

2024
EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK



FLORICULTURE & GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 5-8



GENERAL INFORMATION

FAIR STAFF

Director, Lois Leonard	Interim CEO
Melissa Fornof	Deputy Manager
Barbara Leach	Marketing & PR
Lynnette Jacobsen	Exhibit Representative
Tina Sepulveda	Office Assistant
Barbara Murphy	Office Assistant
Vince Hernandez	Senior Maintenance
Robert Burke	Maintenance
Angelo Prado	Grounds
Anne Deniz	Livestock Superintendent
Don Myers	Livestock Operations Manager
Sandy Vaiarello	Stills and Floriculture Superintendent

FAIR TIME OFFICE HOURS

September 5-8, 2024
Thursday-Sunday
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

ENTRY CLOSING DAY HOURS

MONDAY and TUESDAY August 19th and 20th, 2024
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
EXHIBIT HALL (HOME ARTS BUILDING)

ADDRESS

Madera District Fair
1850 W. Cleveland Avenue
Madera, CA 93637
www.maderafair.com

FAIR ADMISSIONS

General Admission at the Gate	\$15
Senior Citizens (62 and up)	\$10
Children 12 years and under	FREE
Pre-Sale General Admission	\$10

PHONE NUMBERS

MAIN LINE	(559) 674-8511
FAX	(559) 674-4516
Livestock Office	(559) 674-1224

FAIRGROUND HOURS

THURSDAY	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
FRIDAY	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SATURDAY	3:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SUNDAY	3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed Holidays

CARNIVAL HOURS

THURSDAY	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
FRIDAY	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
SATURDAY	3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
SUNDAY	3:00 PM - 12:00 AM



DATES TO KNOW

ENTRIES and RECEIVING DATES

DATE	TIME	ENTRY FORM
August 5th		ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES DUE
Monday or Tuesday, Aug. 19th or 20th ENTRY FORM CLOSING	4:00-8:00 PM	FLORICULTURE- Gardens, Potted Plants, Dry Arrangements, Florals, Cactus and Succulents EXHIBIT HALL- Junior ,Adult, AG Mechanics, Special Contests and Classroom
Monday, Aug. 26th		Last day for Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit, and Poultry substitutions

STILL and FLORICULTURE ONLINE ENTRIES ARE FREE UNTIL AUGUST 1ST!

EXHIBIT RECEIVING and CLAIMING DATES

DATE	TIME	EXHIBIT
Monday or Tuesday Aug. 26th or 27th FINAL RECEIVING	4:00-8:00 PM	Exhibit Hall- All Adult and Youth Still Exhibits including Preserves Floriculture- Potted Plants, Wreaths and Scarecrows *Save yourself a trip! Bring exhibits on entry closing dates 8/19 or 8/20
Monday or Tuesday Aug. 26th or 27th FINAL RECEIVING	4:00-8:00 PM	AG Mechanics- receiving information on page 36
Saturday, Aug. 24th	8:30 AM	Livestock- Horse Show and Gymkhana Show
Saturday, Aug. 31st-6th	VARIED	Livestock- All Shows
Monday, Sept. 2nd	6:00AM-6:00PM	Livestock- receiving BEGINS at 6:00 AM and NO later than 6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7th	12:00 NOON	Livestock- Auction
Monday, Sept. 2nd	until 5:00 PM	Floriculture- Gardens Completed
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Floriculture- Produce, Nature's Wonders, Fresh Arrangements (Hatfield Hall)
Tuesday Sept. 3rd	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	Exhibit Hall- Baking & Confections for Adult, Youth and Challenged Division
Thursday Sept 5th	6:30 PM-7:15 PM	The Great American Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest! Judging at 7:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 6th	5:00-5:45 PM	Homemade Apple Pies! Judging at 6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7th	4:00-4:45 PM	BBQ Ribs! Judging at 5:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7th	6:00-6:45 PM	Cupcake Wars! Judging at 7:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 8th	4:00-4:45 PM	Salsa Contest! Judging at 5:00 PM
DATE	TIME	CLAIMING YOUR EXHIBIT
Tuesday, Sept. 10th	4:00-8:00 PM	FLORICULTURE and EXHIBIT HALL

**FULL LIVESTOCK
dates and times
on pg. 46**

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Look for your department or talent in the bold headings across the top. Many DIVISIONS offer Skill Levels. Many CLASSES offer "any other", when, what or how you create is not an exact class. Our goal with the exhibitor handbook is to increase competition and interest while making it easy for EVERYONE to enter, even FIRST TIMERS! Competing at Madera Fair is fun for all.

