2025 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

OPEN YOUTH & ADULT HORTICULTURE SHOW



DIRECTED BY: Master Gardeners of Putnam County

ENTRY DATES & TIMES: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 2-6 p.m.

ENTRY LOCATION: Putnam County Fairgrounds Expo Hall

JUDGING: Thursday, **March 20, 2025**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all gardeners who are residents or work in Putnam or St. Johns

Counties.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Plants in all sections will be judged on the following criteria:

General Appearance: Shape and size of plant

• Free of diseases, insects and nutrient deficiencies

ColorVigor

Suitability and cleanliness of container

Soil depth

REMOVAL: Monday, March 31, 2025, 3pm-6pm

YOUTH DIVISION: Exhibitors age 17 and younger.

ADULT DIVISION: Exhibitors age 18 and older.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

YOUTH DIVISION

Class A – Edible Plants

Class B - Foliage Plants

Class C - Cacti and Succulents

ADULT DIVISION

Class A – Edible Plants

Class B – Foliage Plants

Class C – Cacti and Succulents

Class D - Orchids and Bromeliads

Class E - Dish Gardens, Terrariums and Bonsai

Class F - Patio Plants (Pots > 14" diameter - Participant is responsible for relocation)

Class G - Other ornamentals

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Entries MUST be labeled and attached with name, address, and phone number.

- 2. Entries cannot be submitted on behalf of another individual. The submitter must be physically present with their plants the day of entry.
- 3. Claim check will be issued when specimen(s) are entered and MUST be presented before it is released.
- 4. Plants must be properly labeled with common name and botanical name, if known.
- 5. The Exhibitor must have grown all plants for at least three (3) months. Gardeners have the right to refuse plants that appear to have been recently transplanted or purchased.
- 6. All specimens must be clean, free of insects and disease and be well groomed.
- 7. Plants should be watered prior to bringing to the show. They will be cared for during fair week. IF you have any special watering instructions you will need to write it on a 3x5 index card and turn it in with your entry.
- 8. Containers must be clean and neat in appearance; No cans or broken containers will be accepted.
- 9. Patio plants weighing 35 pounds or more must be moved and placed by owner.
- 10. Exhibitors will be limited to five (5) entries, with no two of the same plant varieties or cultivars. Plants on the federal, state or IFAS invasive plant list will not be accepted. Lists are available at the extension office.
- 11. All entries in the show will be judged on the Danish System. Each plant is judged on its own merit against a set standard. They will not be judged in comparison to others in the class.
- 12. All entries will be under the control of the Putnam County Fair Authority and all possible protection will be given exhibits, but the Fair Authority is not liable for damage or loss of property. For more information call (386) 328-FAIR (3247).
- 13. All Premium money will be paid in cash and may be picked up when the exhibitor brings in their claim check on removal day. Exhibitors forfeit their premiums and plants if not collected by the removal date.
- 14. No premiums will be paid without correct information on the registration forms and all requirements followed.
- 15. Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandates. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file.
- 16. Perennial plants, trees, and cacti awarded Best of Show MUST wait a period of 2 years before they are elidible to compete again in the Horticulture Show.

AWARDS

1st place \$3.00 premium and ribbon 2nd place \$2.00 premium and ribbon 3rd place \$1.00 premium and ribbon

BEST OF CLASS

(Chosen from the 1st place winners in each class) \$ 5.00 Premium and Rosette

BEST OF SHOW

(Chosen from the Best of Class winners in each division) **\$20.00** Premium and Rosette and Plaque