TIPS FOR EXHIBITING ROSES

30 Days Before the Show:
• Check the Show classes and identify the roses you wish to enter.
• Select blooms with a sturdy and straight stem.
• Cut off all forming buds between the side of the stem and the leaf.
• Support with a bamboo stake and ties.
• Spray as necessary to remove aphids and spider mites.
• Around the base apply organics and fertilizer.
• Water at the roots as normal.
• Undertake daily inspection to spot anything untoward.

7 Days Before the Show:
• Cover your selected blooms with a bag at night and remove the following morning.
• Identify correct name and show class, then label.

2 or 3 Days Before the Show:
• Cut selected roses with the longest stem possible.
• Treat as indicated in the advice for cutting roses.
• Place the roses in a bucket with wire mesh cover to separate blooms.
• Place in a cool, covered, shaded location, protected from pets and wildlife.

Gather a Toolkit for the Show:
• Soft cloth to polish the leaves.
• Q-Tips to shape the bloom.
• Secateurs to trim as necessary.
• Artist's paintbrush to remove any debris from petals or leaves.
• The Show Schedule and Rules, also a copy of your submitted Entry Form.

Morning of the Show:
• Allow plenty of time.
• Transport with the utmost care.
• Take spare blooms in case of mishap.
• Use the vases provided in the preparation area and pack with moss.
• In classes with a single flower stage centre of the vase.
• In classes with three flowers stage in an equilateral triangle.
• In a mixed vase stage alternate colours; avoid the use of too many of the same colour;
  and identical colours in the same row or column.
• Match blooms in class for size and development.
• Top up with water and take into main hall.
• Locate on show bench (do not touch other exhibits).
• Give final adjustment to bloom arrangement.
• Wipe the vase clean and dry.
• Correctly label.

Whenever in doubt consult with a Show Steward.

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