GET A HANDBOOK or VIEW IT ONLINE. Check!

1. Look through the book and find the areas that you are interested in entering. It is easy to look at it this way: WHAT you do and HOW you do it! OR HOW you do it and WHAT it is!
2. This book is published yearly and lists all of the departments, divisions and classes that are available for entry.
3. You'll notice a specific YOUTH CONTEST section in orange. If we do not have a comparable contest in youth, then youth are welcome to enter the adult contest section.
4. Please note: **Livestock entries are online only.**

SECOND, Fill out your entry form:

1. **ONLINE:** Go to maderafair.com/entry and click the link to enter. ONLINE ENTRY will require you create a user name and password OR sign-in with your existing one. Follow instructions to enter. Review your cart and confirm that all items have been entered. Select "check-out" to continue to payment screen. ALL STILL and FLORICULTURE ENTRIES ARE FREE until August 1st, 2024.
2. **PAPER ENTRY** forms are available in the handbook, at www.maderafair.com or from the Fair Office. Special paper entry forms are required for livestock.
 - a. Sign your form. Youth must include their age, grade and have a parent or leader sign.
 - b. Please include phone number, complete address and email.
 - c. Make sure both the division number and class number are clearly listed on the form.
3. Enter the classes you feel are best suited for your exhibit. The Fair will attempt to enter exhibits in the proper classes when entries are made in error on the form. However, the Fair will not be liable for entries made in error.
4. Refer to rules listed in the department you are entering for further information. If you need help, call the Fair Office at (559) 674-8511 or come in and see us Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
5. Complete online OR bring your entry form and fees, if applicable, on closing date of entry by 8 PM on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

THIRD, Bring your exhibits to the Fairgrounds.

Be sure you have noted the receiving days as listed in the Exhibitor Handbook. Bring your exhibits between the hours listed, to the building indicated.

NOTE: All exhibits must be picked up on the date listed, in most cases the Tuesday following the closure of the Fair. The Fair is not responsible for items not claimed on or after the claiming date. Any remaining exhibits not claimed by October 31st may be donated or discarded.

GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY

- ADULT EXHIBITOR** - Persons that are age 19 years & older.
- ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL** - Exhibitor who has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or who has sold or made money from their work.
- AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING** - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second place, one third place, etc.
- BEGINNER** - Exhibitor who has two years or less experience in the division.
- CLAIMING** - The dates and times that an exhibit is to be claimed (picked up) by the owner. Prize checks and ribbons are issued at the same time, except for livestock and special contests.
- CLOSING DATE** - The last date on which entry forms can be accepted. The forms can be delivered to the Fair office or postmarked by midnight on closing date.
- DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING** - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc., as merited.
- ENTRY FEE** - The amount to be paid for each item entered, if required (always listed under the prizes offered).
- EXHIBIT** - The animal or item, which will be judged.
- INTERMEDIATE** - Exhibitor who has two years or more experience in the division.
- JUDGING** - Date and time of the judging. When judging is listed as open or live, it means that special arrangements have been made for a public audience.
- POP-UP CONTEST** - Exhibit contests that will be announced during FAIR TIME and on the grounds! Follow on Social Media for daily schedules and contests, times and locations, September 5th-8th, 2024.
- PRIZES OFFERED** - The amount awarded for a judged category. Also called PREMIUMS.
- RECEIVING** - The date and time when the exhibits will be accepted by the departments in which they have been entered. Items are received in the building or area where they will be shown.
- UNIQUELY CHALLENGED EXHIBITOR** - For persons with learning, developmental or physical disabilities and enrolled in a group facility or Adult Day Program.
- YOUTH EXHIBITOR** - Persons age 18 years and younger.

RULES, RULES & A FEW MORE RULES.

