



BOTANICAL
ARTS



Botanical Arts fall into 4 categories

Botanical Jewelry Botanical Embellishment
Botanical Couture Botanical Forms

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Designs crafted from dried plant material

Four Categories

Botanical Jewelry: [BA] a design created entirely from dried plant material and made to resemble wearable jewelry in both size and function. Plant materials may be treated. No mechanics or structural base material may be visible

Botanical Embellishment: [BA] a man-made object enhanced with dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated. Complete coverage of the object is not required unless stated in a flower show schedule.

Botanical Couture: [BA] a design emulating an item of clothing and/or other fashion accessory created from all dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated, unless otherwise stated in the schedule. Schedule states requirements such as no mechanics or structural base material may be visible.

Botanical Forms: [BA] a design of any other form (e.g., not Botanical Jewelry, Botanical Embellishment, or Botanical Couture) created from all dried plant material. Plant materials may be treated. No mechanics or structural base material may be visible.

Botanical Jewelry

A design created entirely from dried plant material and made to resemble wearable jewelry in both size and function. Must appear to be wearable.

- Plant material may be treated and if processed, must be processed only by exhibitor. No mechanics or structural base material may be visible.
- Jewelry must be accurately scaled with realistic details such as clasps and fasteners. For a brooch class, a pin on the back is not necessary as it may interfere with staging.



Botanical Embellishment

A man-made object enhanced with dried plant material.

Materials may be artificially treated.

Complete coverage of the object is not required, unless stated in a flower show schedule.



Botanical Couture

A design emulating an item of clothing and/or other fashion accessory created from fresh and/or dried plant material (floral design division) or all dried plant material (botanical arts division).

Plant materials may be artificially treated, unless otherwise stated in the schedule.



Botanical Forms

A design of any other natural form (e.g., flower, bird's nest, animal, etc.) created from all dried plant material.

Materials may be artificially treated.

No mechanics or structural base material may be visible.



Not permitted in Botanical Arts

Flower Show & Judging Guide - updated July 2023

1. Use of commercially processed or manufactured materials
2. Food products such as couscous, pasta, tapioca, white rice, etc.
3. Milled wood, balsa wood, toothpicks, string/thread, or hemp cord, etc.
4. Loose glitter
5. Thick coatings of resins, epoxy, or nail polish
6. Gemstones made only from resin, epoxy, or nail polish (gemstones must be made from plant material)
7. Accessories
8. Predominance of decorative painting to depict scenes, figures, borders, etc.
 - a) Should be created with plant material
 - b) Should not be created with decorative painting
9. Construction mechanics of non-plant material, which must be completely concealed by permitted plant material, may be cardboard, metal, twine, string, cording or other.