



HORTICULTURE

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025		
ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	13 & up	Amateur & Professionals
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
PREMIUMS:		
1 ST PLACE BLUE - \$12	2 ND PLACE RED - \$10	3 RD PLACE YELLOW - \$8
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 4, 2025 between 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM; use Vehicle Gate "A" (the Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).		
Entry Removal: Monday, August 18, 2025 between 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM; use Vehicle Gate "A" (the Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).		
Prize Checks: Available Wednesday, August 13, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Competitive Exhibits Office along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email ceoffice@ecfair.org with all questions.

Horticulture Rules:

1. This department and all the classes are open to **all** exhibitors whether commercial or hobby growers.
2. Exhibitors are allowed only one (1) entry in each class.
3. When bringing entries in, use Vehicle Gate "A" (Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).
4. When and where possible the variety name should be included to help educate the consumer.
5. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made at the front table by officials. Changes not officially recorded will result in a loss of placing and premium.
6. To minimize errors, exhibitors must affix the correct entry tag with the exact variety name written on the front, securely to every entry.
7. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent.
8. Upon arrival, **ANY** class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
9. All articles for exhibition must remain on the grounds according to the rules of each department or forfeit their premium unless excused by the Fair Manager of the Society.
10. Any item receiving a placing can pick-up their premium check and ribbon at the Main Office beginning August 16, 2025.

Judging Criteria:

- a. Plant true to variety
- b. Plant has proper size relation to container; container is clean
- c. Plant is symmetrical with a bushy and compact growth habit
- d. Healthy plant: received proper nutrition and care
- e. Free of insects, insect damage, sunburn, and disease
- f. Plant clean: free of dead leaves, blossoms, and broken stems
- g. In classes with multiple plant entries, uniformity of size, shape, color, and maturity between plants
- h. In classes with mixed plantings in single container, effectiveness, and compatibility of plant combinations

Guidelines for Classes

- a. Flowering Plant category entries should consist of plants grown for their blooms - e.g. petunias
 - Mixed plantings can contain foliage plants provided at least one (1) of the plants is flowering
- b. Foliage Plant category entries should consist of plants grown primarily for their foliage - e.g. coleus
- c. For "Three (3) of the same plant variety" classes, exhibitors enter three (3) individual plants of the same variety grown in three (3) separate pots of the same size
- d. For "mixed planting" classes, exhibitors enter one (1) container that has two (2) or more different plants growing in it – e.g. petunia with verbena

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6 - 17, 2025



CLASSES

FLOWERING PLANTS - 1

1. 3 of the same plant variety, 4 ½" pot size or smaller
2. 3 of the same plant variety, other than Pot Mum or Hardy Mum, larger than 4 ½" pot size
3. Hardy Mum, 6" pot size or larger
4. Poinsettia Cuttings, 6 of the same variety, 2 ½" pot size or smaller
5. Perennial, 1 plant variety, 8" pot size or smaller
6. 1 Flat of Annuals, 1 plant variety
7. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10" or larger basket size
8. Hanging Basket- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 10" or larger basket size
9. Window Box- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 18-24" container length
10. Patio Pot- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 8" or larger pot size

FOLIAGE PLANTS - 2

1. 3 of the same plant variety, 4 ½" pot size or smaller
2. 3 of the same plant variety, larger than 4 ½" pot
3. Perennial, 1 plant variety, 8" pot size or smaller
4. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, smaller than 10" basket
5. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10" basket or larger

SEASONAL LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS - 3

1. 1 each, Deciduous Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
2. 1 each, Broad Leaf Evergreen Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
3. 1 each, Narrow Leaf Evergreen Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
4. 1 each, Small Tree, 1-gallon pot or smaller
5. 1 each Fruit Tree, 1-gallon pot or larger
6. 1 each, Ground Cover, 6" container

DISH GARDENS - 4

1. One Fairy Garden, 10-14" diameter container
2. One Succulent Garden, 10-14" diameter container
3. One Cactus Garden, 10-14" diameter container

ARRANGEMENTS - 5

1. Wild Flower Arrangement
2. Domestic Plant Arrangement
3. Holiday Arrangement
4. Herb Arrangement

SPECIAL AWARD

The Green Thumb Award:
A Banner and \$20 will be awarded to the most accomplished exhibitor.

All exhibitors in the Horticulture Department of the Ag-Grange Building are Eligible.

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Ken Wilk Memorial Award:
An award sponsored by the Erie County Agricultural Society

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