

Judging Club Chair Report for 2021-22

Judges were organized for two flower shows and two photography shows:
September 23, 2021 and May 2, 2022;
November 1, 2021 and March 14, 2022. Barbara Cairns was flower show chair, Mary Patterson photography show chair.

September's flower show was the first non-virtual since 2019. Its format and venue were unique as it was 'shown' at the annual GCW cocktail party thus judging occurred at 1pm following lunch for the judges - all but one were able to join the lunch. Show was held at the home of Woodley Habgood in Greenville DE.

Spring flower show was held at Vicmead. Due to my absence, Beverley Rowland kindly and efficiently handled the in-person activities, greeting the judges at 10am. Again all but one of judges enjoyed lunch. And again - they all concurred - judging GCW shows is their favorite!

November photography show was held at Vicmead; though it was smaller than projected the judges were delighted with quality. None were able to stay for lunch.

March photography show was held in the Winterthur Visitor Pavilion as the program was a lecture attended jointly by GCW and GC of Philadelphia in the Copeland lecture hall. Again, I was absent but I know Mary Patterson and Barbara Cairns hosted judges admirably.

Judging Club Chair responsibilities include:

- Email all assigned judges re show time, location, (including address and/or specific directions), invitation for lunch with request for timely response (!), respective show schedules and club rules.
- Notify flower show or photography show chair re responses for lunch.
- Provide name tags for judges. [Per Wendy's recommendation as the previous club judging chair, name tags were of 'sophisticated' nature - computer created with muted GCW logo behind each judge's name, respective garden club and judging level - presented in plastic sleeve! That effort fell by the wayside when my injuries precluded my hand ability and my attendance. Basic handwrit name badges definitely sufficed.
- Correspond with zone V judging chair (luckily in my case, our very own Wendy Russell!) re changes as they occurred with individual judges.
- Write a thank you note to each judge. [I opted to utilize Jacquie Lawson cards in which I composed a special individual note of appreciation.]

For this year, one additional and very pleasant responsibility - privilege! - was to present a special certificate from the GCA Judging Committee awarded to Kathy Kristol, Emeritus Judge.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Carbonell Judging Club Chair