



Youth Plants

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2024 Schedule

Deadline for Entries.....	Midnight Friday.....	Sept. 6th
Deliver Plants.....	Wednesday,.....	Sept. 25, 3pm – 7pm
	Thursday,.....	Sept. 26, 8am – 11am
Pick up.....	Monday,.....	Oct. 7, 2pm – 6pm
	Tuesday,.....	Oct. 8, 10 am – 2pm
	Wednesday,...	Oct. 9, 10am- 2pm

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE FOR THE YOUTH DIVISION
ages 5 to 18 as of September 1st

NO Sunday pick-up

***Please note judges will be instructed to rate entries based on their condition at the time of judging and will not be told which items were delivered Wednesday & which were delivered on Thursday. Any items not picked up by 2pm of Wednesday Oct 9th will be discarded.*

***For the purposes of the Fair, HERB classes can be found in Youth Crops and Vegetables**

***CUT FLOWERS is a division of Open Plants and is not included in Youth. However youth may Enter into Open Plants. Open Plants is available for all ages.**

Please review all information in the Competition Guide before entering items in the competition. **Delivery instructions and maps will be provided online and by emails to those who share an email address.**

Enter on-line at www.statefairva.org. Mail-in entries may be sent to State Fair of Virginia, Horticulture, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047. Faxed entries will not be accepted. Tags will be picked up at delivery of products.

Guidelines:

1. All State Fair General Rules and Crops and Plants Department Rules apply. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.
2. An email will be sent to all exhibitors who provide an email address reminding them of instructions for delivery. Tags will be held until delivery of items.
3. A competitor shall be permitted to make only one entry in each class, but may enter in as many individual classes as desired.
4. Each entry shall be composed of specimens of only one variety or strain except where indicated.
5. Plants must be grown by the individual competitor and have been in their possession and established in its container for at least three months. Please include variety name, if known, under "description" of online entry

6. Only plants entered in the correct class will be judged. You are responsible for correctly identifying the class for each plant entered.
7. Plant and container must NOT weigh more than 40 lbs. Containers used as hanging baskets MUST have sturdy hangers.
8. Plants identified as diseased, infested or in broken containers will not be judged or displayed.
9. Plants will be watered by State Fair staff during the Fair; otherwise, the State Fair assumes no responsibility for exhibited plants or plants not displayed.
10. The Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits.
11. No plants may be removed until release time and must be checked out with Superintendent. Tag stubs (claim checks) must be presented before entries are released.
12. Prize-winning exhibits removed by the competitor prior to the official release time will forfeit monetary awards.
13. It is the competitor's responsibility to pick up or dispose of entries. After the last scheduled pick-up time, all remaining products will be considered abandoned and the Fair will in no way be responsible for them.

All entries are subject to spraying with fire retardant, as required by the Fire Marshall.

<u>\$50 Sweepstakes Award for the Winner of the Most Blue Ribbons</u>			
in the Open Plants Competition!			
Awards	1st	2nd	3rd
Each Class	\$8	\$5	\$3

Judging Criteria

Cultural Perfection 60
 Plants should have vigorous, healthy appearance and form including foliage, flowers and/or fruit, which is characteristic of a well-grown plant. There should be no indication of pests or disease and have a good shade of color typical to the variety.

Grooming: 20
 The entry should be clean and well groomed. No dried flowers, pollen, dirt, careless labeling, spray residue, spots, etc. Be aware of over grooming. Too much trimming may be penalized. A good rule of thumb is "taking nothing away... adding nothing" other than general grooming.

Distinction 10
 when compared to other entries of its class the entry has one or more observable superior quality that sets it apart as a specimen.

Container 10
 There should be good balance between the sizes of plants and the container. The container should be full enough to prevent the appearance of leggedness or overcrowding. Plants should be well established in their container.

Total 100

<p>Note: Some common names are listed for reference. The class may not be limited to just those listed.</p>
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Division 1: Dish Gardens & Terrariums

1001 - Dish Garden, grower's choice of plants

1002 - Terrarium, miniature plants

1003 - Terrarium, tropical plants

1004 - Fairy Garden – Garden must contain live plants and be no larger than 18 in. x 18 in.

Division 2: Succulents & Cacti

2002 - Agave (Century Plant)

2003 - Aloe (barbadensis and other varieties)

2004 - Astrophytum (Sand Dollar Cactus, Sea Urchin Cactus, Star Cactus)

2005 - Cereus, or any genus ending in ~cereus & Epiphyllum Orchid Cactus

2006 - Crassula (including Jade Plant)

2008 - Cactus (with spines; i.e. Echinopsis, Echinocactus, Lobivia, Notocactus, etc.)

