

## CHRISTMAS TREE

<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Bill Syme Broad Book, Connecticut
<b>JUDGES</b>	TBA
<b>ARRIVAL</b>	Thursday, September 12, 2024 9AM to 1PM
<b>JUDGING</b>	Thursday, September 12, 2024
<b>RELEASE</b>	Sunday, September 29, 2024 8pm

### SHOW PREMIUMS

#### CHRISTMAS TREE CLASSES FIR, SPRUCE, PINE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$110	95	85	75	65	65	65

Overall Grand Champion  
\$300

Overall Reserve Grand Champion  
\$200

The judges will select the overall Grand Champion and overall Reserve Champion tree from all the trees entered.

#### DECORATED AND UNDECORATED WREATH

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$75	65	60	55	50	45	45

## ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1 PM.

### SPECIAL RULES

**READ GENERAL RULES.** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

All New England growers are eligible and are invited to enter trees to be judged in competition at Eastern States Exposition. The tree classes are all Pines, all Spruces, and all Fir species.

A Rosette will be provided for the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and for the highest placing tree from each state.

### CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST RULES

1. Each farm may enter three trees but no more than one tree in each class. Flocked, sprayed or colored trees will be disqualified. Tree handles must be properly trimmed and 6 to 9 inches in length.
2. Trees entered must have a tag attached to the butt with the name and address of the entrant thereon.
3. Trees entered must be from six to nine feet in overall length from tip of leader to the bottom of butt and must be fresh and of marketable quality. Trees not meeting these minimum standards will be disqualified.
4. Tip lengths of trees must be appropriate to the tree taper.
5. All entries MUST be on the site of The Big E Christmas Tree display by no later than 1

PM Thursday, September 12. Trees may NOT be handled by the contestants after judging begins.

**6.** Judging is expected to begin about 11am or as soon as sufficient entries have been received as decided by the superintendent. Judges will have the right to restrict entrance to judging area.

### **SCORING SHEETS**

Completed scoring sheets will be available at the end of the judging contest, and will be kept at the booth for the duration of the Fair. Entrants may pick up their sheets at the Fair or they may leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope at the registration desk and their sheets will be mailed. Any sheets left after the close of the Fair will be sent to the state associations for distribution. Ribbons will be sent to the state associations for presentation. Prize money checks will be mailed to you by the Eastern States Exposition.

### **WREATH CONTEST RULES**

The Wreath Contest is open to all New England wreath makers and/or decorators.

There will be one class for undecorated wreaths and one for decorated entries.

Ribbons will also be awarded to the winners. Rosettes will be awarded to the champion in each division.

### **RULES FOR THE WREATH CONTEST:**

**1.** All wreaths should be made of natural conifer greens and may include Holly and/or Laurel. They should be constructed on either a 10" or 12" ring. Any combination of tree greens is permitted.

**2.** Each contestant may enter two wreaths, but no more than one wreath in each class.

**3.** Securely attach your name and address to the wreath.

**4.** Undecorated wreaths will be judged for their construction, symmetry, and uniqueness. Decorated wreaths will be additionally judged for the use, arrangement and creativity of decorations.

**WREATHS FOR COMPETITION OR DISPLAY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR CARRIER.** All wreaths should arrive prior to September 12. Please send to: Eastern States Exposition, Ag/Ed Dept., 1305 Memorial Avenue, W. Springfield, MA 01089. All wreaths that remain on the grounds as of October 1 become property of the Eastern States Exposition.

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