited to two (2) years or until an exhibitor has won sweepstakes.
- 5 - All others must enter in Sections "G" and "D" and sections defined as "open to all." Lastly, everyone is eligible to compete in all other sections described in this schedule.
- 6 - An exhibitor must show in the section for which he/she qualifies. However any exhibitor has the option of advancing to a higher section as long as notification is given prior to judging. Once an exhibitor exercises this option he/she must show all blooms in that chosen section.
- 7 - Those growing blooms in a cloth house must exhibit all blooms in the "open to all" sections. A cloth house referenced in this schedule is a framework to which is attached a cloth or screen covering the top and all or more than 50% of the sides.
- 8 - To be eligible for judging all entries must be properly tagged and placed in their designated sections by 9:30 a.m. (COT) the opening day of the show. And prior to the start of judging the exhibition area will be cleared of all persons not involved in the judging process.
- 9 - Entries placed in the wrong classes as to color or type may be moved by the show committee but this must be done prior to the start of judging. Judging teams assigned to respective sections should verify that every entry in the section is displayed properly and make any adjustments as needed before judging within the section commences.
- 10 - The society will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any exhibit or personal property. But the society will exercise the utmost care for the protection of all exhibits and personal property.
- 11 - Show entries are the property of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society during the duration of the competition and cannot be removed from the exhibition area prior to the closing of the show without permission of the show chairman or his/her designee.
- 12 - The use of any artificial material such as wire or bamboo sticks to support dahlia stems will disqualify an exhibit. Wedges approved by the society, however, will be allowed to position stems in all containers.

13 - All dahlias in the competition shall be classified as to size, color, and type in accordance with the current official "Classification of Dahlias" sponsored by the American Dahlia Society and judged accordingly. Disseminated dahlias no longer listed in the current classification book shall be classified as last listed in this publication. Any obvious mistake in an ADS classification book should be adjusted.

14 - Any varieties not so listed (seedlings, sports or unknown) must be referred to the classification committee for classification prior to judging. Such entries when given classification designation must bear the initials of one or more members of the classification committee. It remains the responsibility of the exhibitor, however, to place the initialed, classified entry in the proper place to be judged.

15 - Judging shall be done according to the Midwest Dahlia Conference judging manual and the ADS judging manual.

16 - The largest bloom in the show will be the winner of section "L ". It will be determined by its maximum diameter multiplied by its average depth. Any blue- or red ribbon entry in sections "A", "C", "I" or "J" can qualify for largest bloom.

17 - The best AA or A entry from sections "A", "C", "I", and "J" will compete against each other to determine the champion. The winner will be recognized in the Court of Honor as "King" of the show.

18 - The best B entry from sections "B", "O", "I", and "J" will compete against each other to determine the champion. The will be recognized in the Court of Honor as "Queen" of the show.

19 - The champion BB entry in section "G" will be recognized in the court of honor as "Princess" of the show.

20 - Blue, red or white stickers will be attached to entry tags at the show. Awards will be distributed at the society's annual awards banquet. At that time a certificate will be given to each exhibitor, which reflects the number of first, second and third places won in the show.

21 - All blooms must be entered as officially classified. Any oversized or undersized AA, A< B and BB entries will be considered faults subject to penalty but none will be disqualified.

22 - All single entries of AA, A, B, and BB blooms must have a combined minimum stem/stalk length of 18 inches. This rule does not apply to multiple-bloom entries or any other single-bloom entries. It is, however, recommended that the stem/stalk length for all single entries not specified in this rule balance the type bloom being exhibited.

23 - Any sweepstakes winner, in the event of a tie, will be given a duplicate award.

24 - Sweepstakes points will be awarded to all multiple-bloom entries, as well as, single-bloom entries by using a multiplier as outlined below.

