

HOLLY SPRIG CONTEST

Competition will be open to amateur and professional entrants. Both a division of amateur entrees and a division of professional entrees will be judged. To have a truly worthwhile display, we need **your** sprigs!

Amateur and Professional Division Classes:

- Class I *Ilex opaca* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, yellow berried, etc.).
- Class II *Ilex aquifolium* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, yellow berried, variegated, etc.).
- Class III *Ilex crenata* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, variegated, etc.).
- Class IV *Ilex cornuta* sprigs (subclasses will be established for males, females, etc.).
- Class V Deciduous holly species (subclasses will be established for *Ilex verticillata*, *Ilex decidua*, and any other deciduous holly including interspecific hybrids).
- Class VI Miscellaneous species.
- Class VII Interspecific hybrids (named varieties and unnamed selections).
- Class VIII Novice - Open only to persons who have never entered a sprig into competition before.
- Class IX Collection - Five sprigs of different cultivars and/or different species in container supplied by exhibitor.
Class open to amateurs and professionals.
- Class X Arrangement, suitably named, depicting a landmark, tradition, or outstanding characteristic of the site of the current Annual Meeting. Entry not to exceed 24 inches high by 20 inches wide by 16 inches deep. The arrangement must consist of predominantly holly, accessories permitted, and be in a container supplied by exhibitor. Class open to amateurs and professionals.

Awards and Prizes:

Awards will be presented at the Holly Banquet, and winners will be listed in the proceedings of the meeting. Awards include the Novice Class Award, Amateur Division Best of Show Award, Arrangement Class Award, the Stewart H. McLean Memorial Award for the Professional Division Best of Show, and the Wilson Mott Memorial Award for the best evergreen spring in the show.

General Rules:

1. Sprigs must be from plants grown for at least one year by the person entering them and must be properly identified.
2. Evergreen sprigs must not exceed 18 inches in length. Deciduous sprigs must not exceed 24 inches in length.
3. All judging will be based on the official point score card of The Holly Society of America (see table below).
4. The contest committee will supply plastic tubes for exhibitors.
5. The competition is open to anyone wishing to enter.
6. All entries must be made during the registration hours specified in the Annual Meeting Program.
7. Judging will take place as specified in the Program.
8. Entry fee: No entry fee applies in putting on this competition.
9. An exhibitor may submit only one entry of each cultivar in a class or subclass.
10. The number of classes and/or subclasses may be expanded or reduced at the discretion of the official registrar.
11. The official registrar is the final authority regarding the interpretation and application of the General Rules.

POINT SCORE CARD FOR JUDGING BERRIED, NON BERRIED, AND DECIDUOUS BRANCHES OF THE GENUS ILEX					
Berried Holly		Non Berried Holly		Deciduous Holly	
Vigor of spray	10	Vigor of spray	15	Vigor of spray	20
Spacing of foliage	10	Spacing of foliage	15	Freedom from blemish	20
Color of foliage	15	Color of foliage	25	Size of fruit	15
Freedom from blemish	15	Freedom from blemish	20	Color of fruit	20
Texture of foliage	10	Texture of foliage	15	Spacing of fruit	15
Size of fruit	10	Correct labeling	10	Correct labeling	10
Color of fruit	10				
Spacing of fruit	10				
Correct labeling	10				
TOTAL POINTS	100	TOTAL POINTS	100	TOTAL POINTS	100