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Dear Show Chair:

It was good to hear that your club plans to hold a daylily show this year. The Exhibitions committee and chair will do everything possible to make holding a show easier for you.

Here are *Application for 2012 AHS Daylily Show Accreditation* forms. Also enclosed is additional information. Please look at all of the forms and information sheets in the packet, answer all of the questions, and fill in all of the blanks before you mail the 3-page application form back to me. You may want to pass the show schedule-related and database-related information sheets to your schedule and classification chairs.

Here are notes that will make holding your 2012 show much easier.

AHS Daylily Exhibitions Handbook:

The AHS *Daylily Exhibitions* handbook (2011 revision) is available free of charge directly from the AHS website at <http://www.daylilies.org> (Note: this is now a separate handbook). If you prefer to purchase a printed copy for a fee, please order it from AHS Publication Services Manager Jimmy Jordan (276 Caldwell Drive, Jackson TN 38301, Tel: 731-422-2208, Email: pubsales@daylilies.org) or directly from the AHS website at <http://www.daylilies.org>.

It is imperative for you and your Judges Chair to familiarize yourselves with the latest changes in the new revised handbook. Some changes include the sculpted daylily has been added to the Characteristics of Daylilies, point scoring guidelines have been added to promote a consistent judging system, plus there is now a checklist for judging seedling distinction. You may want to recommend that the Judges Chair emphasize this in the letter (perhaps include copies of the guidelines and checklist along with the schedule) being sent to the judges.

AHS Liability Insurance:

Some clubs hold shows in malls or at other locations where management requires proof of insurance coverage. Enclosed are an insurance-information sheet and a “Request for Insurance Certificate Form.” Your daylily club or society must be a 2012 AHS member in order to obtain a certificate of insurance.

AHS Accredited Exhibition Judges Listing:

A list of 2012 accredited exhibition judges will be posted on the AHS web pages (“Exhibition Judges Training Materials”) and your Region’s Exhibition Judges Liaison will also have up-to-date information, including exhibition judges’ addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. If you or your Judges Chair has difficulty obtaining needed information, please don’t hesitate to contact the AHS Exhibition Judges Records Chair Joann Stewart exhibitionjudges@daylilies.org or Tel. 706-769-7652.

The 2012 Show Schedule/Sample Generic Show Schedule:

The enclosed sample generic schedule will help you plan a show. The sample show schedule is also printed in the 2011 *Daylily Exhibitions* handbook along with reference-page notes to the relevant chapters. It will help your Schedule Chair if you can make available a printed copy—or better yet—the electronic file of your club’s 2011 show schedule as a reference; or, your schedule chair may contact me for an electronic copy in MS/WORD format.

If your Schedule Chair starts from “scratch,” there is no need to change the language of the “Sample Generic Schedule.” Just adding your show’s title, date, and location, your show-committee members’ names, listing your region’s 5 top Pop Poll winners, and describing your club’s particular local awards is all that will be necessary.

Regional Popularity Poll Section (Horticulture Division I, Section 9):

The Regional Popularity Poll, Section 9 in your show schedule, should list **only the top 5 cultivars** in your own region’s Pop Poll (includes ties). Your region’s Popularity Poll winners for 2012 shows can be found on the AHS website at <http://www.daylilies.org>.

Classification for Classification Chairs in 2012

AHS Exhibitions/Preliminary Forms 2012

EVERY ENTRY MUST BE CHECKED by the Classification Chair(s). The AHS online Database should make Classification fairly easy at 2011 Shows. Give the enclosed, separate information sheet to your Classification Chair. AHS Registration and Technology Chair Rebecca Board has added a special feature to the AHS **online** database (<http://www.daylilydatabase.org>) so that Classification Chairs can type in any registered cultivar's name—and— up will pop the horticulture section into which the cultivar is to be placed on the show tables. Or, your Classification Chair(s) may want to use the AHS Electronic Checklist CD (available from AHS Publication Sales in April 2012).

Newly Registered Cultivars at Shows (Those registered after November 1, 2011):

If an exhibitor brings a daylily to the show that was registered after the AHS Registrar's November 1, 2011, cutoff date, this daylily's registration will **not** list registration details in the official, printed/published checklists or online database or electronic Checklist CD. AHS follows the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, which states that cultivars are not registered until the registration information is published. If a new daylily is not listed with all its registration details in an official 2011 AHS Hemerocallis Check List, in a 2011 Supplement to the Hemerocallis Check List, or in the 2011 AHS Electronic Check List CD for 2012 shows, then it is not yet a registered cultivar.

In such a case, please let the exhibitor know that the newly registered flower may be entered in (1) the Horticulture Seedling Section or (2) if three scapes have been cut, the scapes may be entered, in the Achievement Medal Section. A third choice is to exhibit the scape(s) "For Display Only."

Judging Best-in-Section:

The AHS *Daylily Exhibitions* handbook contains the only correct procedure for selecting the Best-in-Show winner.

Tabulation Committee

The Tabulation Committee Chair must be a 2012 AHS member and will be responsible to check the exhibition judges' Best-in-Show ballot score totals for correctness.

Please note that scores on the Tabulation forms or the judges' ballots/score sheets are NOT official until all such ballots/score sheets, and forms have been received by the Exhibitions chair within 2 weeks of the show and have been verified by the Exhibitions chair or the Exhibitions Committee.

Best-in-Show Tabulation Program:

Enclosed is an information sheet so you can download the Best-in-Show Tabulation program from the AHS website "Exhibition Judges and Daylily Show Materials," and store it on the laptop computer you will use at the show.

The electronic AHS Best-in-Show Tabulation Program (developed by Dr. Robert Stanton, an AHS Senior Exhibition Judge and Professor of Mathematics & Computer Science at St. John's University, has been updated and is available fee-free for your use. Using this program will make the tabulation process much easier and faster for you and your committee! Using it will also help prevent embarrassing errors.

Judges' Ballots and Judges' Score Sheets:

Ballots and Score Sheets will be included with your "Final Show Forms" packet and show supplies; however, should you find that you need more copies, refer to the ballots and score sheets included in the 2011 revision of the AHS "Daylily Exhibitions" (Illustrations) or download them from the AHS web pages (Daylily Show Materials).

Cultivars that have No-Size given in Registration Checklists:

The Classification and Placement chairs should determine the size of the blossom and have the scape placed accordingly. For download instructions, please refer to the enclosed information sheet.

Potential Achievement Medal or Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award Winning Entries:

If your show has a potential Achievement Medal or Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award winning entry, you may want to take photos of the winning scapes and exhibitor(s). Winners will be posted on the AHS web pages.

Best wishes for a good and successful 2012 show!

Barbara