



ROBINA GARDEN CLUB Inc.

# Competition Rules for 2021

*The competition is for members to exhibit the fruits of their gardening activities under ten categories.*

1. Entry to the Competition Tables is only open to financial members of the Robina Garden Club Inc.
2. Up to **a maximum of 2 entries** per member **per section** is permitted.
3. Entries are to be benched no later than 12.15 p.m.  
**No late entries will be accepted.**
4. Entrants are responsible for putting their name on a piece of paper (upside down) under each entry. If you can, name the entry also.
5. Place your entry in the correct section but its final placement is decided by the Stewards so that all exhibits are fairly displayed.  
**Under no circumstances should an exhibitor shift other entries.**
6. Each exhibitor is to collect a ticket from the stewards for entry into the Exhibitor's Raffle. Prize = \$5.
7. There are ten sections available for entries –

SECTION 1	-	Monthly Feature
SECTION 2	-	Orchid
SECTION 3	-	Foliage Plant/s
SECTION 4	-	Flowering Plant/s
SECTION 5	-	A Single Bloom
SECTION 6	-	Produce
SECTION 7	-	Multiple Blooms
SECTION 8	-	A Vase of Flowers
SECTION 9	-	Small Pot Plant
SECTION 10	-	Floral Art

**8. JANUARY ONLY - A HUMOROUS ARRANGEMENT**

9. The `rules' governing entries into each section are attached. The Stewards use these descriptions to decide if an entry is a valid entry or has to be removed/shifted.
10. Members and visitors judge the entries with one vote per section.
11. In the case of `pots' a **winning entry cannot be re-submitted for at least 3 months**. This does not apply to `cuts' – for example a second rose from the same tree counts as a different entry and thus can be submitted next month.
12. Points are normally recorded monthly, totalled at the end of the year and prizes (including the Annual Trophy) are awarded at the AGM the next year. Due to the Covid-19 and limited numbers to the club. This will be restructured for 2021 and a cash prize of \$5 will be given to the winner of each category on the day.

**The Benching Officials only are responsible for the final positioning of all entries for judging. In the event of a dispute the President has the final decision.**

**“Show and Tell”** is a non-competitive section and is for discussion and interest only. Members and visitors may bring unusual plants, displays that don't fit one of the categories or problem plants to stimulate discussion or to enhance members' general knowledge of gardening/plants.

# ROBINA G.C. BENCHING - ENTRY CRITERIA – 2021 COMPETITION

<p><b><u>SECTION 1</u></b> Monthly Feature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A different type of exhibit each month and revised each year, designed to encourage diversity in our gardens.</li> <li>• Plants/exhibit types named for the monthly feature cannot be entered into other sections for that month.</li> <li>• <b>See Monthly Features page for the full details.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 2</u></b> Orchids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orchid/s</b> of any type - e.g. swamp, ground, epiphytic, native, etc.</li> <li>• It can be <b>one or more plants</b> in/on a growing medium e.g. in a pot, on a piece of wood, etc. or a vase of orchids.</li> <li>• Exhibit must have been owned for more than 3 months by the exhibitor.</li> <li>• <b>Orchid plants/vases of orchids cannot be exhibited in any other section.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 3</u></b> A Foliage Plant/s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One or more plants</b> in/on a growing medium. Can be in or on a 'container' of any type e.g. a pot, on a piece of wood, etc.</li> <li>• <b>The pot is to be 20cm or above as measured by the growing surface.</b></li> <li>• The plants must not be in flower or in bud/berries so are being displayed for the (unaltered e.g. not polished) quality of their foliage.</li> <li>• Exhibit must have been owned for more than 3 months by the exhibitor and not won this section in the last three months.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 4</u></b> A Flowering Plant/s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One or more plants</b> in/on a growing medium. Can be in or on a 'container' of any type e.g. a pot, on a piece of wood, etc.</li> <li>• The plant/s must be in flower or with berries. (Buds alone do not count but buds may exist as well as flowers or berries).</li> <li>• <b>The pot is to be 20cm or above as measured by the growing surface.</b></li> <li>• Exhibit must have been owned for more than 3 months by the exhibitor and not won this section in the last three months.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 5</u></b> A Single Bloom.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A 'single bloom'</b> from your garden taken from any one plant that you have owned and have been growing for at least three months.</li> <li>• 'Single bloom' refers to flower heads that are visually a single flower e.g. a Rose, a Hibiscus, a Grevillea, a Daisy, an Anthurium, etc.</li> <li>• Blooms should have a single stem with or without leaves attached.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 6</u></b> Produce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A collection of produce</b> e.g. Lettuce, Tomatoes, Herbs, etc. grown in your garden. They can be displayed in any way you think best.</li> <li>• Anything grown and available for culinary, medical, cleaning or other household/domestic use. Can be one type or a collection of things.</li> <li>• The produce must be from plants that have been growing in your garden for at least three months.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 7</u></b> Multiple Bloom/s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A 'cut'</b> from your garden taken from any one plant that you have owned and have been growing for at least three months.</li> <li>• 'Multiple Bloom/s' can be two or more single blooms on a branch or a single flower head that is a cluster of smaller blooms.</li> <li>• This includes such things as a Hippeastrum, a Crepe Myrtle, Agapanthus, flower spikes such as Asters, rambler type Roses, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 8</u></b> A Vase of Flowers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Vase of Flowers</b> all of which have been grown in your garden. Position them to their best advantage e.g. tallest in the middle etc.</li> <li>• Can be any type of vase – presented as you would present them at home. You can put the vase on a base of some type.</li> <li>• Can be any mix of flowers you have e.g. one type, different colours, different types, etc. (Can include 1 Orchid cut only).</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 9</u></b> A Small Pot Plant/s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A 'small pot plant/s'</b> 18cm or less in diameter as measured by the growing surface and less than 11cm high. (Pot width does not count).</li> <li>• Can be plant/s of any kind (except Orchids) and in flower or not. The plant can have attached suckers, offsets and the like.</li> <li>• Entries in this section must have been owned by and been grown by you for at least three months.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SECTION 10</u></b> Floral Art</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A formal/artistic arrangement of flowers</b> and/or leaves suitable for display e.g. as a table centre, on a sideboard or hall table/stand.</li> <li>• Can include flowers purchased for the occasion as well as leaves and other solid decorative elements.</li> <li>• Must be arranged by the exhibitor and named if to a theme.</li> </ul>