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
15 AA/A blooms	45	34	23
15 B blooms	34	23	11
15 BB blooms	23	11	6
15 Waterlily blooms	23	11	6
10 AA/A blooms	30	23	15
10 B blooms	23	15	8
10 BB blooms	15	8	4
10 Waterlily blooms	15	8	4
10 Ball blooms	15	8	4
10 Miniature Ball blooms	15	8	4
10 Miniature blooms	15	8	4
Bouquet of Dahlias	15	8	4
5 AA/A blooms	15	11	8
Four Kings	15	11	8
5 B blooms	11	8	4
Four Queens	11	8	4
5 BB blooms	8	4	2
5 Waterlily blooms	8	4	2
5 Ball blooms	8	4	2
5 Miniature Ball blooms	8	4	2
5 Miniature blooms	8	4	2
5 Pom blooms	8	4	2
5 other types	8	4	2
3 AA/A blooms	8	4	2
3 B blooms	8	4	2
3 BB blooms	8	4	2

**A --- No points awarded for a double blue.**  
**B----Winner of each class receives an award**  
**C----Points count towards sweepstakes of each section**

*In single-bloom competition each first place is awarded three points, each second place two points and each third place one point.*

*Points awarded in each section shall determine the winner of the section and the individual collecting the most overall points will be awarded the Grand Sweepstakes award.*

25 - In accordance with a previously adopted rule, Court of Honor recognition for the respective 4 formation vases be identified as the "Four Kings" and the "Four Queens"

26 - The best vase of 3-bloom entries from sections "A", "C", "I" and "J" will compete against each other and the winner will advance to The Court of Honor and receive an award. Likewise the best vase of 5-bloom entries from sections "A", "C", "I" and "J" will compete against each other and the winner will advance to The Court of Honor and receive an award.

27 - The best vase of 3-bloom entries from sections "B", "D", "I" and "J" will compete against each other and the winner will advance to the Court of Honor and receive an award. Also the best vase of 5-B blooms from sections "B", "D", "I" and "J" will compete against each other and the winner will advance to the Court of Honor and receive an award.

28 - All vases of 10 and 15 bloom entries will be shown in their respective open-to-all sections and each entry advancing to the Court of Honor will receive an award. Fifteen-bloom entries can be mixed. The definition of mixed is both color and formation. The entry tag on all mixed entries must include the names of all varieties used.

29 - The decision of the judges will be final.

30 - The show committee reserves the right to remove from display any unworthy exhibit or blooms that have wilted.

31 - An exhibitor must refrain from attempts to influence decisions or be near his or her entry while judging is in progress. Any infraction should be reported to the show committee immediately and could result in disqualification of all of his/her blooms in the section involved.

32 - The show committee reserves the right to make any additional adjustments that deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the show. The show committee consists of the president, show chairman and chairman of judges.

# ALL EXHIBITORS

(Sections A, B, C, D, G, H, O)

The following numbering system will be used for entering dahlias in their proper sections. The section letter is of great importance under this system and it should be clearly identified on the entry show tag along with the correct classification number.

SIZE	CLASSIFICATION RANGE	SECTION
AA	001-075	A/C
A	101-175	A/C
B	201-275	B/D
BB	301-375	G
Miniature	401-475	H
Ball	501-515	H
M/Ball	521-535	H
Pom	541-555	H
Stellar	561-575	H
Waterlily	601-615	H
Peony	621-635	O
Anemone	641-655	O
Collarette	661-675	O
Single	701-715	O
Mignon Single	721-735	O
Orchid Flowering	741-755	O
Novelty (open)	761-775	O
Novelty (double)	781-795	O

COLOR	FORMAL	INFORMAL	SEMI-CACTUS	CACTUS	LAC-CACTUS
White	-01	-21	-41	-61	-81
Yellow	-02	-22	-42	-62	-82
Orange	-03	-23	-43	-63	-83
Pink	-04	-24	-44	-64	-84
Dark Pink	-05	-25	-45	-65	-85
Red	-06	-26	-46	-66	-86
Dark Red	-07	-27	-47	-67	-87
Lavender	-08	-28	-48	-68	-88
Purple	-09	-29	-49	-69	-89
Light Blend	-10	-30	-50	-70	-90
Bronze	-11	-31	-51	-71	-91
Flame	-12	-32	-52	-72	-92
Dark Blend	-13	-33	-53	-73	-93
Variegated	-14	-34	-54	-74	-94
Bi-color	-15	-35	-55	-75	-95

