

- F. At the Show:
1. Wilted stems are carefully removed from their box, placed in their individual containers of warm water and allowed to rehydrate.
 2. Fresh stems should be brought indoors to the staging area as quickly as possible to avoid heat exposure in the vehicle.
 3. Locate your stems in the staging area provided at the show as near your workstation as possible.
 4. Respect the workspace of other exhibitors.
- G. Grooming:
1. Clean each stem meticulously, starting with the leaves. Remove dust, pollen, spider webs, taking special care to inspect the leaf axils and undersurfaces.
 2. With moistened tissue or Q-tip, gently wipe leaves to remove water spots.
 3. Insect or disease damaged leaves must be addressed. If few in number, these may be very carefully clipped from the stem. If so many are damaged that by complete removal their absence would be noticeable, very carefully trim each damaged leaf with sharp scissors.
 4. Dress or reposition the leaves after cleaning.
 5. Remove the cushioning from amongst the flowers.
 6. Clean the inflorescence after carefully removing the anther caps.
 7. Brush away loose pollen from the sepals.
 8. Using rhubarb stems, wedge each stem to stand rigid in its container.
- H. Staging:
1. Secure entry tags to each stem, after double checking classification and show schedule.
 2. In a small show, the exhibitor may be responsible for placing the stems in the appropriate table location. At large shows, a staging committee will take your entry and deliver it to its correct section and class.
- I. Seedling Florets:
- Seedlings are often shown as single florets displayed in floral pics. Take care with these as well, to clean and groom carefully.

Members who live in Southern Ontario will find a poster in with this newsletter. Please post it where lots of people will see it: your local post office, poster board, nursery, etc. Photocopy it if you have lots of locations!! Don't forget to ask permission for private property.

You will also find a free daypass to the Royal Botanical Gardens in this envelope. If you already are a member of the RBG, pass it on to a friend. If you aren't a member, then come out to the RBG and enjoy the 2700 acres of gardens, and consider joining. Public places such as the RBG face a financial struggle with the government's continual cutbacks. Becoming a member of the RBG indicates your support of such institutions.