

FLORICULTURE: FLOWERS
DEPARTMENT 8
DIVISIONS 801 – 808
Superintendent – Riverton Garden Club
Premium Table #3

*Begin Arrival of Floriculture Exhibits; Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Final Arrival of Floriculture Exhibits; Thursday, August 1, 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Policies:

1. One entry per class per exhibitor.
2. Stems should be uniform and the blooms of uniform size. Cut flowers should be shown with the foliage, if naturally attached to specimen. Remove all leaves under water. No foreign foliage should appear in single variety exhibits. Mixed bouquets should not be entered in the specimen classes. Display the number of stems requested.
3. The container used for specimen of cut flowers should be clear, glass jars suitable to the size of the specimen. The department takes no responsibility for containers brought for exhibits.
4. Exhibitors in this department may replace exhibits with fresh flowers any time during the week.
5. Judging of entries in this department are to be based on the following characteristics: a) cultural perfection, b) true color to type, c) exact number of blooms.
6. Entries must be tagged and checked in with superintendent.
7. If the exhibit needs support or a display stand, the exhibitor must provide.
8. Sweepstakes and best of Show awards will be determined by the person acquiring the most points by ribbons in this division. Values are Blue; 3 pts., Red; 2 pts., White; 1 pt.
9. Youth classes – ages 9-18 years. Each exhibit shall be scored as blue, red, or white. Youth are encouraged to enter any floriculture class. Divisions 802, 804, 806 and 808 are for youth.
10. No toxic plants or flowers.

Definitions:

Bloom: one individual flower (example: rose)

Spike: several flowers on a long stem (example; gladiolus)

Spray: single stem with terminal buds or flowers and two auxiliary buds, flowers and foliage. (example; petunia)

Stem: main ascending part of plant, not over 18 inches (example; delphinium)

Everlasting flowers: flowers that retain their color and form when dried. Many everlasting flowers are composed of colorful, papery petals called bracts that are stiff and dry while still attached to the living plant. (example; Strawflower, Everlasting Flower, Yellow Paper Flower)

***Entries will be judged on uniformity of bloom size and color.**

HOW TO HARDEN OFF YOUR FLOWER EXHIBIT

If a flower is to remain fresh throughout the exhibit period, it should be cut not later than the day before it is to exhibit. It is generally recognized that afternoon- especially cutting in late afternoon, when the greatest amount of sugar has ascended in the leaves and blooms – as well as a “hardening off” process will help insure a winning entry.

Flower stems should be cut cleanly at the angle with a sharp knife or pruning shears and plunged in to deep, hot water: 110 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal. Plunging plants up to their necks in cool water works as well. It is a good practice to carry a bucket of water to the garden and to place each cut specimen in the water at once. Lightly crush the base of woody stems on plants such as lilacs to improve the intake of water. Some flowers, such as Dahlias, and Poppies, need to have the cut tips seared over an open flame.

Following cutting and water treatment, specimens should be placed in a cool, darkened room. After several hours, when the water has come to room temperature, add ice to the water and leave the flower material undisturbed overnight or place flowers in a refrigerator or cooler at a temperature between 38 and 40 degrees for six or more hours before they are to be shown. Flowers prepared in this way improve their substance and will hold their freshness longer.

WINNING SUGGESTIONS BY RIVERTON GARDEN CLUB

Collect flowers to be exhibited the evening before and place them in a pail of warm water (110). Set the pail in a cool place or refrigerate 12 -24 hours. Be sure to use a very sharp knife to cut the specimen bloom. To exhibit, leave attached as much stem and as many leaves as possible. Do NOT leave any leaves under the water. Check for dirt, bugs and discoloration on the leaf underside. Remove excess blossoms close to the stem, leaving no knobs. To seal Dahlias and Poppy, dip cuts in boiling water or flame sear, hold flower at angle away from heat. Store in dark, draft free place in deep, warm water for 2 – 4 hours before handling. Preservative is OK. Protect during travel. Grooming guide: 50% of stem should be underwater. NO foliage below waterline. Foliage underwater will rot quickly. Remove dead and damaged parts. Disbud single blooms. Hybrid Tea Rose should be ½ to ¾ open.

FLORICULTURE: SPECIMENS
Divisions 801 - 802

Division 801: Adult

Division 802: Youth

Specimens	CLASS
Agastache (Hummingbird Mint). 3 stems	001
Aster, 3 stems (one or more colors)	002
Bachelor Buttons, annual, 3 stems (one or more colors)	003
Bachelor Buttons, Perennial, 3 stems	004
Bee Balm, Monarda, 3 stems	005
Begonia, Tuberous, 1 flower (can be floated)	006
Begonia, wax, 3 stems	007

