

Four Counties Garden Club

Fall Photography Show
October 2020

Class 1

6 Entries

Garden “Great Adventure”



Botanicals:
Sweetbay Magnolia - *Magnolia virginiana*

HM - Stunning Image. The off-center placement and powerful leading lines accentuate the luminous blossom. Unclear how it fits the class.



Holly Frank

Complimentary colors create a pleasing palette.

Multiple lines of foliage create confusion to the viewer.

Botanicals:

Spiderwort - *tradescantia*

Renate Brookins



Third Place - the contrast between the smoothness of glass and various textures of botanicals create a pleasing combination.

The flagstone path leads the eye out of the picture.

Botanicals:

Palm-Arecaceae

Dusty Miller-*Jacobaea maritima*

Agave

Ficus

Karen Carson

Second Place - What fun to walk in this field with goldenrod and asters.

Central placement of the house distracts from the adventure.



Botanicals:

Goldenrod
Asters

First Place - Kate Fahey (see judges' comments next slide)



Nightscape exhibit at Longwood Gardens

Dramatic sculptured treatment of the night setting captures a feeling of adventure and mystery.

Large amount of dark sky diminishes the impact.

First Place - Kate Fahey

Diana Braddom



This photo shows a good sense of humor and certainly is appropriate for the class, however, the harsh light does not do it justice.

Botanicals:

Plumbago-
Plumbago auriculata
Chrysanthemum -
*Chrysanthemum
multicaule*

Ready for a Garden Adventure

Class 2

7 Entries

Wet and Wild



Laura Pearson

This photo captures a peaceful moment on the water. The kayak feels more like the intended subject, than the we and wild water.

Botanicals:

- Pickerelweed-
Pontederia cordata
- Mountain Laurel -
Kalmia latifolia
- Oak - *quercus*
- Maple - *acer*

Pam Smyth

Second Place -

Image is a pleasing combination of different textures of the water and the rock.

The latter tends to dominate.



Holly Frank



Honorable Mention -
Colorful image. Water droplets nicely portray
a wet feeling.

Excess of background diminishes the impact
of the bloom.

Botanicals:

Peony-paeonia

Janine Avis

First Place and Best in Show

Wonderfully wet and wild!



Slippery Jack - *suillus*

Karen Carson

Third Place -

Nice capture of softly focused water lily, however, large leaf tends to overpower the bloom.

Hotspot in background diminishes the impact.



Water lily

Kate Fahey

The flower and patterned foliage compliment each other and make it an interesting image.

The feeling of water is not emphasized.



Longwood Gardens - Aerial view at the waterlily display

Renata Brookins



Wild, yes. Wet, no.
Subject blends too well into the
muddy background.

Botanicals:

Cyprus stump
Iris leaf-Iridaceae

Class 3

6 Entries

Into the Woods

Janine Avis



Second Place -

Unusual view of giant trees with powerful leading lines and a strong focal point at the top.

Grayness of sky almost fades out the lacy foliage.

Botanicals:

Western Hemlock - *tsuga heterophylla*

Holly Frank

Image of beautiful fall foliage colors.

Sense of woods is missing



Botanicals:

Maple - *acer*

Oak - *quercus*

Hickory - *carya*

Evergreens

Renata Brookins

Third Place -

Strong lines of the walkway
emphasize a walk into the woods,
however, boardwalk dominates
photo.



Botanicals:

Cyprus
Palm

Kate Fahey

First Place -

This image successfully invites one to take a peaceful walk into the woods - it would be strengthened with a distinct focal point.



A morning venture into the mountains

Laura Pearson

Honorable Mention -
Pleasant autumnal color
provided by graceful maple
trees.

The road tends to dominate
and conflicts with the
woodland feeling.

Botanicals:

Japanese Maple -
acer palmatum





Bette Walters

Inviting setting of a well balanced and beautiful garden.

Sense of woodland scene is missing.

Botanicals:

Mandevilla
Japanese iris
Red cedar
Evergreens

Class 4

5 Entries

Al Fesco

Laura Pearson

Second Place -

This represents a happy outside moment with a glass of wine and a freshly picked garden bouquet.

Several focus issues lessen its impact.



Botanicals:

Lavender - *lavandula*

Common daisy - *bellis perennis*

Hay scented fern - *dennstaedtia punctilobula*

Holly Frank

Third Place -

Interesting mystery drink!
Photo benefits from effective use of
repeating circular forms and shapes.

Insect elements in base are
disturbing at a food table.



Renata Brookins



This image captures an amusing white hand, however, its mass inhibits the eye from moving through the image.

Botanicals:

Pribitkin-ligustrum
Palm-Arecaceae

Creative image for this class.
Elements on right side are distracting.



Alaska- where the bugs seem bigger than any mere human!

Bette Walters



Honorable Mention -
Clever and good
interpretation of class.

The presence of butterflies
would complete the story.

Unfocused areas are
distracting.

Milkweed - *asclepias syriaca*
Dining for butterflies

The End

Thank you judges!!