Specific guidelines per contest will be listed with that contest. Hopefully the **GENERAL RULES** answer ALL of your questions. If not, visit maderafair.com to find more information under the Exhibitor Handbook tab. Of course the office is always happy to help, give us a call or stop by!



LOCAL RULES

21-A DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MADERA DISTRICT FAIR

1. To enter an item in the Fair, all entries must be submitted online at maderafair.com/entry OR on paper entry forms furnished by the Madera District Fair. Send or submit all entry forms to:

Madera District Fair
1850 W. Cleveland Ave.
Madera, CA 93637

2. Unless otherwise specified, all classes will be open to legal residents of Madera County only.
3. The Fair is not responsible for items not claimed by published claiming date. Floriculture Entries and Exhibit Hall entries must be claimed on Tuesday, Sept. 10th unless otherwise specified. See Junior Livestock department rules and regulations regarding the release of livestock and tack.
4. It is the intent of the Fair Management to award all Special Awards and or donated prizes to exhibitors as published in the Exhibitor's Handbook. Exhibitors must notify the Fair within 30 days of the end date of fair, for missing awards. Fair Management will not be held responsible for prizes not received from sponsors.
5. Fair management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, or cancel awards without claim for damages.
6. The Fair reserves the right to reject any entry if it is deemed objectionable or if it requires excessive space.
7. By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitor and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledges: *"The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the fair, the county, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss, or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by,*

arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property." and agrees to read and understand the State Rules and Local Fair Rules; Certify that all information on entry forms is true and accurate; agree to abide by all rules set forth by the Fair; and agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the State or Local Rules.

8. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, exhibitors requesting disability-related accommodations need to contact their respective fair office prior to the fair event.
9. The Fair reserves the right to display exhibits as space permits. There is no guarantee that all items will be displayed.
10. All entries must be received or postmarked by Tuesday, Aug. 20th and post entries will not be accepted unless otherwise specified.
11. Please note: The Fair makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the exhibitor handbook is accurate and free of typographical errors regarding the awarding of premiums and prizes. The Fair will not be held responsible for awarding duplicate premiums. The Fair will not be held responsible for items that have been disqualified at the Judge's discretion.
12. The Judge's decision is final. The Judge's book will be used as evidence for payment of premiums or special awards. Ribbons and Tags will not be accepted.
13. ALL STATE RULES APPLY, visit maderafair.com to view or SCAN BELOW.



EXHIBIT HALL RULES

1. All local rules apply.
2. This department is open to Madera County residents only.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by local rules found in front of this book and all State Rules for California Fairs. A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the fairgrounds main office or at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/
4. Unless stated otherwise, exhibitors are limited to (2) two entries in any one class.
5. Unless stated otherwise, all entries must have been made or completed by the exhibitor within the last 12 months. Entries shall not have been shown previously at the Madera District Fair.
6. Names must be removed from articles, unless stated otherwise.

RULES, RULES & A FEW MORE RULES.

7. All entries are entered at the exhibitor's own risk. All possible caution will be taken, but the Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any item. 8. Any entries that are dirty, dusty or soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.

9. Unless stated otherwise, this department conducts closed judging procedures. No visitors or exhibitors are allowed in the building during judging. No judging results will be given over the telephone.

10. Unless stated otherwise, entry in this department does not entitle exhibitor to free Fair admission.

11. All entries must be clearly marked with the exhibitor's name, address, division, class and title on back.

12. Youth Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter any special contest (as an adult) if there is not a comparable one in the YOUTH division.

13. Fair management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or cancel awards, without claim for damages.

14. Please note: The Fair makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the exhibitor handbook is accurate and free of typographical errors. The Fair will not be held responsible for awarding duplicate premiums or special awards. The Fair will not be held responsible for items that have been disqualified at the judge's discretion.

15. The judge's decision is final. The judge's book will be used as evidence for payment of premiums or special awards. Ribbons and Tags will not be accepted. No judging results will be given over the telephone.

PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

1. You can enter (2) entries per class, per person.
2. Any photo may be entered as long as it has never won an award at Madera District Fair.
3. Black & White prints may be entered in any class. However, for judging on Black & White technique, it must be entered in the Black & White class # within your Division.
4. All photos must be taken by exhibitor. However, they may be developed, printed and/or mounted by a professional.
5. Please provide an 8"x 10" or 8"x 12" print and mount on a **SINGLE** mat. Double or triple mat may be disqualified.
6. All prints must include an adhesive hanger, centered on the back and flush with the top edge. Hangers are available at the Fair Office or on receiving day free of charge.
7. All prints must be clearly marked on the back of the mat with the following information:

EXHIBITOR'S NAME
Address
Phone
Division & Class

***ADVISEMENT: Our experience shows simply using double sided tape does not work. Often with the humidity in the building it becomes detached. We suggest glue dots or a stronger adhesive.

8. Images are not to be modified in any way that does not display a true representation of the subject matter of which the photo was taken. Minor

corrections to enhance the color, contrast and brightness of a photo are allowed, as long as it is done in reasonable increments (as decided by judges) which do not alter the original natural form of the photograph.

Permitted Modifications: (1) image cropping and rotating as necessary (2) Color filters-only if they are used to color correct artificial lights. (3) Red-Eye removal and spot "dust marks" removal. (4) Use of artificial lighting such as flash, studio lights or reflectors used at the time the image was made. (5) Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as dodging, burning, levels, contrast, brightness, intensity, tone, saturation, lightness, value, color, balance and hue as long as they are done in reasonable increments and have not significantly modified or manipulated the photograph to appear unnatural, or deviate from the original subject matter of which they were taken.

Modifications NOT Permitted: (1) Watermarks, writing, hand markings, hand tinting, or physical modifications. (2) Spray matte, or any physical substance that may be added to alter the texture or appearance of print. (3) Adding or replacing elements or composite images. (4) Cloning or removal, replacing or addition of any elements in a photo. (5) Digital retouching or airbrushing. (6) Artistic filters such as fog, mist, warming, sunbursts or any other special effects filter. (7) Specialized treatments or cross processing of film.



RIBBON, RIBBON WHO HAS A RIBBON?

FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

FLORICULTURE and HOME GARDENING

	ENTRY CLOSING	RECEIVING	CLAIMING
Gardens Adult & Junior	Monday & Tuesday Aug. 19th & 20th between 4:00 - 8:00 PM	Completed by: Monday, Sept. 2nd by 5:00 PM	Tues. - Sept. 10th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Dry Arrangements, Wreaths, Yard Art		Aug. 19th & 20th 4-8 PM Aug. 26th & Aug. 27th 4-8 PM	Tues. - Sept. 10th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Potted Plants		August 27th 4:00 - 8:00 PM	Tues. - Sept. 10th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Produce, Fresh Arrangements, Natures Wonders and Home Gardening		Tues. Sept. 3rd 4:00-8:00 PM Hatfield Hall Building, Drop Off by Loading Zone	Tues. - Sept. 10th 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Open to Residents of Madera, Merced and Fresno Counties (except where noted)

All Local Rules Apply.

1. Exhibitors are limited to two exhibits in any one class except where noted.
2. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except in classes for arrangements.
3. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled.
4. Under no circumstances will flowers for exhibits be assembled in the show area. Table for assembling exhibits will be provided outside the show area.
5. Containers will be furnished for cut flowers and must be used by exhibitors.
6. Judges shall award first, second and third place according to merit and if without merit, no award shall be made.
7. Containers must be properly marked and cleaned for display.
8. All containers must be able to be moved as a single piece. If containers are made of multiple parts, all parts need to be securely attached. Fair shall not be responsible for any container that is not properly constructed.
9. Large containers/plants can be brought and placed. Please make arrangements with the Fair. Vases that leak will be replaced or removed from show.
10. Roses, except polyantha, ramblers and cluster types, should be disbudded. This also applies to dahlias, carnations and asters.
11. Foliage and accessories are permitted in all classifications of flower arrangements.
12. List variety or color on entry form for all "Any Variety Not Listed".
13. The Fair will not be responsible for loss, theft, or breakage.

A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the Fairgrounds main office or at: www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe/

FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." -Audrey Hepburn

Please read general rules on page 8 and specific guidelines for each contest where applicable.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

See pg. 34 for additional floriculture rules, dates and times.
Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter any special contest (as an adult) if there is not a comparable one in the Junior Division.

THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT!

1. Decide what division(s) and class(es) you are entering.
2. Visit maderafair.com/entry to create a username to enter online. ONLINE STILL and FLORICULTURE entries are FREE until August 1st, 2024.
3. IF you prefer paper entry, a form is in the book, available at maderafair.com OR in the Madera Fair office.
4. Submit online entry OR paper entry form to Madera Fair on or before August 20th, 2024, pay applicable entry fees.
5. Bring Exhibit on FINAL receiving days, Aug. 26th or 27th, 2024 unless noted.

GARDEN GUIDELINES

1. Only one entry per person or organization permitted per division. In these division, if gardens are not filled by entry closing date, (1) additional entry will be permitted and assigned per order of waiting list.
2. A limited number of Gardens are available on the grounds and will be filled on a first come basis.
3. Madera County residents will be given first preference. Merced and Fresno County garden entries will be accepted beginning July 15th to fill any remaining openings.
4. If a garden space is not started on by Monday, Sept. 2nd @ 12 noon, that designated space will be filled with an exhibitor from the waiting list, if wait list exhibitor needs additional time, it will be allowed due to late start.
5. No commercial recognition permitted.
6. Plant materials for garden exhibits must be growing with roots well established in order to avoid wilt and disorderly appearance. If plants are not rooted, exhibit will be disqualified.
7. Gates will be open from 8AM to 4PM for watering gardens. Prior to the opening day of the Fair, exhibitors are responsible for watering as needed. During the Fair, gardens will be watered by Fair staff.
8. Gardens may be started as early as Saturday, 8/31 from 8:00AM - 4:00PM. Gardens must be completed by Monday, 9/2 @ 5 PM, unless otherwise authorized by the fair.
9. Gardens are limited to a maximum of 4 exhibits per class, unless vacant openings need to be filled with waiting list.
*Open to residents of Madera, Merced and Fresno Counties (except where noted).
10. Individuals may utilize assistants but, the exhibitor must be the creative designer and execute the complete garden.

Madera District Fair

Open to Groups or Individuals

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded in
Garden Div. 200 and 201

10'x10' GARDEN

1st Place	\$150.00
2nd Place	\$100.00
3rd Place	\$75.00
4th Place	\$50.00

NO Entry Fee

DIVISION 200 GARDENS

CLASS

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| 1 10'x10' Garden | "CELEBRATE THE FUN!" |
| 2 10'x10' Garden | "All Stars!" |
- *class 2 for organized youth programs only



30"x6' RAISED GARDEN BED

1st Place	\$90.00
2nd Place	\$65.00
3rd Place	\$40.00
4th Place	\$25.00

NO Entry Fee

DIVISION 201 GARDENS

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| 1 30"x6' Raised Garden | "Butterfly Garden" |
| 2 30"x6' Raised Garden | "Flower Farms" |
| 3 30"x6' Raised Garden | "Cottage Garden" |
| 4 30"x6' Raised Garden | "FAIR-Y Garden" |

FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

PRIZES OFFERED

PER CLASS in the following
DIVISIONS: 202-207

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

DIVISION 202 SCARECROW

Have you ever wanted to make a scarecrow but were too scared to make one or have no place to show it off? Here is your chance to share your creativeness and amuse your friends with your new found skill. Let's have something to crow about!

1. Scarecrows must be on a stand and not exceed 72" height.
2. Scarecrow must be one unit and able to stand alone.
3. Be creative and original.

CLASS

1	Adult: age 19 and older
2	Junior: age 18 and under

DIVISION 203 HOLIDAY WREATH

The last few holidays of the year and we can decorate for a celebration. Decorate and arrange with dry, silk or mixed materials. Wreaths may be 12"-24" across. Will it be round, oval, square or other? The wreath will need to hold foliage, flowers, plants or berries. The base can be a coat hanger, wood, horseshoes, rope or something completely different. Let's welcome the fair guests with your creative holiday skills and your favorite decorated wreath to hang this year.

