## **BC Council of Garden Clubs**

## REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A CERTIFIED HORTICULTURAL JUDGE

A Judge may only Judge what they are qualified and certified to Judge.

These criteria may change as needed.

- 1. Students are required to exhibit a minimum of ten (10) exhibits in shows that are open to the public. (Not at club Parlour Shows). Three 1<sup>st</sup> place blue ribbons must be won with these exhibits.
- Students must observe Judging at five (5) public shows with a Certified Judge of the BC Council of Garden Clubs or Specialty Judges in Specialty shows that are open to the public.
- 3. Students must Co-Judge at five (5) public shows with a Certified Judge of BC Council of Garden Clubs.
- 4. Students must complete all assignments within a two (2) year period starting the first day of the Horticulture Judges course. Experience outside of these dates will not be accepted as credit for this course.
- 5. A Final Exam will be scheduled once all the course material has been presented. It will be a maximum of three (3) hours. A passing grade of 75% is required on all Exams, Assignments and Evaluations.
- 6. The cost of the course is payable to BC Council of Garden Clubs.
- 7. A Certified Horticulture Judge must allow their contact information to be put on the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs web site.
- 8. To maintain an Active Horticultural Judges Certificate a Judge must abide by the requirements stipulated by B.C. Council of Garden Clubs which are listed below under 'Requirements to Maintain an Active Horticultural Judges Certificate' and may be revised when necessary.