

2025 Committee Chairs  
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This was the fourth annual competition in which the Nantucket Garden Club judges evaluated window boxes in the downtown core area of Nantucket and we awarded ribbons in the following categories:

- Best Variety
- Best Color
- Best Texture

1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons were given in each category.

The winners were:

- Best Variety
  - 1st: Fisher Real Estate
  - 2nd: Anderson's
  - 3rd: Doen
- Best Color
  - 1st: Artist Association Nantucket
  - 2nd: Congdon and Coleman
  - 3rd: Black Eyed Susan
- Best Texture
  - 1st: Gypsy
  - 2nd: The Maury People
  - 3rd: Jack

Ribbons were ordered from Hodges Badge Co. We were a little bit late ordering the ribbons in mid June, but they delivered with plenty of time before the judging. Still, it is best to order in mid May or earlier.

The date of the judging must be selected in time for the printing of the annual directory. Note that the date has been consistently been held mid July.

We invited 2 judges in mid June. This year's judges were Paulette Boling and Merrielou Symes.

We had 100 fliers printed at Nantucket Office Products which we distributed to all the businesses in the core area approximately 10 days before the judging. We found it best to distribute first thing in the morning before the shops got really busy.

The day before the judging we walked around town and took notes about the boxes we thought the judges should consider.

The day of the judging we walked the judges around town and took pictures of the window boxes they thought might be awarded ribbons.

At the end of day we sat together, reviewed the pictures and the judges made their decision. Ribbons were placed in the winning window boxes.

Some things to consider:

- We found the three categories to be limiting. Many window boxes felt like they could qualify for all three. Please note that if you reconsider these categories, it will change the Hodges Badge order as they have a template for the three existing categories.
- We wondered if there is something to be done with the different interpretations of 'window boxes'. Many businesses exclusively use containers (Anderson's) while others have a full garden concept (Veronica Beard, Gypsy)
- Abby has scanned and digitized all of the past and current reports so that is can be sent by Dropbox