

# Children's Garden Club

Growing with St. Louis County Parks & Recreation



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January 4, 2020

Flower Arranging

## **Under the Big Top – A Circus of Flowers**

Using Dried or Fresh Material & Craft Items

Baisch & Skinner

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Welcome & Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday! This is the first meeting of our 21st year of the “Children's Garden Club”. We welcome everyone here today at Baisch & Skinner and to our next meeting on February 1 at May Pop Coffee & Garden Center, 803 Marshall Ave. in Webster Groves.

I want to thank Baisch & Skinner, one of the largest Wholesale Florist distributors in the Midwest, for hosting our first meeting in 2020. We also thank you for your participation in the St. Louis Builders Home & Garden Show.

The great folks here at Baisch & Skinner have a nice tour lined up for us to see products they receive daily fresh from around the world. Flowers and plants come from Holland, Costa Rica, Ecuador, South America, Columbia, Mexico, New Zealand, Italy, Austria, Amsterdam, Guatemala, and from areas within the United States, including Hawaii, Florida, California, and Colorado. Then, we will proceed to the Flower Arranging School Building, and have fun making a dried arrangement

You may wish to enter your flora arrangement from today in the Home & Garden Flower Show which is to take place from March 5–8 at America Center, downtown. This year's theme is “Under the Big Top – A Circus of Flowers”.

The categories at the Home and Garden Show can be found on the following page.



**Youth Division:**

Youth Design

Class 1 "Jugglers"

A design showing motion using plant material of any type, dried or fresh

Youth Botanical Arts Design

Class 2 "Animal Parade"

Animal Figures decorated in plant material of any kind, dried or fresh

**Adult Botanical Arts Division:**

Botanical Design

Class 1 "Send in the Clowns"

A Hat decorated appropriately for a clown

Class 2 "Rings of Fire"

A decorated hoop appropriate for spring

The Home & Garden Flower Show is co-presented by East Central District Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Home Builders Association. In cooperation with St. Louis County Parks, Children's Garden Club, NGC rules states that all dried plant material is treatable, meaning the dried surface can be painted, glittered, glued etc. Purchasing treated plant material is also allowed. For example, younger children could even use finger paints.

There can be NO plastic or "silk" products used in a dried design. Fresh plant material can NEVER be treated in NGC shows.

## Flower Arranging Guidelines

### COLOR SCHEME – FLOWERS

Aim at a medley rather than a riot of color when you want flowers to add to the beauty of the arrangement. Unless yours is a monochromatic scheme, flowers that repeat one or more colors of the room that they will be in will be the most dramatic arrangement.



A Monochromatic - color scheme, in various tints and shades of red, with large amounts of white serving as a cool accent. Chrysanthemums that echo the room colors stand out against a background with a white glass container. In another area of a room, against a rose red background, white flowers would be good.

Analogous room scheme uses yellow and yellow-green against an off-white background. Yellow and yellow-orange colors of a daylily arrangement in a pewter vase are in full harmony with the basic decorating colors of a room. In a room whose color scheme as mentioned, few flower colors would be unacceptable, but against a neutral wall, the warm or advancing hues for flowers will probably do most to enliven a rather quiet room.



How many of you were part of the Flowers For Kids educational program that we had at Queeny Park? The instructors that day taught us about how to take care of, and enjoy flowers. The class encompasses a little bit of biology, chemistry, and artistry.

By the end of the class all involved learned how to treat flowers, make flower food, and do a basic flower arrangement with fillers, lines, focal and greens. The best part is that the students then got to take home their bouquets. Also, they all did a European Bouquet which is an assortment of flowers for the season as you would get them from the corner flower stand in Europe. There are round, Victorian, trailers or cascades, crescents, line and contemporary bouquets.

The basic recipe for an arrangement: Line materials are the first elements placed in the bouquet. This can also be the dominant, focal material, or flower such as Lilies, Iris, Peonies, Hydrangeas, Gladiolus, Sunflowers, etc. Secondary flowers or material such as Roses, Daisy pomps, Gerber Daisy, Carnations, Lisianthus, etc. Then the filler flower, material which occupies the open spaces in the composition, which is a personnel preference by no mean is it mandatory in your design. Along with the filler consider your greens or foliage the effect it can give an arrangement or bouquet. These can really accent it, or set it off; some options include eucalyptus, camellia, Italian ruckus or leather leaf.