	CLASS
(Specimens continued)	
Bells of Ireland, 1 stem	008
Calendula, 3 stems	009
(Celosia, any, 1 stem	010
Chrysanthemum, single or double, 1 stem	011
Chrysanthemum, pompom type, 1 spray	012
Clematis, Traditional, 1 stem (can be floated)	013
Clematis, Specialty, 3 stems (can be floated)	014
Columbine, 3 stems	015
Cone Flowers, Echinacea, single, 3 stems	016
Cone Flowers, Echinacea, double, 3 stems	017
Coreopsis, 3 stems	018
Cosmos, 3 stems	019
Dahlia, giant, over 8" in diameter, 1 bloom	020
Dahlia, any, 3 blooms	021
Daisy, Shasta, double, 3 stems	022
Daisy, Shasta, single, 3 stems	023
Daisy, Gloriosa, 3 stems (Rudbekia)	024
Daisy, any other, 3 stems	025
Day Lily, 1 stalk or stem	026
Delphinium, perennial, 1 stem	027
Dianthus, 3 stems (one or more colors)	028
Everlasting, (any variety), fresh, 3 stems	029
Gaillarda, 3 stems	030
Gladiolus, any	031
Golden Glow, 3 sprays	032
Decorative Grass, 3 stems	033
(display with long stems proportionate to grass heads)	
Hollyhocks, single, can be floated, 3 Blooms	034
Hollyhocks, double, can be floated, 3 blooms	035
Hydrangeas, 1 stem	036
Larkspur, annual, 3 stems	037
Lavender, 3 stems	038
Lily, Tiger, 1 spray	039
Lily, Oriental, 1 spray	040
Lily, Asiatic, 1 spray	041
Marigolds, single, 3 sprays with foliage	042
Marigolds, double, under 2.5", 3 sprays w/foliage	043
Marigolds, double, over 2.5", 3 sprays w/foliage	044
Million Bells, (Calibrachoa)	045
Nasturtiums, 3 stems	046
Pansies, 3 stems (one of more colors)	047
Petunias, single, 3 stems	048
Petunias, double, 3 stems	049
Phlox, perennial, 1 stem	050
Pin Cushion, Scabiosa, 3 stems	051
Poppy, 3 stems	052
Rose, Shrub (own root, not grafted)	053
Rose, Floribunda, (grafted; 5 or more flowers per stem), 1 stem	054
Rose, Hybrid Tea, (grafted; 1 flower per stem), 1 stem	055
Rose, Miniature	056
Salvia, perennial, 3 stems	057
Snapdragons, 1 spike	058
Sunflower, 1 stem	059
Sweet Peas, annual, 3 stems	060
Sweet Peas, perennial, 3 stems	061

	CLASS
Verbenas, 3 stems	062
Violas, 3 stems	063
Wild Flower, any variety not listed, 3 stems	064
Yarrow, Achillea, any color of 1 variety, 3 stems	065
Zinnias, giant, over 3", 3 stems	066
Zinnias, medium, under 3", 3 stems	067
Zinnias, dwarf (Pompom) 3 stems	068
Any other variety of Annual Flower, not listed 3 stems (flowers must be named)	069
Any other variety of Perennial Flower, not listed 3 stems (flowers must be named)	070

POTTED PLANTS
Divisions 803 - 804

Division 803: Adult

Division 804: Youth

POTTED PLANTS

CLASS

African Violet	001
Coleus	002
Fern	003
Geranium	004
Ivy	005
Hanging plants, flowering, indoor	006
Hanging plants, foliage, indoor	007
Any other flowering indoor plant	008
Succulent or Cactus	009
Fairy or Miniature Garden*	010
Terrarium (3 or more plants)*	011
Desert Garden*	012
Dish Garden*	013
Herbs or Herb Garden	014
Potted Flowers, flowering outdoor	015
Potted Flowers, foliage, outdoor	016

***Descriptors of Classes**

- Dish Garden:** An open/shallow container featuring a variety of plants excluding cacti and succulents.
- Fairy or Miniature Garden:** A miniature "scene" contained in an open container and featuring miniature or small, slow growing houseplants. The garden needs to have an imaginative theme and added miniature accessories.
- Desert Garden:** An open/shallow container featuring cacti and /or succulents.
- Terrarium:** A transparent container, partially or completely enclosed; sealed or unsealed.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
DIVISIONS 805 - 806

Division 805: Adult

Division 806: Youth
CLASS

Fresh Garden Material (Must not be purchased.)	
Arrangement over 6"	001
Monochromatic palette	002
Miniature, not over 6"	003
Table Center Piece, reflecting the Fair Theme	004

Dried Material (Must not be purchased.)	
Arrangement over 6 "	005
Monochromatic palette	006
Miniature, not over 6"	007
Table Center Piece, reflecting the Fair Theme	008

**SPECIAL THEME FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
 "Whatever Floats Your Goat!"
 FLORAL THEME CONTEST
 DIVISIONS 807 - 808**

Qualifies for Theme Sweepstakes

Policies:

1. Use any floral materials; purchased, fresh. Combination.
2. Use the 2024 Fair theme any way you choose in the arrangement. This contest is part of the "Theme Sweepstakes" Contest.
3. Only one category may be used for theme points.

Division 807: Adult

Home Grown Arrangement with Theme	001
Any Other Arrangement with Theme	002

**Division 808: Youth
CLASS**



Payment Notice: All premiums/cash awards will be paid out by the Fremont County Fair Board on:

Friday, August 2: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, August 3: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, August 4: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Monday, August 5: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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All premiums not picked up by August 31, will be forfeited and returned to Awards Budget.