

FLOWERS AND HOUSE PLANTS

Department 15

Check-In

Tuesday, 1 - 7 p.m., Exhibition Hall B & C

Judging

Tuesday, 1 - 7 p.m., Individual Conference

Class A: Landscape, Home Ground Management

Class B: Annuals, Bouquet of Growing Flowers

Class C: *ONLY* Lots 13, 14, 15 - Day Lily

Class D: Arrangements - Annuals and Perennials

Class E: House Plants

Class H: Gardens

All other classes, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Danish Judging, Ex. Hall

Department Chairperson

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Superintendents

Tara Bringa, Dean Meister and Teresa Pelletier

Eligible 4-H Project Areas

House Plants, Flowers, Home Grounds and Herbs

Exhibitors may only enter in the department/classes that correspond with the 4-H projects they are enrolled in

Regulations

- Individual Conference requires exhibitors to be present.**
A time card will be at the registration table to schedule a time. Otherwise first come, first served. Youth are welcome to observe Danish Judging.
- At check-in time or any time during the Fair, the superintendent has the right to remove any entry showing insect infestation.
- After judging, exhibitors will be expected to water and care for entries throughout the Fair to maintain an attractive exhibit. The Superintendent has the right to remove any entry whose wilted condition makes it unattractive.
- All corsages are to be in plastic bags or plastic corsage boxes.
- Unless otherwise noted, all plant material entered **must be grown by the exhibitor.**
- If an entry is deemed to be in the wrong lot by the judge, the exhibitor will receive one placing lower and will not be awarded a premium.

Premiums

	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Pink</u>
Classes A, E, F, G, H,	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25
Classes B, D	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.00	\$1.75
Class C	\$1.75	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.00

CLASS A. Landscape, Home Ground Management

Lots

- Landscape plans exhibit - including before and after plan and pictures along with story of progress made in improving home grounds during the year (must be an amateur scheme).
- 10 specimens of shrub or tree leaves exhibit properly pressed, mounted and identified. Exhibit is to include **two** samples of each leaf (upper and underside of leaf).
- Lawn care exhibit - include before and after pictures with story on seed used, fertilizer and weed control.
- Plan of flower border - include pictures before and after planting border.

CLASS B. Annuals, Bouquet of Growing Flowers

Regulations

- Each exhibit is to consist of 6 stems with blossoms of one variety.
- Lots will be judged on stem, foliage and flower. Therefore, you should include foliage. We recommend that entries be in clear glass containers.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Marigolds - small flowered 1" - 2"
4)	5)	6)	Marigolds - medium flowered 2" - 3"
7)	8)	9)	Marigolds - giant flowered 3" - 4"
10)	11)	12)	Petunias - single
13)	14)	15)	Petunias - double
16)	17)	18)	Snapdragons - dwarf
19)	20)	21)	Snapdragons - spike
22)	23)	24)	Zinnias - dwarf (Including pompoms) 1" - 2"
25)	26)	27)	Zinnias - medium - flowered 2" - 3"
28)	29)	30)	Zinnias - giant - flowered 3" - 4"
31)	32)	33)	Any other annual - identify on entry tag

CLASS C. Perennial, Growing Flowers

Regulations

- One blossom or stem.
- Lots will be judged on stem, foliage and flower. Therefore, you should include foliage. Entries should be in a clear glass container.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Dahlia, any color, 5" or larger
4)	5)	6)	Dahlia, any color, up to 5"
7)	8)	9)	Gladiolus - 1 spike, and any color
10)	11)	12)	Hydrangea - 1 stem
13)	14)	15)	Day Lily - Hemerocallis
16)	17)	18)	Lilies: Tiger, Trumpet, Asian, etc.
19)	20)	21)	Calla Lily
22)	23)	24)	Phlox - any color
25)	26)	27)	Rose - grown as one blossom
28)	29)	30)	Rose - grown as multiple blossoms
31)	32)	33)	Any other perennial - 1 bloom or spike any color (identify species on entry tag)

