

## 2016-2018 NJSFWC Achievement Day Contest

The Achievement Day Contests are held in each District in the spring. The Conservation contests are divided into two divisions: Artistic Design and Horticulture.

- All entries must be pre-registered with the District Conservation Chairman, two weeks prior to the District Achievement Day. Contact the District Conservation Chairman to determine the pre-registration deadline for your district. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN PRE-REGISTERED.**
- Entry forms must include all of the required information including the member's name, address, club and district, and be legible. Entry forms will be available from your Club President, the District or State Chairmen or can be found at [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org)
- All entries must be the work of the clubwoman.
- **Only ONE entry per clubwoman in each category/sub-category.**
- Entry must be completed within the past year. Entry may not have been entered in a previous Federation contest.
- Entries will be handled with care, but they will be handled and are entered at owner's risk.
- Items may not be removed from the exhibit area prior to check out without special permission of the Chairman.
- Height is defined as distance from the top of the table to the top of the arrangement. All other measurements refer to the greatest dimensions (excluding circumference).
- All categories may be sub-divided by the committee or the judges.
- **DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.**

**ALL GOLD RIBBON WINNERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL MUST BE ENTERED IN THE CONTEST AT THE NJSFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

### Awards

Awards will be given in each category and sub category based on the criteria stated in the supplement. The winning entries will be decided by the judges and their decision is final. All entries should receive written comments from the judges.

Grand Prize	Gold Ribbon		
First Place	Blue Ribbon	<b>Blue dot*</b>	<b>* Dot system optional</b>
Second Place	Certificate	<b>Red dot*</b>	
Third Place	Certificate	<b>Green dot*</b>	

- Each item is judged on its own merit.
- Scoring will not be provided.
- Comments should be provided by the judges for each entry.
- **No more than one GOLD will be awarded per category/sub-category.**
- There may not be a GOLD awarded in every category. **EXCEPTION:** At the District Achievement Days, there will be a Gold Award in every beginner level/sub-category, **if possible.**

### ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION

Entry form in the Artistic Design Decoration Division must also include one of the following levels:

Beginner -	Up to three years in category
Advanced -	Three or more years experience in the category OR prior State First Place Award (Gold ribbon or previous Blue ribbon in category).
Professional -	One who sells work for income or teaches the craft professionally

Accessories are permitted in all classes, as long as the accessories are within the prescribed size limitations. No dyed fresh flowers are permitted in the arrangements. Flower petals must be silk or dried. Stem/leaf veins can be manmade material.

## CATEGORIES

1. Dollhouse Floral Arrangement - Up to 3 inches in height, including any stand. Material used is at discretion of designer. Note: If using fresh flowers are used, take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
2. Pressed Fresh Flowers Under Glass
  - A. Maximum frame size up to 12" in any direction
  - B. Maximum frame size greater than 12", not to exceed 18" in any direction
3. Hat decorated with flowers, not to exceed 18" in any direction.
  - A. Silk flowers
  - B. Dried flowers
4. Seasonal Flower Arrangement – artificial or fresh materials – not to exceed 18" in any direction. Note: if using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.  
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  - A. Spring
  - B. Summer
  - C. Fall
  - D. Winter
5. Flower arrangement in a teacup with saucer – Not to exceed 7" in any direction. Note: if using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.  
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  - A. Fresh**
  - B. Dried**
  - C. Silk**
6. Flower arrangement in a teapot. Note: if using fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
  - A. Single serving teapot – decorated with fresh, dried or silk flowers. Height up to 5" (includes top finial), width up to 5", length (spout to handle) up to 7". Cannot mix materials. Indicate plant materials on entry form.
    - A.1 Fresh**
    - A.2 Dried**
    - A.3 Silk**
  - B. Multi-serving teapot – to be arranged with fresh, dried or silk flowers. Height up to 10" (includes top finial), width up to 6", length 10" (spout to handle). Cannot mix materials. Indicate plant materials on entry form.
    - B.1 Fresh**
    - B.2 Dried**
    - B.3 Silk**
7. Door Decoration - Dried, silk and/or fresh plant materials. Note: If using fresh plant materials – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.
  - A. Small - 6" –11" maximum size in any direction.
  - B. Large - 12" - 22" maximum size in any direction.
8. Potpourri - Must be homemade and in a decorative container.
  - A. A list of materials used for the potpourri must be attached to the entry. The container size must not exceed 6" in any direction. The container must be capable of staying open for display and be securely closed for transportation and storage. The container does not need to be homemade.
9. A fresh flower design using some evergreens, suitable for placement on a foyer table. Not to

exceed 16" in any direction. Note: Fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.

10. Flower Arrangement in recycled container - fresh, dried and/or silk materials. Not to exceed 18" in any direction including container. Note: Fresh flowers – take a picture at District and remake arrangement if it goes to Convention.

## HOUSEPLANT DIVISION

In this Division, there are no "levels" (beginner, etc.) It is not necessary to grow the plant from seed or propagate it yourself. Plants must have been in your possession a minimum of 6 months before the District Contest. Container size must not exceed 12" across. The outside of the pot must be clean. You may put a saucer under the pot. No plant dressing or decorative accessories (figurines, fish, etc.) may be used - except when noted. **ALL PLANTS MUST BE FREE OF INSECTS.**

NOTE: If your houseplant is in full bloom for the District contest, and you win a Gold Ribbon, and the blooming period is finished by the time of Convention, take a photograph of the entire plant (including the blooms) and include the photograph with your plant at the NJSFWC Annual Convention.

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11. Terrarium – have more than one plant in the terrarium, accessories to scale allowed. Not to exceed 18" in any direction.
12. African Violets - Single Crown Only
  - A. Single flower
  - B. Double flower
13. Cacti and Succulents
  - A. Any single cactus
  - B. Christmas cactus
  - C. Small cactus and/or succulent garden
  - D. Succulents
14. Fern - may not exceed 24" in any direction.
15. Orchids
  - A. Small – up to 13" tall including container**
  - B. Large – 14" to 36" tall including container**
16. Pothos
17. Other Houseplants
  - A. Blooming (other than cacti). Plants should be in bloom at time of entry**
  - B. Foliage (other than fern).
  - C. Dish garden--may be a combination of blooming and foliage.
  - D. Air plant.