CLASS

1	Halloween
2	Thanksgiving
3	Christmas

DIVISION 204 NATURE'S WONDERS

Do your neighbors run in fear from the sight of your pumpkins and squash? Do you have a sunflower that is bigger than your head? How about that ugly weed that you just can't seem to kill? Bring them to the fair and compete in the best of "Nature's Wonders!"

CLASS

1	Pumpkin, largest in weight
2	Sunflower head, largest by diameter
3	Squash, largest in length
4	Watermelon, largest by weight
5	Ugliest Weed (Container/Potted)
6	Any vegetable, oddest shape

DIVISION 205 UNUSUAL CONTAINER

Show off your imagination by using a variety of unconventional items as potting containers. Maybe a hat, old chair, tire, watering can, or pallet? Anything, really! Express your floral artistry and give your favorite find a new look.

CLASS

1	Garage Find
2	Tea Cups or Coffee Mugs
2	Vintage Footwear
3	Household Item
4	Item larger than 18" but no larger than 4 Feet
5	Any other, specify



Free Online Entries

**STILL and FLORICULTURE
until August 1st, 2024!**

FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

DIVISION 206 WINDOW BOX DECORATING

You can choose from two classes below.

Class 1, Celebrate your School Spirit, decorate the box for the school year. Doesn't matter what school, just a cute way to celebrate the beginning of school. It is always the most wonderful time of the year!

Class 2, Celebrate the Sport, Sport and Sports, pick a sporty way to decorate your box. May it be Football, Soccer, Baseball, Tennis or any sport you choose.

1. (6) Window Boxes are available and furnished by the Fair. They will be filled on a first come basis.
2. Window boxes are 36" long x 10" wide x 11" deep. Boxes are made out of natural wood.
3. Decorate with cactus, succulents, dried or silk materials.
4. **(1) entry per exhibitor in each class.**
5. The boxes will need to be arranged on site from 4-8 PM on either August 26th or August 27th.
6. Window Boxes must be finished by Tuesday, August 27th by 8PM.
7. No-shows will be filled from a waiting list on August 28th.

CLASS

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| 1 | "CELEBRATE SCHOOL SPIRIT" |
| 2 | "CELEBRATE SPORT, SPORT AND SPORTS" |

DIVISION 207 CREATIVE YARD ART

General rules apply. One entry per person, per class.

CLASS

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| 1 | Birdhouse, Bird feeder |
| 2 | Metal (mailbox, topiary form) |
| 3 | Stepping Stone, Rock |
| 4 | Wood (sign, planter) |
| 5 | Any other not listed, specify |

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in the following
DIVISIONS: 208-210

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| 1st Place | \$5.00 |
| 2nd Place | \$4.00 |
| 3rd Place | \$3.00 |

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class
One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division, Divisions 208-210, with one Best of Show being chosen from the winners.

DIVISION 208 HOME GARDENING - Produce

1. Three different varieties, per class, per person may be entered. Be prepared to state variety name upon receiving.
2. Amount to be displayed per entry follows class description.
3. Cracked, broken or spoiled produce will not be accepted.
4. If spoilage occurs, produce will be discarded after judging.

CLASS

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| 1 | Bell Peppers, 3 |
| 2 | Cucumbers, 3 |
| 3 | Eggplant, 1 |
| 4 | Okra, 6 |
| 5 | Peppers, specify, 6 |
| 6 | Squash, 1 |
| 7 | Tomatoes, 3 |
| 8 | Other, specify |

DIVISION 209 SILK ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS

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| 1 | "Floral Masterpieces" |
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DIVISION 210 DRIED ARRANGEMENTS

CLASS

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| 1 | "Autumn and Heirloom" |
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FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in DIVISIONS 211-215

1st Place	\$5.00
2nd Place	\$4.00
3rd Place	\$3.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division, Divisions 211-216, with one Best of Show being chosen from the winners.

DIVISION 211

IKEBANA

Ikebana, a Japanese floral and plant arrangement emphasizing other areas of the plant, such as its stems and leaves, and draws emphasis toward shape, line and form. Use of dried, fresh or silk materials.

CLASS

1	Container opening size under 12"
2	Container opening size over 12"

DIVISION 212

COLLECTION OF PLANTS

1. Collection of three pots, 1 plant per pot.
2. Only 10% of accessories or materials other than container should be unusually evident.

