

## **BSI Standard Bromeliad Show Requirements** *Eligible for BSI Awards and medallions*

**General:** BSI Standard Shows must be sponsored by a BSI affiliate or group of affiliates. Emphasis must be on Bromeliads. A specialty show featuring only one genus is permissible, if all other requirements are met.

### **BSI Schedule Requirements**

*All schedules will be checked by the ASC to ensure that they conform to BSI requirements (Handbook #9 p.5+):*

- a. The affiliate's name, show dates and hours, and where the show will be held.
- b. Pertinent show information, i.e., rules and regulations required by the show committee, judges, clerks, and exhibitors.
- c. The schedule will use the following terms to indicate the highest to lowest order. For example: Category I, Division II, Subdivision 2, Section B, Subsection a, and Class 3.  
CATEGORY: indicated by Roman numeral  
DIVISION: indicated by Roman numeral  
SUBDIVISION: INDICATED BY Arabic numeral  
SECTION: indicated by capitalized letter  
SUBSECTION: indicated by lower case letter  
CLASS: indicated by Arabic numeral

**Handbook change – Page 10 – Sample Schedules, CATEGORY I. HORTICULTURE: Sections “A” and “B” may be reversed, i.e., “A” may be foliage and “B” may be blooming.**

**Handbook change – Page 10 – Sample Schedules and Page 27 #13 NEW DESCRIPTION OF A STANDARD POT. A standard pot is a container that will hold potting medium, that does not add to or detract from the entry. NOTE: The JCC suggests that each society can set any further standards they deem necessary. Once a society has set their requirements for a standard pot, it is recommended they maintain them from year to year to avoid confusion. ALSO, any special requirements from the society must be printed in their show schedule.**

- A list of all classes under the appropriate category, division, subdivision, section, subsection, if needed.
- A definition of what constitutes an entry into each category, division, subdivision, section and subsection must either follow the title or be included in another section of the schedule, such as on a definitions page.
- d. **REQUIRED CATEGORY:**  
**CATEGORY I. HORTICULTURE**  
The Horticulture Category may contain only bromeliads. Companion plants may not be entered. This category must have a minimum of 24 horticultural entries in it before BSI Major Awards can be placed. The entry will then be eligible for the Foster Award, gold, silver and bronze medallions, Awards of Merit, all other ribbon awards, as well as any other plaques, trophies, or rosettes that the affiliate may choose to give.
- **THREE REQUIRED DIVISIONS:**
  1. **INDIVIDUAL SPECIMEN BROMELIADS**
  2. **MULTIPLES** (both divisions above are displayed terrestrially in utilitarian, non-decorative containers, including non-decorative bonsai pots).
  3. **HORTICULTURAL DISPLAYS** -- which include all plantings in or on non-standard, non-decorative containers, such as, but not limited to plain tree fern, pea gravel, cork or clay saucers, as well as all epiphytic mountings in or on natural, non-decorative, non-embellished materials such as, but not limited to,

bark, tree fern, rock, wood boards, monofilament or stumps, as well as non-decorative baskets, with or without hangers, non-decorative terrariums, and non-decorative dish gardens.

**BSI Recommended Categories:** If an affiliate plans to allow its members to enter specimens other than horticultural, it must open up the other following **Recommended Categories** to accommodate them:

- a. **CATEGORY II. ARTISTIC:** If the affiliate plans to give the Hobbs Award or BSI medallions in this Category, the following **TWO DIVISIONS ARE REQUIRED** and must be listed in the schedule:
  1. **DECORATIVE CONTAINERS** – includes all plants potted in, or mounted on or in decorative materials, whether natural or man-made. Also included are all decorative baskets, decorative dish gardens, and decorative terrariums. Emphasis is placed on harmony or contrast between plant (s) and container. **Bases are allowed with Decorative Containers.**
  2. **ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS** – includes all floral designs of bromeliads and/or bromeliad foliages, inflorescences, roots, and stolens, used singly or in combination with other plant material, and/or man-made materials, viewed as an artistic entity, organized according to the principles of design to express beauty. While other plant materials may be used, either fresh and/or dried, **Bromeliads must be emphasized.**

The ARTISTIC CATEGORY is eligible for the Hobbs Award, gold, silver and bronze medallions, Awards of Merit, ribbon awards, as well as any other plaques, trophies, or rosettes that the affiliate may choose to give.

- b. **OTHER RECOMMENDED CATEGORIES:**
  1. **CATEGORY III. EXHIBITS** consisting of the following **TWO RECOMMENDED DIVISIONS:**
    - a) **DECORATIVE EXHIBIT**
    - b) **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**This category is NOT eligible for Foster or Hobbs Awards but is eligible for silver and bronze medallions, Awards of Merit, ribbon awards, as well as any plaques, trophies, or rosettes that the affiliate chooses to give.
  2. **CATEGORY IV. SPECIAL EXHIBITORS** consisting of the following **RECOMMENDED DIVISIONS:**
    - a) **Novices**
    - b) **Judges**
    - c) **Amateur Hybridizers**
    - d) **Commercial Growers**This category is NOT eligible for Foster or Hobbs Awards, gold, silver or bronze medallions. This category is eligible for Awards of Merit, ribbon awards, as well as any plaques, trophies or rosettes that the affiliate chooses to give.

**EXCEPTION concerning COMMERCIAL GROWERS:** In the large show where the competitive portions of the show are divided between amateur and commercial growers, both of the aforementioned portions are eligible for comparable awards, if so allowed in the affiliate's schedule.