CLASS D. ****2025 UPDATE****

Arrangements - Fresh Cut Annuals or Perennials

(See Class J for Purchased Cut Arrangements)

Regulations

- Materials used in arrangements must be **fresh cut flowers and greens** grown and arranged by exhibitor.
- The mechanics of the arrangement (wiring, taping, aqua picks, needle point, etc.), if used, must be properly concealed.
- All corsages are to be in plastic bags or plastic corsage boxes.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Circular Arrangement (round design to be seen from all sides)
4)	5)	6)	Triangular Arrangement (design one - sided, symmetrical or asymmetrical)
7)	8)	9)	Horizontal Arrangement (long, low design to be seen from both sides)
10)	11)	12)	Vertical Arrangement (upright design in tall narrow container)
13)	14)	15)	Curvilinear Arrangement (design in a crescent or S-curve)
16)	17)	18)	Miniature arrangement, any style - maximum height and width of 6"
19)	20)	21)	Corsage
22)	23)	24)	Bouquet of Mixed Flowers

CLASS E. House Plants

Regulations

1. All exhibits in Class E: House Plants **must** have been started from seed or as a leaf or stem cuttings or from bulbs **since summer 2024**. *Exceptions are lots 7 - 9 and 28 - 31. First year exhibitors not eligible in these lots.*
2. Exhibitors in Class E: House Plants should furnish an "information card" for each lot entered. Record the following: name of plant, cutting started, method of propagation used, fertilizing schedule. Cards must be attached to the exhibit.
3. "One plant" means one root system started from one cutting, seed or bulb. Any entry having incorrect number of plants will be given a pink placing.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	African Violets started from leaf cutting - 1 growing point without flowers (current year)
4)	5)	6)	African Violets started from leaf cutting - 1 growing point with flowers (current year)
7)	8)	9)	African Violets - 1 growing point (previous year - not more than 1 yr. old)
10)	11)	12)	Geranium - 1 plant (current year)
13)	14)	15)	Impatiens - 1 plant (current year)
16)	17)	18)	Tuberous Begonia - 1 plant
19)	20)	21)	Any other Begonia - 1 plant started from bulb
22)	23)	24)	Any other flowering plant started this year
25)	26)	27)	Any flowering plant started in a previous year (including above categories)
--	28)	29)	Any flowering plant grown under grow light
--	30)	31)	Any flowering plant grown in a greenhouse by exhibitor

CLASS F. Foliage House Plant

Regulations

1. All exhibits in Foliage House plants **must** have been started from seed or as a leaf or stem cutting or from bulbs **since summer 2024**. *Exceptions are lots 16-18 and 22-24. First year exhibitors not eligible in these lots.*
2. Exhibitors in Foliage House plants should furnish an "information card" for each lot entered. Record the following: name of plant, cutting started, method of propagation used, fertilizing schedule. Cards must be attached to the exhibit.
3. "One plant" means one root system started from one cutting, seed or bulb. Any entry having incorrect number of plants will be given a pink placing.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Coleus - 1 plant
4)	5)	6)	Trailing plant - 1 plant
7)	8)	9)	Caladium - 1 plant started from bulb
10)	11)	12)	Any other foliage plant started this year
13)	14)	15)	Strawberry Begonia or Spider plant - propagated since last Fair, from seed, leaf or stem
16)	17)	18)	Any foliage plant started in a previous year
19)	20)	21)	One container with 3 single foliage plants - each a different species - started this year
22)	23)	24)	One container with 3 different foliage plants started in a previous year
25)	26)	27)	Any foliage plant grown in a greenhouse by exhibitor
28)	29)	30)	Single cactus/succulent