CLASS

1	Cactus and Succulents
2	Ornamental Grasses
3	Potted Plants, other

DIVISION 213

HANGING PLANTS

Your beautiful hanging plants need to be ready to hang and have cascading foliage for all to see.

CLASS

1	Container opening 12" and under
2	Container opening 12" and over

DIVISION 214

SINGLE PLANTS

Bring in your plant to show off its beauty. One plant only, and no hanging pots.

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CLASS

1	Begonia, Any
2	Dracaena
3	Elephant Ears
4	Pony Tail Palm
5	Fern, any
6	Other, specify

DIVISION 215

CACTUS & SUCCULENTS

CLASS

1	Cactus, Bearded
2	Cactus, Column type
3	Cactus, Echino (barrel type)
4	Cactus & Succulent Dish Garden. Container opening not to exceed 12".
5	Cactus or Succulents, up to three (3) varieties growing in a dish garden, opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.
6	Cactus or Succulents, 4 or more varieties growing in a dish garden, opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.
7	Cactus, any variety not listed, please specify
8	Christmas Cactus
9	"Garden Scene" dish garden using cactus and/or succulents.
10	Jade Tree, any
11	Succulent Dish Garden container opening not to exceed 12"
12	Succulent - (2) varieties, one container
13	Succulent, any or any not listed, special

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in Divisions 216 and 217

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

DIVISION 216

BONSAI

The art of dwarfing and shaping trees and shrubs in shallow pots through pruning is art all in itself.

CLASS

1	Container opening size under 12"
2	Container opening size over 12"

Madera District Fair

FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

DIVISION 217 TOPIARY

The art or practice of training live perennial plants by clipping the foliage and twigs of trees, shrubs and sub-shrubs to develop and maintain clearly defined shapes. Enter and share with Madera Fairgoers your fanciful creations!

CLASS

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| 1 | Container size under 12" |
| 2 | Container size over 12" |

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in DIVISIONS 218-222

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| 1st Place | \$3.00 |
| 2nd Place | \$2.00 |
| 3rd Place | \$1.00 |

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each

Division, Divisions 218-221, with one

Best of Show being chosen from the winners.

DIVISION 218 CUT FLOWER PERENNIALS

This time of year may be limited, but fall flowers are at their best. Below are the ones we want to see. If there is not a particular fit, choose "Any Other". Please send in three stems with foliage.

CLASS

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| 1 | Zinnias |
| 2 | Chrysanthemums, small or clusters |
| 3 | Yarrow |
| 4 | Sunflowers |
| 5 | Any Other not listed, specify |

DIVISION 219 DRIED FLOWERS

This is NEW this year! What a delightful way to showcase dried flower arrangements. Each class will focus on a method of drying flowers showing the diverse techniques and outcomes.

CLASS

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| 1 | Air Dried |
| 2 | Freeze Dried |
| 3 | Pressed |
| 4 | Any other not listed, specify |

DIVISION 220 PROPAGATION

Here we go again! This is NEW this year! We have had several experts suggest a division for this one. There are a few ways to propagate our new plants for our home garden and plants. Whichever way you choose, bring in your creations for the fair to see.

CLASS

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| 1 | Water Propagation |
| 2 | Soil Propagation |
| 3 | Air Layering |
| 4 | Any other, specify |

DIVISION 221 PRIDE OF THE PORCH

This is NEW! You have dedicated your time and attention to these beauties and have invested in the porch gardens throughout the year. Now is the time to showcase and share their growing journey. These plants may have been entered in the contests of years gone by and now we will have a look at how they have grown. Please include a short paragraph of a gardening story along with entry (index card) to share your care and gardening tips to fair goers.

CLASS

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| 1 | My Favorite Plant |
| 2 | Cactus and Succulents |

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

DIVISION 222 I'M NEW!

Exhibitors demonstrate their potting skills by planting and presenting a potted plant for our exhibit display. We encourage and celebrate the creativity and passion of beginners in the art of floriculture all in one place. Let's start something new and grow! You can bring in ANY plant you want to display.