## SECTION – A

AA and A size blooms will be shown together in this section. This section is for those amateurs who grow not more than 50 plants. The number of plants is calculated at planting time. Classification ranges from 001-175 in this section

<b>Multiple Bloom Entries</b>		
TYPE	3 BLOOMS	5 BLOOMS
Formal decorative / one variety	A3FD	A5FD
Informal Decorative / one variety	A3ID	A5ID
Semi-cactus / one variety	A3SC	A5SC
Cactus / one variety	A3C	A5C
Lacinated Cactus / one variety	A3L	A5L
4-Kings	A4Form	N/A
Best bloom in section	medal	
Largest blue or red ribbon bloom	medal	
Best vase of three (3) blooms	medal	
Best vase of five (5) blooms	medal	
Sweepstakes winner	medal	

## SECTION – B

B size blooms will be shown in this section. It is for amateurs who grow not more than 50 plants. The number of plants is calculated at planting time. Classifications range from 201-275

<b>Multiple Bloom Entries</b>		
TYPE	3 BLOOMS	5 BLOOMS
Formal decorative / one variety	B3FD	B5FD
Informal Decorative / one variety	B3ID	B5ID
Semi-cactus / one variety	B3SC	B5SC
Cactus / one variety	B3C	B5C
Lacinated Cactus / one variety	B3L	B5L
4-Queens	B4Form	N/A
Best bloom in section	medal	
Best vase of three (3) blooms	medal	
Best vase of five (5) blooms	medal	
Sweepstakes winner	medal	

## SECTION – C

This is an open to all section for AA and A size blooms. Anyone who grows plants in a cloth house or has in excess of 50 plants at the time of planting must exhibit in this section. Classification ranges from 001-175.

<b>Multiple Bloom entries</b>				
TYPE	3 BLOOMS	5 BLOOMS	10 BLOOMS	15 BLOOMS
Formal decorative / one variety	C3FD	C5FD	C10FD	N/A
Informal Decorative / one variety	C3ID	C5ID	C10ID	N/A
Semi cactus / one variety	C3SC	C5SC	C10SC	N/A
Cactus / one variety	C3C	C5C	C10C	N/A
Lacinated Cactus / one variety	C3L	C5L	C10L	N/A
Any type or color /one variety or mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	C15
4 Kings	C4Form	N/A	N/A	N/A
Best bloom in section	medal			
Largest blue or red ribbon in section	medal			
Best vase of three (3) blooms	medal			
Best vase of five (5) blooms	medal			
Best vase of 10 blooms	award			
Best vase of 15 blooms	award			
Sweepstakes winner	award			

## SECTION – D

This is an open to all section for B size blooms. Anyone who grows plants in a cloth house or has in excess of 50 plants at the time of planting must exhibit in this section. Classifications range from 201-275.

<b>Multiple Bloom Entries</b>				
TYPE	3 BLOOMS	5 BLOOMS	10 BLOOMS	15 BLOOMS
Formal decorative / one variety	D3FD	D5FD	D10FD	N/A
Informal Decorative / one variety	D3ID	D5ID	D10ID	N/A
Semi cactus / one variety	D3SC	D5SC	D10SC	N/A
Cactus / one variety	D3C	D5C	D10C	N/A
Lacinated Cactus / one variety	D3L	D5L	D10L	N/A
Any type or color / one variety or mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	D15
4 Queens	D4Form	N/A	N/A	N/A
Best bloom in section	medal			
Base vase of three (3) blooms	medal			
Best vase of five (5) blooms	medal			
Best vase of 10 blooms	award			
Best vase of 15 blooms	award			
Sweepstakes winner	award			

## SECTION – G

This is an open to all section for BB size blooms.