CLASS G. Hanging Basket or Standing Container

Regulations

1. Exhibitor entering a Hanging Basket or Standing Container should furnish an "information card" for each lot entered. Record the following: name of plant, when started, method of propagation if pertinent, fertilizing schedule. Card must be attached to the exhibit.
2. Purchased seedlings may be included in exhibits unless specified otherwise.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Hanging basket - Petunias in bloom
4)	5)	6)	Hanging basket - Any other blooming plants, all of the same species
7)	8)	9)	Hanging basket - Any foliage plants, all same species
10)	11)	12)	Plant in a recycled container
13)	14)	15)	Patio planter with 3 to 6 different plants

CLASS H. Gardens

Regulations

1. Exhibitor entering Gardens should furnish an "information card" for each lot entered. Record the following: name of plant, when started, method of propagation if pertinent, fertilizing schedule. Card must be attached to the exhibit.
2. Purchased seedlings may be included in exhibits unless specified otherwise.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Tropical Garden (ex: peperomia, ficus, palms, etc.)
4)	5)	6)	Desert Garden (ex: cactus, sedum, etc.)
7)	8)	9)	Woodland Garden (ex: native plants, fern, moss)
10)	11)	12)	Terrarium (completely enclosed)
13)	14)	15)	Herb Garden - three or more plants, all different species, all started from seed by the exhibitor (state plant names on entry tag)
16)	17)	18)	Fairy Garden (include a list of plants with entry)

CLASS I. Plant Crafts

Regulations

1. The emphasis in this class is on the natural plant materials; non-natural accents, where permitted, are to be minimal.
2. The plant materials used are to be grown or gathered by the exhibitor.
3. Wreaths and swags must be constructed with adequate loops for hanging and Fair display.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Dried arrangements in containers - no silk flowers
4)	5)	6)	Potpourri - list ingredients, no purchased oils allowed
7)	8)	9)	Any other use of dried flowers - no silk flowers allowed
10)	11)	12)	Display using natural evergreens (accent notes permitted)
13)	14)	15)	Wreath of grapevine, pine cones, straw or other natural material
16)	17)	18)	Swag of natural materials

CLASS J. **NEW THIS YEAR**

Arrangements - Purchased Cut Flowers

Regulations

1. Materials used in arrangements must be purchased cut flowers and greens from flower shop and arranged by exhibitor.
2. The mechanics of the arrangement (wiring, taping, aqua picks, needle point, etc.), if used, must be properly concealed.
3. All corsages are to be in plastic bags or plastic corsage boxes.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
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10)	11)	12)	Vertical Arrangement (upright design in tall narrow container)
13)	14)	15)	Curvilinear Arrangement (design in a crescent or S-curve)
16)	17)	18)	Miniature arrangement, any style - maximum height and width of 6"
19)	20)	21)	Corsage
22)	23)	24)	Bouquet of Mixed Flowers

CLASS K. Miscellaneous

Regulations

1. Exhibitor in Miscellaneous Houseplants should furnish an information card for each lot entered. Record the following: name of plant, when started, method of propagation if pertinent, fertilizing schedule. Card must be attached to the exhibit.
2. Purchased seedlings may be included in exhibits unless specified otherwise.

Grades

<u>3-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9+</u>	
1)	2)	3)	Plant grown from household discard such as avocado, pineapple, citrus seed, etc.
4)	5)	6)	Any single bedding plant purchased as a seedling, grown in a pot & maintained in this growing season.
--	7)	8)	Potted vegetable plant grown from seed by the exhibitor (state variety on entry tag)
--	9)	10)	Any plant not listed above showing advanced or unusual techniques in propagating, growing, handling or training. Exhibits must have a 3" x 5" card describing method used. (ex: grafting, topiary, bonsai, hydroponics, plant standards, air layering, gesneriads from seeds, ferns started by exhibitor from spores).

****NEW THIS YEAR****

- 11) 12) 13) Biggest Weed (***must be legal to possess and grown in a flower bed or pot***) - Please include as much of root ball as possible, enclosed in a plastic bag

Special Awards and Sponsorships

Miller & Sons Supermarket - All ribbons. Award and rosette for Champion and rosette for Reserve Champion in designated class or lot.