CLASS

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| 1 | Beginner in Floriculture |
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Look again. They're NEW

FLORICULTURE -YOUTH

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in Division

DIVISION 223

"LION KING"

THE LION KING TURN'S 30 THIS YEAR! It seems as if we can all sing or hum the words to Hakuna Matata! Decorate your barrel in a way the Lion King would be proud. We just can't wait to see the king!

1. Barrels provided by Madera Fair, 24" diameter x 18" deep.
2. Maximum entries six (6). First come, first served.
3. Limited to (1) one entry per exhibitor.
4. No one over 12 years old.

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$15.00
2nd Place	\$10.00
3rd Place	\$7.00

NO Entry Fee

CLASS

1	"Celebrating The Lion King"
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DIVISION 224

"PLANT A SHOE"

- Step 1: Find a shoe or boot!
Step 2: Plant your favorite cactus, succulents works best!
Step 3: Bring it to the Fair!

Match the colors, textures and styles of your shoe to plants that you use to come up with a unique, planted shoe. **Make sure you plant your shoe with dirt and use live plants.*

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

NO Entry Fee

CLASS

1	"All Star Shoes"
2	Cactus or Succulent Garden

ARRANGEMENTS and POTTED PLANTS

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division.

YOU COULD WIN MONEY!

PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$3.00
2nd Place	\$2.00
3rd Place	\$1.00

NO Entry Fees

DIVISION 225

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Container opening not to exceed 6" in diameter. You choose your container!

CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12



DIVISION 226

MASON JAR

This is so easy to create that timeless arrangement that is so much fun to add to any decor.

CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

FLORICULTURE-YOUTH

DIVISION 227 DRY OR SILK ARRANGEMENT

CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

DIVISION 228 DISH GARDENS

Container opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.

CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

DIVISION 229 CACTUS and SUCCULENTS

CLASS

1	Cactus, Bearded
2	Cactus, Column type
3	Cactus, Echino (barrel type)
4	Cactus, Any other, specify
5	Succulent, Any, specify



DIVISION 230 HANGING PLANTS

*Must be ready for hanging.

CLASS

1	Container opening 12" and under
2	Container opening 12" and over

DIVISION 231 POTTED HOUSE PLANTS

You can enter any potted house plant in this division. Make sure it is in a great container and clean!

CLASS

1	Any Other House Plant, specify
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DIVISION 232 SHRUBS, TREES, GRASS

Single Container with shrub, tree or grass. Please see classes below.

CLASS

1	Azalea
2	California Bay Laurel
3	California Oak
4	Fruit Tree, specify
5	Tree, specify
6	Native Shrub, specify
7	Bottle Brush
8	Crape Myrtle
9	Any Other Foliage Plant, specify

DIVISION 233 HOLIDAY WREATH

This is for all youth out there that create spectacular wreaths! Use any form or shape. Decorate and arrange with live, silk or dry materials. Wreaths can be between 12-24 inches in diameter. Will it be round or square, wire or rope, the decision is yours.

CLASS

1	Halloween
2	Thanksgiving
3	Christmas





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

2024 California Fair Season

Welcome to the 2024 California fair season!

California fairgrounds continue to play a vital role in our state. As we enter a new year, and prepare for the new fair season, there is so much to be excited about. As a California fair exhibitor, you have a key part to play in teaching the public about the history of agriculture and its importance for the Golden State. Whether you are a new or a seasoned exhibitor, this is a unique opportunity to engage with members of your community, form a connection with California's farmers and ranchers, and attract future generations of agricultural leaders.

Annual fairs in California provide an invaluable family experience and proudly display our state's vast diversity of cultures and traditions, all while operating as economic engines and creating jobs within their communities. When fairgrounds are not hosting their annual fairs and other events, they serve their communities as resilience centers. During various floods, storms, and wildfires last year, fairgrounds across the state were activated by their local Office of Emergency Services to serve as evacuation centers for people, pets, and livestock.

Time and time again, fairgrounds demonstrate their importance to our state, and so much of this would not be possible without the good work of our dedicated fair exhibitors. Thank you for your advocacy and commitment to our state and the agricultural community. We look forward to another successful year in 2024!

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

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