Aim or look for harmony for the entire bouquet. Colors from whites to pastels, or you can use bright colored flowers to help accent the theme you are trying to create from Classical, Romantic, Exotic, to Contemporary.

Once you have chosen your theme or flowers you like, combine them together and see how they look together, a mixed bouquet looks best using three to four varieties plus foliage. Snip all flower and foliage on angle for a good drink of water - strip off lower foliage from the ends of the stems. Lay the flowers out on the table. Start with the largest flower to form the center, add 3 to 5 clusters of foliage, add one of the other flowers, mix in more of the center or focal flower, add some more foliage, add another flower to the ones you selected, add some more foliage and combine your focal flower with the other flowers you selected and some more foliage and tie a ribbon around to give as the bouquet. Now, when you get home, you can untie and place it in your favorite vase and enjoy.

### Style Arrangement Examples

 <p>A classical floral arrangement featuring a variety of white flowers, including lilies and roses, interspersed with green foliage, all contained within a woven basket.</p>	 <p>A romantic floral arrangement consisting of a bouquet of red roses and pink lilies, presented in a clear glass vase.</p>
 <p>An exotic floral arrangement featuring a mix of vibrant colors, including purple orchids, yellow and orange bird of paradise flowers, and green foliage, displayed in a black vase.</p>	 <p>A contemporary floral arrangement featuring pink anthurums, green foliage, and decorative wire elements, presented in a grey cylindrical vase.</p>

**HBA show schedule for March 2020.**

**Mary Officer - the educational exhibits to include NGC's educational focus for Youth. Here are two suggested educational exhibits:**

**Exhibit 1: "The Frightened Frog and The Saved Seed. "  
An exhibit showing how NGC teaches Youth about threatened species and possible solutions.**

**Exhibit 2: "Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl."  
A display about NGC's program for children using two beloved characters to teach conservation of natural resources.**

**A decorated hoop appropriate for spring (I will figure out how to stage these on a table)**

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## 2020 Schedule

Learn how to garden in St. Louis County from the experts of the Children's Garden Club. Meetings are held at different locations throughout St. Louis City and County at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month (except July & September). The Children's Garden Club is designed to educate and bring delight in gardening and horticulture through projects that participants begin themselves and take home to grow and enjoy. All programs are free, courtesy of our sponsors and St. Louis County Parks.

January 4 **Floral Design for the HBA Flower Show**  
Baisch & Skinner  
2721 LaSalle Stree - Linda-Kay Center

Feb. 1 **House Plants**  
May Pop Coffee Shop  
803 Marshall Ave.

March 7 **Getting Ready for Spring**  
Sherwood Forest Nursery & Garden Center  
2651 Barrett Station Rd.

April 4 **Spring is Here**  
Planthaven Farms  
6703 Telegraph Rd.

May 2 **Mom's Basket - Vegetables**  
Compliments of Wiethop's  
Queeny Park – Nursery # 1  
Youth Master Garden

June 6 **Traditional Annual Color Bowl**  
Sherwood Forest & Garden Center  
2651 Barrett Station Rd.

July 11 **Herbs**  
Rolling Ridge Garden Center  
60 N Gore Ave

August 1 **Summer Harvest-Youth Master Garden**  
Queeny Park - Nursery #1  
1675 South Mason Road

Sept. 5 **Summer Fun**  
Greenscape Gardens  
2832 Barrett Station Rd.

Oct. 3 **Halloween Fun**  
Sherwood Forest  
2651 Barrett Station Rd.

Nov. 7 **Fall Holiday Fun**  
Planthaven Farms  
6703 Telegraph Rd.

Dec. 5 **Traditional Holiday Decorating**  
Sherwood Forest & Garden Center  
2651 Barrett Station Rd.