**Terms:** The following terms cannot be altered in the schedule, and the schedule of classes must correctly convey their meanings as defined in the *Handbook* (including but not limited to the following):

Standard Bromeliad Show, individual specimen bromeliad, multiple, horticultural display, non-decorative terrarium, decorative terrarium, non-decorative dish garden, decorative dish garden, non-decorative basket, decorative basket, decorative container, artistic arrangement, decorative exhibit, educational exhibit, novice, judge, commercial grower, amateur hybridizer, etc.

**Creating your own classification:** If an affiliate desires to create a new category, division, subdivision, section, subsection, or class, it may do so. The following rules apply:

- Affiliate-created classifications are NOT eligible for BSI Major Awards, including Sweepstakes, but may receive any other plaques, trophies, rosettes, or ribbons that the affiliate chooses to give.
- Affiliate establishes the scale of points to be used for judging.
- The schedule must state that this is not a *Handbook* definition or classification.
- The description of an established *Handbook* classification may not be changed, nor may a description from the *Handbook* be used to define a non-*Handbook* classification by merely rearranging words or phrases.  
No affiliate-created category, division, subdivision, section, subsection, or class can infringe upon the required or recommended *Handbook* category, division, subdivision, section, subsection, or class.

EACH CLASSIFICATION OF PLANTS, whether *Handbook* or affiliate-created, MUST BE JUDGED BY THE APPLICABLE, CORRECT SCALE OF POINTS.

**Designation of Merit or Competitive judging:** The schedule must state whether merit or competitive judging will be used for ribbon judging.

Diverse divisions, subdivisions, sections, subsections, or classes must always be merit judged. These include horticultural displays, baskets, terrariums, dish gardens, decorative containers, artistic arrangements, decorative exhibits, educational exhibits, special exhibitors' sections, and miscellaneous sections.

**Additional Schedule requirements:** The schedule must also list:

1. Ribbons, including the Award of Merit ribbons or seals
2. Ranges of points allocated to each ribbon color as outlined in the *Handbook*
3. Rosettes, trophies and plaques for both competitive and non-competitive awards and how they are awarded
4. BSI Major Awards and how they are awarded (see BSI Standard Show Awards on this website for specifics)
5. Sweepstakes Award and how awarded

**BSI Major Awards:** BSI Major Awards can be won only in BSI Standard Shows.

If awarded, they must be distributed in the following manner and so **listed in the schedule**:

1. Mulford B. Foster Best of Show - Horticulture Award to the horticultural entry judged best of show in Category I. Horticulture.
2. Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show - Artistic Award to the artistic entry judged best of show in Category II. Artistic.
3. Gold medallions – may be awarded to:  
Best of Show – Horticulture  
Best of Show - Artistic

Sweepstakes winner

- In the large show that is divided into duplicate categories for amateur and commercial growers, one gold sweepstakes medallion may be awarded in the amateur growers' categories and one in the commercial growers' categories.
- Novice sweepstakes may NOT be awarded a gold medallion.

4. Silver medallions - to the Best of Division winners in all eligible divisions
5. Bronze medallions - to the runner(s) up to the Best of Division in all eligible divisions
6. No entry may receive more than one BSI medallion.

### **Show Schedules must also include the following statements:**

- To be eligible to win any BSI Major Award, the entry should be properly named at the time of entry and classification, NOT when major award judging is in progress.

Additionally, the entry must score 95 or more points and must be one of the following:

1. An identified species
2. A cultivar listed in *The Bromeliad Cultivar Registry*
3. A cultivar which has been subsequently registered with the BSI Cultivar Registration Chairman
4. Listed by formula (parentage)  
(*Handbook* p.5 #7.f. & JCC 1992+)

- When an affiliate fulfills all of the requirements of the Standard BSI Show, the Mulford B. Foster and the Morris Henry Hobbs plaques are donated by the Bromeliad Society International.

(JCC change/date unknown/referenced (p. 26 #40) in "Show Schedule Checkpoints" revision by Charlien Rose, 2002 JCC meeting)

- *The Handbook for Judges, Exhibitors, and Affiliates* plus official, additional, updated material published in the *Journal of The Bromeliad Society International* is the final authority for the rules and regulations governing Standard BSI Shows, all Nationally\* and Internationally Accredited BSI Judges, and BSI Instructors.

(*Handbook* p.9 #9.L.) (\*JCC change/date unknown)

- NOT REQUIRED TO BE STATED EXACTLY AS FOLLOWS:

Classification is the final word in the assignment of a plant to its designated division and section, and Classification alone has the right to disqualify or reclassify any entry not meeting the requirements of the division, section, or class.

(*Handbook* p.19)

**Handbook addition, Page 17 – Important Major Committees:** Serving on major committees for credit should include chairman for general/show, awards, classification, clerks, entries, judges, placement and schedule. All of these committees are important to the show. All major committees should include a co-chair, who would also get credit for serving.

**Handbook change, Page 21 #11 – Cultivar Verification:** This chairman using The Bromeliad Cultivar Registry, plus all official updated material regarding cultivars published in the BSI Journal, and/or the official correspondence from the BSI Cultivar Registrar, will determine cultivar eligibility for BSI Major Awards. All cultivars are eligible for any major award if listed by formula.

**Handbook addition, Page 29, #5 – Horticultural Displays:** Mounting that has been "home" to a plant for a long time will not be the beauty that it once was. Judges should judge the plants and consider the age of the mount. Judges need to be made aware that some Tillandsias never root and a judge should not take off points or try to re-classify.