



FLORICULTURE

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 Kern County Fair September 18 - September 29, 2024
 Online Entries Open Thursday, June 13, 2024
 Online Entries Close Friday, September 6, 2024

ACCEPTING TIMES

Entries Accepted Saturday, September 14 • 9 am - 1 pm
 Sunday, September 15 • NOON - 4 pm

RELEASE TIMES

Entries Released Monday, September 30 • 8 am - 3 pm

HOW TO ENTER

ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines
 Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed
 Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com and pay the entry fee

EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.
 Do not use business or fictitious names.
 Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.
 If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com
 Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm

FLORICULTURE COMMITTEE

Chairman
 Co-Chairman

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Adult Floriculture (18 years and older)

All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1

Adult Divisions 500 - 502, 504 - 508: \$2 per entry

Adult Divisions 509 - 510: \$1 per entry

Best Dressed Tables Division 511: \$15 per entry

Community Exhibits Division 512: \$20 per entry

Entry Limit: 2 entries per class, *except where noted*

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted.
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.

ACCEPTING TIMES

3. **Deliver entries (Divisions 500 - 507)** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Saturday, September 14 (9 am - 1 pm) or Sunday, September 15 (Noon - 4 pm).
4. **Deliver entries (Divisions 509)** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Wednesday 9/18 (8 am - 10 am).
5. **Deliver entries (Divisions 508 & 510)** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Tuesday 9/24 (8 am - 10 am).
6. **Deliver entries for Best Dressed Tables (Division 511)** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Saturday, 9/14 (10 am - 4 pm), Sunday, 9/15 (Noon - 4 pm), Monday, 9/16 (9 am - 4 pm).
7. **Deliver entries for Community Exhibits (Division 512)** to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Saturday, 9/14 (10 am - 4 pm), Sunday, 9/15 (Noon - 4 pm), Monday, 9/16 (9 am - 4 pm).

RELEASE TIMES

8. **Pick up entries** at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, September 30 (8 am - 3 pm).
9. No Security will be provided after release date.

JUDGING

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit. Classes may be combined if there aren't enough exhibitors in a class.

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISIONS 500 - 502, 504 - 508
1ST \$12 • 2ND \$10 • 3RD \$7

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISIONS 509 - 510
1ST \$5 • 2ND \$3 • 3RD \$2

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISION 511
1ST \$100 • 2ND \$70 • 3RD \$55

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
DIVISION 512
1ST \$200 • 2ND \$100 • 3RD \$50

BEST OF SHOW
African Violets, Plants & Cut Flowers Only
DIVISIONS (500), (504 - 507), (509 - 510)
Ribbon + \$12

HIGH POINT - Cut Flowers Only
DIVISIONS (509 - 510)
1st \$75 • 2ND \$50 • 3RD \$25
2023 WINNER: Deborah A. Procell

DANISH JUDGING
DIVISION 503
RIBBONS ONLY

Senior Citizen Award
A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor (65+).

GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or entry@kerncountyfair.com.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. Neither the State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing stated on the judging sheet(s) constitutes final placement. (State Rule IV #10.)
14. Department heads, judges, staff, anyone directly involved in the judging process, and their spouses are not allowed to exhibit or sign entry forms in any division in which they or their spouse are directly involved.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any class using the American judging system. (State Rule IV #6 for further clarification.)
17. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
18. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
19. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitors except Classes for arrangements. Florists and nurseries may exhibit plants, plant materials and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow.
2. All floriculture exhibits must be of grade "A" quality to be exhibited. No synthetic, plastic or tint may be used unless otherwise specified.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in any one class, except where noted.
4. Exhibits must be maintained in good condition for the duration of the Fair. When exhibit deteriorates it will be removed. The management reserves the right to request the entry, after judging is completed, to be remove, freshen, or replace any exhibit needing such attention.
5. Containers for the cut flowers will be furnished by the Fair Association. Containers for flower arrangements must be furnished by exhibitors. Accessories may be used with arrangements.
6. Number of spaces are limited in the Best Dressed Tables, Plants and Hanging Gardens.
7. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
8. All exhibitors in the floriculture department must be off the grounds by 10:30 am each day.

AFRICAN VIOLETS

Only clean, healthy, bug free plants will be accepted.

DIVISION 500: AFRICAN VIOLETS

STANDARD, single crown varieties

1. All solid color blooms
2. Two-tone, multicolored or edged blooms
3. Variegated foliage, all blooms of any color

MINIATURE & SEMI-MINIATURE, single crown varieties

4. All solid color blooms
5. Two-tone, multicolored or edged blooms
6. Variegated foliage, all blooms of any color

TRAILERS, multi crown varieties

7. All trailers of any color or foliage

DESIGN, African violets must be the dominate feature

8. Arrangements, Dish Gardens, Terrariums

JUDGING SCALE

(For African Violet Plants)

Floriferous	60%
Leaf pattern (symmetry)	20%
Condition	<u>20%</u>
TOTAL	100%

FLORICULTURE

DIVISION 501: IN YOUR GARDEN

ONE ENTRY PER CLASS

CLASS:

1. Stepping Stones
2. Birdhouses
3. Fairy Gardens
4. Garden Markers

DIVISION 502: GOURDS

CLASS:

1. Decorated Gourd

DIVISION 503: SPECIAL NEEDS EXHIBITS

*DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING
NO ENTRY FEE - RIBBONS ONLY*