2009 - Euphorbia

2011 - Gasteria and Haworthia (Ox Tongue, Cow Tongue)

2012 - Gymnocalycium (Cactus, Spider Cactus)

2013 - Kalanchoe

2014 - Mesembryanthemum (Prickly Pear, Tulip Prickly Pear, Dessert Prickly Pear)

2016 - Rebutia or Sulcorebutia

2017 - Sanservia (Snake Plant)

2018 - Schlumbergia or Sygocactus (Thanksgiving or Christmas)

2019 - Stapelia (Carrier flower)

2020 - Succulent not listed (no true cacti)

Division 3: African Violet & other Gesneriads

3001 - Saintpaulia (African Violet) – single blooms

3002 - Saintpaulia (African Violet) – double blooms

3007 - Any variety of Gesneriad not listed

Division 4: Begonias

4001 - Begonia semperflorens in bloom (common begonia)

4003 - Begonia, angel wing variety

4004 - Begonia, rex

4006 - Begonia, not listed

Division 5: Bromeliads

5010 - Bromeliad, any variety

5011 - Bromelida, collection in container, any varieties

Division 6: Orchids

6001 - Orchid in bloom – Cattleya,

6002 - Orchid in bloom – Paphiopedilum

6003 - Orchid in bloom – Vanda

6004 - Orchid in bloom – Phaleonopsis

6005 - Orchid in bloom – Oncidium

6006 - Orchid in bloom – Cymbidium

6007 - Orchid in bloom – Dendrobium

6008 - Orchid in bloom - any variety not listed

Division 7: Ferns

- 7001 - Footed (Bear's Foot, Rabbit's Foot, Squirrel's Foot, etc.)
- 7002 – Bird Nest (Asplenium)
- 7003 - Maidenhair (Adiantum)
- 7004 – Boston (Nephrolepis exaltada)
- 7006 - Fern, any named variety not listed

Division 8: Miscellaneous

- 8001 - Ficus (Weeping Fig)
- 8002 - Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)
- 8003 - Schefflera (Dwarf Umbrella Tree)
- 8004 - Palm, true
- 8005 - Dracaena (Ti, Cordyline, etc.) (Dragon Tree, Cabbage Palm, Good Luck Plant)
- 8006 - Philodendron or Monstera (not including Pothos or Devil's Ivy)
- 8007 - Aroids (including Anthuriums, Alocasias, etc not listed separately)
- 8008 - Calathea, Maranta, Ctenanthe (prayer plants)
- 8009 - Aglaonema or Dieffenbachia (Chinese Evergreen, Pewter Plant)
- 8011 - Pilea (Aluminum Plant, Friendship Plant, Artillery Fern, etc)
- 8012 - Peperomia (Pepper Elder, Silver Brush, Slate Pencil Plant, Rat-ear Plant)
- 8013 - Sultana (Impatiens) in bloom
- 8014 - Coleus
- 8015 - Ponytail Palm (Beaucarnea)
- 8017 - Ornamental Pepper (1 plant/pot)
- 8018 - Asparagus Fern (not hanging)
- 8019 - Carnivorous plant (not collected)
- 8020 - Mounted plant (not listed separately)
- 8021 - Flowering plant not listed (must be in flower)
- 8022 - Foliage plant not listed (not in flower)
- 8024 - Any other potted plant not listed -(single variety in container – ornamental, NOT herb)

Division 9: Hanging Basket

- 9001 – Fern (any variety)
- 9003 - Swedish Ivy (Platycerium)
- 9004 - Spider or Airplane plant (Chlorophytum)
- 9007 – (Tradescantia)
- 9009 - Flowering plant not listed (must be in bloom)
- 9010 - Foliage plant not listed
- 9011 - Container, mixed with more than one type of plant



Division 11: SPECIAL CONTAINERS

Judging will be based upon quality, quantity, variety, and general appearance of the exhibit.

Be creative!!!

1101. Steppin Out – Kick up your heels and fill an old shoe or boot with dirt and live plants to create a fun and functional planter!

1102. Reuse and Repurpose – Use your imagination and use something old as new repurposed planter containing a variety of plants- (3 or more).

(container should be structurally sound and entire entry no larger than 18" x 18" x 2' and under 30 pounds.