



## DEPARTMENT 19

# OPEN CLASS FLORICULTURE

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### SUPERINTENDENT:

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**Before entering**, please refer to Open Class Rules for rules and regulations on our website at [www.bentonfranklinfair.com](http://www.bentonfranklinfair.com).

Please remember I also must follow the Benton County health department guidelines and rules.

1. Entries to be dropped off Sun., 8/23, and Mon., 8/24, between 10am – 5pm in Building 1.
2. All exhibits will be released Sun., 8/30, from 8am - 10am. Fair personnel and Superintendents are not responsible for items left after 10am.
3. **ENTERING:** Pre-enter **DEPARTMENT ONLY**. Itemized entry sheet **PER DIVISION** will be available on entry days in Building 1. (Pick-up exhibitor number ONE WEEK BEFORE ENTRY DAY at the fair office. You will need your exhibitor number at the time of entering.)
4. All exhibits must be labeled properly with the Exhibitor Claim Ticket. You may use address labels on ½ a recipe card size card stock, instead of the claim ticket – leave room at the top for hole-punch. Please list name, youth or adult, exhibitor number, division letter, class number, and variety
5. **Variety:** Please label each with botanical or common name of plant.
6. Exhibits brought with insects, diseases or fungus will not be accepted or judged.
7. All specimen flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor. Flowers used in designs may be fresh or dried, depending on class, and need not be grown by the exhibitor.
8. Potted plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months and must have a bottom that holds water.
9. Exhibitors must supply their own containers, vases, water bottles, etc. They must be the appropriate size for your entry. Example: if your cut flowers are top heavy & tip the vase over, you need a bigger vase. Be creative, use something unique.
10. Specimens must have foliage except where otherwise designated. Foliage below the water line on each specimen must be removed.
11. Judging will be done according to the Danish system, each judged on its own merit.
12. Exhibitors may replace wilted blooms during fair week, but it is not required. Building Assistants will be watering plants and vases each day.
13. **EACH ENTRY REQUIRES ITS OWN TICKET/CARD.** Entry table assistants will help you in filling out judging entry sheets on entry days.  
**Example for entry ticket:**
  - John Smith – Adult
  - Exhibitor Number – 01234
  - Division – B
  - Class – 01
  - Variety: Dahlia Ball (you can be more specific in listing color etc.)

**Special Awards (one per Class) – Divisions A-N**

- Best of Show - \$10
- Fair Theme - \$10
- Educational - \$10
- Superintendent's Choice - \$20
- People's Choice - \$10
- Best of Class - \$10

**Special Awards – Division O**

- Grand Champion - \$20
- Reserve Grand Champion - \$10
- All Other Awards – Ribbon Only

**Premium Points – Divisions A-N**

<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
8	5	3

**Premium Points – Division O**

<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
40	30	20

**DIVISION**

- A. **Rose with Foliage** – Rose must be ¾ open at time of judging, **Hybrid Teas** must be disbudded. All rose varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label: **Climber**-1 cluster, **David Austin**—single or cluster, **Floribunda**-single or cluster, **Hybrid Tea**-1 bloom, **Miniature**-1 stem, **Old Garden**-Single or cluster, **Polyantha**-single or cluster, **Shrub Rose**-single or cluster, and other variety.

**CLASS**

1. Specify Variety – Limit 40 entries

**DIVISION**

- B. **Dahlia** – Blooms greater than 2½ inches, 1 stem per entry. Blooms under 2½ inches, 3 stems per entry. Blooms should be same size. **All Dahlia varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label: Ball, Cactus, Collarette, Formal Decorative, Informal Decorative, Largest of all (diameter of bloom), Orchid, Pompon, Single, Water Lillie, and other variety (example: Novelty, Peony, anemone, mignon, seed).**

**CLASS**

1. Specify Variety – Limit 50 entries

## DIVISION

- C. **Gladiola** – Foliage not required. Do not break off tips. Each specimen must be 1/3 open, 1/3 partial, 1/3 closed at time of judging. **All Gladiola varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label:** **Hardy**-1 spike, **Minature**-1 spike, **Spikes**-1 spike.

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### CLASS

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 20 entries

## DIVISION

- D. **Sunflowers** – **All sunflower varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label:** Ornamental-1 stalk 7”–12” diameter bloom, Ornamental – 1 stalk under 7” diameter.

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### CLASS

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 6 entries

## DIVISION

- E. **Foliage** – **All Foliage varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label:** **Hosta**-small up to 3” across-1 leaf, **Hosta**-medium from 3” up to 8” across-1 leaf, **Hosta**-Large over 8” across-1 leaf; **Ornamental Grass**-small less than 15” -3 stems, **Ornamental Grass**-large taller than 15” -3 stems, other **Ornamental Foliage** -3 stems.