CLASS:

1. Stepping Stone
2. Birdhouses
3. Fairy Gardens
4. Garden Markers
5. Plant

PLANTS

PLANTS MUST HAVE ESTABLISHED ROOTS

Plants can only be watered between 8 am - 10 am on

Wednesday, September 18 | Sunday, September 22 | Thursday, September 26

DIVISION 504: HANGING BASKETS, TOPIARY

CLASS:

1. Creeping Charlie
2. Ferns (any variety)
3. Pothos
4. Topiary
5. Any other not listed

DIVISION 505: POTTED PLANTS

CLASS:

1. Fern
2. Ivy
3. Orchid
4. Pothos
5. Spider Plant
6. Tillandsia (air plant)
7. Terrarium
8. Unusual container potted plants
9. Any other not listed

DIVISION 506: CACTUS + SUCCULENTS

*SMALL: LESS THAN 4"
MEDIUM: LARGER THAN 4", LESS THAN 8"
LARGE: LARGER THAN 8"*

CLASS:

1. Small Succulent
2. Medium Succulent
3. Large Succulent
4. Aloe
5. Jade
6. Small Cactus
7. Medium Cactus
8. Large Cactus
9. Collection (*5 or more in one container*)

DIVISION 507: BONSAI

CLASS:

1. Any Bonsai

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

DIVISION 508:

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Flowers to be delivered between 8 am - 10 am

CLASS:

1. Novice Arrangement
2. Professional Arrangement
3. Novice Miniature Arrangement
4. Professional Miniature Arrangement

CUT FLOWERS – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

VASES WILL BE FURNISHED

Flowers to be delivered between 8 am - 10 am

All cars must be removed from the Floriculture lot by 10:30 am or they will be towed and lot will be closed.

DIVISION 509:

CUT FLOWERS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Flowers to be delivered between 8 am - 10 am

CLASS:

1. Roses - 1 Rose, 1 Stem
2. Flowers, except Roses
3. Herbs - Fresh Cut
4. Cut Flowering Shrub + Tree

CUT FLOWERS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

VASES WILL BE FURNISHED

Flowers to be delivered between 8 am - 10 am

All cars must be removed from the Floriculture lot by 10:30 am or they will be towed and lot will be closed.

DIVISION 510:

CUT FLOWERS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Flowers to be delivered between 8 am - 10 am

CLASS:

1. Roses - 1 Rose, 1 Stem
2. Flowers, except Roses
3. Herbs - Fresh Cut
4. Cut Flowering Shrub + Tree

BEST DRESSED TABLES

Entries will be taken until space is full. NOTE: Only 10 tables are available, so please make your entry early if you are interested in doing a table.

ENTRY FEE: \$15

PREMIUMS PER CLASS
1ST \$100 • 2ND \$70 • 3RD \$55

BEST DRESSED TABLES RULES

1. All tables are judged according to Emily Post's book on Etiquette the 16th Edition.
2. Competition open to individuals, groups or philanthropic organizations in Kern County.
3. Tables are provided by the Fair and are 4' round and 29" high.
4. Tables must have a fresh flower centerpiece arrangement.
5. Do not use a professional arrangement.
6. Flower arrangement can be changed after judging, during Fair, and at that time, silk, dried, or preserved materials may be used. NO PLASTIC arrangements.
7. Tables provided only – no side stands.
8. Only the Exhibitor card for identification on your table during judging is allowed. After judging a larger identification card may be placed.
9. One entry per club or group. An individual may not be involved in two tables.
10. No Plastic, Paper, or Real Food is Allowed
11. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining Table Settings.

SET UP TIMES:

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 15, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, September 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

TAKE DOWN TIMES:

Exhibits must be removed, and space cleaned of ALL debris by Monday, September 30 by 3:00 pm.
(No security will be provided after release date.)

DIVISION 511: BEST DRESSED TABLE

CLASS:

1. Formal - For 2 - Destination
2. Informal - For 4 - Backyard Carnival

COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

NEW location - North end of building #4 (Fine Arts Building)

Entries will be taken until space is full. NOTE: Only 3 spaces are available, so please make your entry early if you are interested in doing an exhibit.

ENTRY FEE: \$20

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

1ST \$200 • 2ND \$100 • 3RD \$50

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION DISPLAYS RULES

1. This Department is open to organizations to display products of individuals and their organization. All entries are to be made by the Head of the organization and listed on the entry form for their exhibit.
2. Electricity in each booth will be turned on each day by fair personnel. No timers will be needed in individual booths. Please let us know if you need power to your booth or special setup times.
3. All booths are 10' wide by 10' deep
4. NO drive-in door is available.
5. NO STRAW OR HAY may be used in the display.
6. Exhibit Booths are limited to one entry by an organization.
7. Exhibits must be maintained for duration of the Fair. Booths will be checked daily.
8. The Fair reserves the right to require the replacement or the withdrawal of any portion of an exhibit deemed detrimental to the health, safety, and convenience of the public.
9. Non-compliance with rule 7, and any action the Fair may be required to take under rule 7, may result in the forfeiture of premiums
10. Exhibits will be judged on appearance, creativity and educational value.

SET UP TIMES:

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 15, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, September 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

TAKE DOWN TIMES:

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DIVISION 512:
COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

CLASS:

1. Organization Display