Classifications range from 301-375.

The Ellis Evans award is part of the competition. Evans was a member of the society for nearly 50 years and played major roles in the society for much of that time. At the time of his death, his widow, Toni, now also deceased, donated a \$500 stipend to the society in his memory. Each year a portion of that stipend is given to the person entering the best vase of 15 BB's. This monetary prize is in addition to the other award selected for best 15 BB's.

<b>Multiple Bloom Entries</b>				
TYPE	3 BLOOMS	5 BLOOMS	10 BLOOMS	15 BLOOMS
Formal decorative / one variety	G3FD	G5FD	G10FD	N/A
Informal Decorative / one variety	G3ID	G5ID	G10ID	N/A
Semi cactus / one variety	G3SC	G5SC	G10SC	N/A
Cactus / one variety	G3C	G5C	G10C	N/A
Lacinated Cactus	G3L	G5L	G10L	N/A
Any type or color / one variety or mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	G15
Best bloom in section	award			
Best vase of three (3) blooms	award			
Best vase of five (5) blooms	award			
Best vase of 10 blooms	award			
Best vase of 15 blooms	award			
Sweepstakes winner	award			(qualifies for Ellis Evans monetary award)

## SECTION – H

This is an open to all section for small varieties. Classifications range from 401 through 575 and 601 through 615. Also included in this section, as part of the multiple-bloom entries, is the category “Bouquet of Dahlias”. Varieties included in this section are: Miniature, Ball, Miniature Ball, Pom, Stellar, and Waterlily.

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION
Miniature Varieties	401-475
Ball Varieties	501-515
Miniature Ball Varieties	521-535
Pom Varieties	541-555
Stellar Varieties	561-575
Waterlily Varieties	601-615

<b><i>Multiple Bloom Entries</i></b>			
TYPE	5 BLOOMS	10 BLOOMS	15 BLOOMS
Miniature / one variety	H5M	H10M	N/A
Ball / one variety	H5B	H10B	N/A
Miniature Ball / one variety	H5MB	H10MB	N/A
Pom / one variety	H5P	N/A	N/A
Waterlily / one variety	H5W	H10W	HI5W
Bouquet of Dahlias	BD5/11	N/A	N/A
Best Miniature bloom	award		
Best Ball bloom	award		
Best Pom (smallest bloom)	award		
Best Waterlily	award		
Best vase of five (5) Miniature blooms	award		
Best vase of 10 Miniature Blooms	award		
Best vase of five (5) Ball blooms	award		
Best vase of 10 Ball blooms	award		
Best vase of five (5) Min Ball blooms	award		
Best vase of 10 Miniature Ball blooms	award		
Best vase of five (5) Poms	award		
Best vase of five (5) Waterlily blooms	award		
Best vase of 10 Waterlily blooms	award		
Best vase of 15 Waterlily blooms	award		
Best Bouquet of Dahlias	award		
Runner-up Best Bouquet of Dahlias	medal		
Sweepstakes winner	award		

Blue, Red, and White Stickers will be awarded for classification numbers 561-565 and 621-795
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## SECTION – O

This is an open to all section for all other varieties often referred to as “Other Types”. Classifications range from 621 through 795. The lone multiple bloom entry in this section is a vase of 5 other types. The entry must be composed of 5 blooms of the same variety. Varieties included in this section are: Peony, Anemone, Collarette, Single, Mignon Single, Orchid, Novelty (open), and Novelty (fully double)

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION
Peony	621-635
Anemone	641-655
Collarette	661-675
Single	701-715
Mignon Single	721-735
Orchid Flowering	741-755
Novelty (open)	761-775
Novelty (fully double)	781-795

