

The Thurston County Fair was held July 31st-August 1st, 2025, in Lacey, Washington. Every year the Fair Board selects a mascot. This year it was “Disco Dave” a peacock and the Black Hills District used good old Dave as their inspiration for their Flower Show “Strut Your Stuff.” I believe the Thurston County Fair Flower Show is the last NGC Show held at a County Fair in our state.

The schedule committee used the names of peacock varieties for the Division I Horticulture titles and went full disco for Division II Design, with “Saturday Night Fever.”

The Botanical Arts Artistic Craft winner was so lovely. I’m going to include it in this Design Article. Tara Keen of the Black Hills Flower Designers (BHFDS) & the Olympia Garden Club entered “Pretty as a Peacock.”



Tara received NGC Botanical Arts Craft Award and the WSFGC Past President Joann Goldman Artistic Craft Award. Tara used *Limonium sinuatum* ‘statice’, *Eryngium planum* ‘Sea Holly’ and *Cordyline fruticosa* ‘ti plant’ plant materials in her entry. She painted the ti leaves and added various feathers.

Vicki Kammerer won the NGC Petite Award as well as the WSFGC Past President Judith Juno Petite Award. Vicki is a member of the BHFDS and the Olympia Garden Club. Her entry was title “Electric Boogie” and was a Creative Mass Design no larger than 12” in any direction.



For plant materials, Vicki used *Dianthus caryophyllus* red mini-carnations, *Lavandula angustifolia* ‘white lavender’, *Hypericum* ‘St. John’s Wort’, *Buxus sempervirens* ‘boxwood’, *Springerii* and *Equisetum* ‘horsetails.’

Dorothy Bertram, a member of the BHFDS and The Friendly Flower Garden Club, entered “Boogie on Down.” A class requiring the use of two containers. Dorothy won the WSFGC Past President Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award.



Dorothy used *Gladiolas*, *Bambusa vulgaris* ‘bamboo’ and *Zantedeschia albomaculata* foliage, as well as craft wire.

Did you know that as of Sept 1st, 2025, the WSFGC Past President Carolyn Erickson Division Award will become a Section Award? It’s true!

Our Flower Show Winner of the WSFGC Past President Ellen Swenson Award went to Patti Isom, a member of the BHFDS. Patti's class was "Do the Hustle." A Reflective Design staged on an open pedestal.



Patti used a vertical column to display neon green plastic "ribbons", spray painted alliums (*Allium schubertii* or *Allium Christophii* or both types), mirrored disco balls and a black underlay. Beautiful!

I hope you were able to "boogie on down" to the Fair!

Debbie Spiller

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