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## MONTHLY FEATURES

JANUARY	<b>Ferns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A fern/s of any type in any type of container e.g. in a pot, on a piece of wood, in an old shoe, etc.</li><li>• Must be from your own garden and have been owned by you for at least three months.</li><li>• Bring your own stand/stool if it is a hanging pot and needs to be put up.</li></ul>
FEBRUARY	<b>Coleus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A collection of coleus cuttings displayed as you wish in a vase or container of any type. Can be a 'pot' of Coleus plants.</li><li>• Can be one type only or a collection of different types of Coleus.</li><li>• Must be from plants you have been growing for at least three months.</li></ul>
MARCH	<b>Bromeliad</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Bromeliads must be entered in this section this month.</li><li>• Includes Bromeliad species of all types e.g. Tillandsias, Guzmanias, etc.</li><li>• Must be one single type of plant (however can include pups) which can be in a growing medium of any type or on a log etc.</li><li>• Leaves cannot be manipulated e.g. polished, waxed, etc.</li></ul>
APRIL	<b>Hibiscus and/or Roses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A single Rose or Hibiscus or a collection of Hibiscus and/or Roses from your own garden. They can be presented with or without leaves.</li><li>• Must be from plants you have been growing for at least three months.</li><li>• Can be displayed in any type of container/vase.</li></ul>
MAY	<b>Miniature Garden</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two or more different plants arranged or growing in any sized single container and arranged to represent a 'garden scene'.</li><li>• No artificial plants allowed but can include 'paths'/'fences' etc.</li><li>• Must be a 'garden' that you planted up at least three months ago.</li></ul>
JUNE	<b>Cactus and/or Succulent Garden</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A collection of at least two different types of Cactus and/or Succulents growing in a container of some kind.</li><li>• Must have been growing in that container for at least 3 months.</li></ul>
JULY	<b>Anthurium</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A single Anthurium plant growing in any type of container/pot.</li><li>• With or without a flower.</li><li>• Must have been owned by you for at least three months.</li></ul>
AUGUST	<b>Begonia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Begonia of any type growing in/on any type of container or pot. Plant and its 'offshoots' can be as large as you like provided it is one type.</li><li>• With or without a flower.</li><li>• Must have been owned by you for at least three months.</li></ul>
SEPTEMBER	<b>Natives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Native growing in a pot (flower or no flower) or a vase of any mix of Native flowers.</li><li>• If a plant, it must have been growing in that container for at least 3 months. If cut foliage, the plant/s must have been owned for at least three months.</li></ul>
OCTOBER	<b>Hippeastrum.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exhibits must be from a plant you have owned for at least 3 months.</li><li>• Can be in a pot or a cut in a vase of some kind and can be staked/supported to hold the bloom firmly.</li><li>• Must be one single stem with one 'bloom' only (single or double type).</li></ul>
NOVEMBER	<b>Croton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can be either a single potted plant or a cut from a plant that has been growing in your garden for at least three months.</li><li>• The aim is to display the quality and colour/s of the leaves/plant.</li><li>• Leaves cannot be manipulated in any way e.g. polished, waxed, etc.</li></ul>