<b><i>Multiple Bloom Entries</i></b>			
TYPE	5 BLOOMS	10 BLOOMS	15 BLOOMS
Peony / one variety	O5P	N/A	N/A
Anemone	O5A	N/A	N/A
Collarette / one variety	O5C	N/A	N/A
Single / one variety	O5S	N/A	N/A
Mignon Single / one variety	O5MS	N/A	N/A
Orchid / one variety	O5O	N/A	N/A
Novelty (open) / one variety	O5NO	N/A	N/A
Novelty (fully double) / one variety	O5/NFD	N/A	N/A
Best vase of 5 Other Types	award		

## SECTION – I

### *Novice Exhibitors*

This section is restricted for novice growers. The definition of a novice grower can be found in the terms and conditions --- paragraph #4. Competition in this section is for both AA/A and B size blooms. Classes 1A through 10A are for blooms that measure 8” or larger as stipulated in the ADS classification book. Classes 1B through 10B are for blooms between 6-8” as stipulated in the ADS classification book.

<b>FORMALS and INFORMALS</b>	
CLASS	COLORS
1A/1B 2A/2B 3A/3B 4A/4B 5A/5B	White and Yellow Orange, Pink, and Dark Pink Red, Dark Red, and Lavender Purple, Light Blend, and Bronze Dark Blends, Bi-Colors, and Variegated
<b>CACTUS and SEMI-CACTUS</b>	
CLASS	COLORS
6A/6B 7A/7B 8A/8B 9A/9B 10A/10B	White and Yellow Orange, Pink, and Dark Pink Red, Dark Red, and Lavender Purple, Light Blend, and Bronze Dark Blends, Bi-Colors, and Variegated
Most perfect A bloom in section – Medal Most perfect B bloom in section – Medal Largest A “blue ribbon” bloom in section – Medal Best vase of 3 and 5 A size blooms – Medal Best vase of 3 and 5 B size blooms – Medal Sweepstakes winner – Award	
Vases of 10 and 15 blooms will be exhibited in “Open To All” sections	

## SECTION - J

### *Advance Novice Exhibitors*

A novice exhibitor is required to compete in section “J” once he/she is awarded one or more blue ribbons in section “I”. Following a two-year stint, as specified in paragraph #4 of the terms and conditions, an exhibitor must then compete in any or all other sections in this show schedule that apply.

Competition in this section is for both AA/A and B size blooms and the classification and awards schedule for this section is identical to section “I”. Points received for vase entries in sections other than “I” and “J” will be added to the point total achieved in either section “I” or “J”.

## **SECTION - K**

### *Seedling Bench Evaluation*

This section is offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society. It is open to all exhibitors. To fully comply, show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to the rules for entirely and judging as printed in the ADS classification handbook of dahlias. Each entry in this section is a three-bloom entry and may be shown in a single container or one bloom each in three separate containers.

## **SECTION - L**

### *Largest Bloom*

Refer to paragraph #16 under terms and conditions.

## **SECTION - M**

### *Flower of the Year*

This section is open to all.

The Flower of the Year is selected annually. The Flower of the Year is exhibited in its respective section. The judging team assigned to that particular section selects the winning entry as well as judge all other entries in the section. The possibility exists that the Flower of the Year could also be section champion as well.

## **SECTION - N**

### *New Introduction*

This section is open to all.

**Class I** -- A single-bloom entry shown in a single container limited to "AA", "A", "B" and "BB" blooms.

**Class II** -- A single-bloom entry shown in a single container limited to miniature. waterlily, ball, miniature ball and pom.

An entry in either Class I or Class II must be of the current year.

The best bloom in Class I will be judged against the best bloom in Class II to determine the overall winner. The overall winner will advance to the Court of Honor. The runnerup bloom will qualify for a medal at the awards banquet.

## **SECTION - S**

### *First Year Seedling*

This section is open to all, including non-members.

Seedlings entered in this class are not eligible for any sweepstake points but the entry does advance to the Court of Honor and receives an award.

## **SECTION - P**

### *Peoples Choice*

This section is open to all.

