

# **\*\*\*EXHIBITION TABLE NEWS\*\*\***

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As you have probably heard, the **EXHIBITION TABLE**, which up until now has been sitting there **quietly** doing its job, is about to begin **shouting** to gain your attention!

And what's all the fuss about? Well, the Horticultural Competition Committee has been thinking about how to make the best use of this space, and we decided that in addition to its current purposes it would make an excellent venue for sharing all sorts of information about matters horticultural or garden-related.

## Ongoing Roles

Display of **Horticultural items** which you are not placing in the Competition. This could be an interesting plant specimen, arrangement, or any item fitting in with a Horticultural Competition "Class". Maybe you arrived late, maybe you don't want to compete but do want to share - whatever. This is the place!

Display of **Botanical Art or Craft items** which you are not placing in the Competition, for any of the above reasons. It is perfectly ok to put an item here which you have previously placed in the Competition, just because you'd like to share it again!

Just as examples, people have displayed beautiful orchids, rare gesneriads (looking at you, Leve), and other interesting specimens, for all to enjoy and learn from. It's also a place to share a few cuttings, other than the Raffle Table.

Presentation of **Educational Materials**, such as a Poster Display, Flyers, or any such materials. This can be in a "Poster Presentation" format, where you stand at the display and discuss or explain to interested viewers, or as a display that you leave on the table for independent viewing.

As an example, we have had poster displays of Rose Varieties, Microscope photos of Flower and Plant Parts, etc.

## New or Enhanced Roles

A "**Clearing House**" for interesting news about Horticultural Happenings in the Area. We could call this:

### **Horticultural Happenings on Long Island**

We all hear or read about interesting events, meetings, sales, etc. and we don't all read/hear the same things, so here's the place to share the news! It doesn't have to be a big deal - just type it up and send in or bring to the Table for display. We'll do the rest!

It's also the place to put **Handouts and Flyers** about matters horticultural or garden-related.

As an example, we have received handouts about the importance of saving old-growth trees. If you have something to share but don't want to make many copies, email the content to Ronnie B. (email below) and copies will be made.

### [How-To Displays](#)

Do you have a special skill in gardening or botanical arts and crafts that you would like to exhibit and share? Again, this is the place! In fact, you do not have to be an expert or even highly-skilled! Maybe you just learned about an interesting project and tried it out, and want to let others know about it. That's good too.

As an example, maybe you tried a new way of pruning or starting seeds or rooting - we'd all like to know about that!

And sometime soon there will be a display on pressed-flower art.

In addition to these Categories, you might have an idea that we didn't think of. Please let us know about it.

All your ideas, suggestions, and *especially* contributions are welcome. It would be helpful to know in advance if you are bringing anything for the Exhibition Table, but last-minute items are more than welcome. As with the Competition, it would be best to receive everything by 1:00, but this table can be a little more flexible about time.

Send all ideas, inquiries and planned entries to:  
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