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 6 entries

## DIVISION

- F. **Bloom Specimens** – a spray has at least 3 open blooms. **All Bloom Specimen varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label:** **Aster**-3 blooms of 1 color, **Calendula**-3 blooms of 1 color, **Carnation**-3 blooms of 1 color, **Celosia**-1 stem, **Chrysanthemum**-1 spray, **Cleome**-1 stem, **Coneflower (Echinacea)**-3 blooms or 1 color, **Coreopsis**-3 stems, 1 variety, **Cosmos**-3 stems of 1 variety, **Daisy**-3 blooms, 1 variety, **Gaillardia**-3 blooms of 1 color, **Pink (Dianthus)**-3 stems of 1 variety, **Lavender**-3 stems of 1 variety, **Marigold**-3 blooms of 1 variety, **Pansies**-5 blooms of same or mixed colors, **Phlox**, tall garden-1 stem, **Snapdragon**-3 spikes of 1 color, **Salvia**-3 stems of 1 color, **Viola**-5 blooms of 1 color, **Yarrow**-3 blooms of 1 color, **Zinnia**-3 blooms of 1 color; Any other annual not listed above-3 stems of 1 variety.

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### CLASS

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 50 entries

## DIVISION

- G. **Everlasting** – **All Everlasting varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label:** **Annual Statice**-1 cluster, **Baby’s Breath**-1 cluster, **Globe Thistle**-3 stems, **Lavender**, **Strawflower**-3 stems, **Any other**-1 cluster.

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## CLASS

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 10 entries

### DIVISION

- H. **Potted Plants** – Must have been in possession of the exhibitor at least 3 months prior to Fair. The diameter of container not to exceed 12". Give botanical or common names of plant. Containers must have a bottom to hold water. **All Potted Plant varieties must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label: Flowering** -should be in bloom, **Foliage**-may bloom but is grown primarily for foliage, **Single cacti, or succulent, potted.**

\*\*\*\*\*Potted Herbs enter in Department 26 Open Class Horticulture\*\*\*\*\*

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 10 entries

### DIVISION

- I. **Combination Plantings** – Planters/containers must have a bottom to hold water. **All Combination Plantings must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label.**

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## CLASS

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1. Collection of five or more cacti or succulent, potted.
2. Creative Thinking Plantings, using unconventional settings (chair, or another medium, within a reasonable size).
3. Dish Garden – Miniature landscape in an open container consisting of living plants. May contain forms such as rock, water, and accessories, all in scale. Not to exceed 16" diameter: oblong 12" x 18."
4. Terrariums – miniature landscape in covered transparent container. Can include 1 or more accessories to complete the landscape. Not to exceed 16" diameter; oblong 12" x 18."
5. Other.

### OPEN CLASS DESIGNS

Sixty percent (60%) of the judging points for arrangements are based on the principles of design: balance, proportions, scale, dominance, contrast and rhythm. Forty percent (40%) will be based on creativity, condition and conformance with stated requirements of the theme.

### DIVISION

- J. Fresh Flower Designs – Can include accessories to scale of design. **All Fresh Flower Designs must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label.**

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## CLASS

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### 3 Entries per Class

1. Fair Theme with Building 1 theme – Best Week of Summer, Growing in the Sun!
2. Fresh flower arrangements
3. Fresh corsage
4. Fresh basket arrangements
5. Miniature fresh flower arrangements
6. Fresh swag
7. Fresh wreath
8. Other fresh arrangement

## DIVISION

- K. **Dried, Preserved, or Pressed Plant Material** – Can include accessories to scale of design. **All Dried, Preserved, or Pressed Flower Designs must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label.**

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## CLASS

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### 3 Entries per Class

1. Fair Theme with building 1 theme – Best Week of Summer, Growing in the Sun!
2. Flower arrangement with dried plant materials
3. Miniature dried flower arrangement
4. Dried corsage
5. Basket arrangement of dried or preserved plant material
6. Framed in glass plant material art of dried, preserved, or pressed plants
7. Swag using dried or preserved plant material
8. Wreath using dried or preserved plant material
9. Other dried, preserved, or pressed plant material

## DIVISION

- L. **Collections** – Must include 5 fresh blooms. All Collections must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label: Collection of Dahlias, Collection of Roses, Collection of Zinnias, Collection of other single garden flowers, and Collection of mixed garden flowers.

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1. Specify Variety – Limit 15 entries

## DIVISION

- M. Table Settings – **All table settings must be named properly on each entry ticket/card label.** You must contact the Superintendent to reserve a table spot; space is limited.

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1. Single place setting must include flower arrangement and story card/sheet about your theme, no larger than 8.5" x 11" space to work in is 20" x 20".

**EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY**  
**2025 Story Poster Contest**

**Subject:** Incorporate Building 1 theme into a Floriculture poster.

**Example:** Show how the sun powers your flower garden.

**DIVISION**

- N. Educational display – Include photos and/or draw pictures: sizes up to poster board size (24" x 44") accepted. Scrapbook pages are accepted in sheet protectors, 1- or 2-page layout.

**CLASS**

1. Poster Contest – Limit 5 entries

**WHEELBARROW PROJECT**

Must be a standard size wheelbarrow (painted/decorated), any flowers may be planted. Educational poster board/progress must accompany with display. Entries will be judged and scored by the following criteria:

- Use of Theme – 10 Points
- Appearance – 20 Points
- Educational – 20 Points
- Quality – 50 Points

For more information, contact the Superintendent.

**DIVISION**

- O. Wheelbarrow

**CLASS**

1. Limit one entry