Effective with the terms and conditions that governed the 1993 show the entry winning People's Choice was ruled ineligible for a period of three (3) years. Beginning with the 2003 competition the terms and conditions were modified requiring the section chairman to announce two months prior to the show which varieties remain ineligible. Said announcement would appear in the society's monthly bulletin and also be voiced by the chairman at the monthly meeting. Each person exhibiting in the section is limited to one entry and entries in this section cannot be placed before noon on Friday preceding the show. Any entry placed before noon is subject to disqualification by the section chairman and no entry can duplicate any entry already in place. Visitors attending the two-day exhibition vote and the entry receiving the most votes will be given an award at the award's banquet. Exhibits will be entered and recorded with the section chairman on a first come, first serve basis. And the chairman reserves the right to arrange the entries so that the voting public can see each one.

## **SECTION - R**

### *Non-Members*

Restricted to non--members.

Entries in this section will be designated with a blue, red or white sticker only and do not qualify for any higher awards. A certificate will be given to those competing in the section specifying how many first, second or third places the individual received.

## **SECTION - T**

### *Arrangements*

This section is open to all.

### Rules and conditions

The section annually is broken down into four classes: **901, 902, 903** and **904**. The section each year has a main theme and each class has its own definition to help the exhibitor. An exhibitor can have only one entry per class but can compete in all four classes. An exhibitor need not grow the blooms in his/her entry but all exhibits must be arranged and staged by the exhibitor.

Dahlias must predominate in all designs but other flowers and plant material can be used. And accessories can also be used to carry out the theme of the class.

Artificial flowers and/ or other artificial plant materials cannot be used. Each entry is allotted a maximum space of 24" wide by 30" deep. All arrangements will be judged on design, originality, interpretation, and condition and color harmony.

Point values are as follows: design: 30; interpretation: 15; expression: 10; distinction: 15; condition: 20 and conformance to schedule: 10 for a total of 100 points. An award will be given to the top entry in each class and the runner-up in each class will receive a medal.

## **SECTION - V**

### *Bouquet of Dahlias*

#### GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE SECTION

Those entering will be limited to a maximum of three (3) entries. The vase and/or container should not detract from the bouquet and disposable-type containers are strongly discouraged. Balance within the bouquet should influence the number of blooms in the entry. Therefore! a bouquet does not have to have a required number of blooms. Any living plant material can be used to enhance the appearance of the entry. An entry must be 360 degrees in appearance. The judging team for this section will be composed of members who have an eye for a bouquet of flowers and the judging team will use an approved 100 point scorecard to determine the top entries in the section and the Court of Honor selection.

The judging scorecard is composed of six (6) categories with a specified point total for each category.

#### **THE CATEGORIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EACH ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Design (30):** the overall appearance of the bouquet.

**Expression (10):** placement of the blooms by size.

**Distinction (15):** deals primarily with the size, shape, color and type of vase.

**Condition (20):** quality of blooms, foliage and accenting live plant matter.

**Interpretation (15):** speaks to the balance of the bouquet as it pertains to color and size of the various dahlias included in the bouquet.

**Conformance (10):** calls attention to the number of dahlia blooms in one's bouquet. Because the section guidelines do not specify a minimum or maximum number of dahlias in an entry it is still essential that dahlia blooms dominate a bouquet and conformance points recognize that.

*While it is important to adhere to the categories as defined, individuals, nevertheless, still can retain the necessary freedom of expression and creativity needed to keep the section as it was first envisioned some years ago.*

# Section T Addendum

## 2009 Arrangement Themes

We celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Missouri Botanical Garden with:

### HENRY'S GARDEN

#### Class 901

**Victorian Garden:** This arrangement should feature pastel colored dahlias and any accessories should carry out the Victorian theme.

#### Class 902

**Japanese Garden:** This arrangement is your choice of colors. However, the arrangement and accessories should carry out an oriental theme.

#### Class 903

**Tropical Garden:** This arrangement can represent the garden's Climatron. The use of hot, vibrant colored blooms will help carry out this theme.

#### Class 904

**Children's Garden:** This can be a fun whimsical arrangement featuring your choice of colors. A wide range of accessories can be used to help carry out this theme.