

Bloomers planning 'Tour of Back Mountain Gardens' for June 27

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club is inviting local amateur gardeners, horticulturists and floral designers to participate in a Standard Flower Show on June 26-27 that will be held in conjunction with the organization's 2009 "Tour of Back Mountain Gardens" on Saturday, June 27.

This year's show theme is "Fireworks!" with sub-themes related to the Fourth of July. Judges will offer awards in horticulture, design and education.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. standard system of awarding will be used.

There are classes for all types of house plants, orchids, succulents, herbs, branches and roses along with three classes of table designs and three classes of miniature designs, reports Lora Freifeld, show chairperson.

Flower Show rules state that there is an emphasis on fresh plant material, such as plants, vegetable or fruits; no artificial flowers, fruit and foliage are permitted.

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club, in cooperation with National Garden Clubs Inc., strictly prohibits the exhibit of wild collected plants of endangered and threatened species.

The show is open to amateur gardeners and growers who, if entering the horticulture category, must have owned their own plant for 90 days.

Designers may use fresh or dried plant material in their designs, which need not have been grown by them.

Entries will be accepted for judging between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 26.

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For a complete Flower Show schedule, including detailed rules, entry specifications and directions, contact Louise Mattas at 674-5973.

The Tour of Back Mountain Gardens will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature seven gardens throughout the Back Mountain.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by phone or mail registration.

There is a \$5 discount for tickets purchased on or before June 20.

To purchase tickets for the Garden Tour, call Judy Rimple at 675-9016 or Angela Vitkoski at 718-6507; or e-mail avitkoski@pecpa.org.



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An Astible by Louis Mattas of Dallas won a first place ribbon in the horticulture container-grown category of the Back Mountain Bloomers Flower Show in 2007.

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