
DEPARTMENT: OPEN CLASS

DIVISION: 102

HOME FLOWERS

Superintendent: Kristen Anderson

Show Information

Location: Exhibit Building
Check-in Time: **Thursday, August 8, 8:30am - 11:30am**
Judging / Show: Thursday, August 8, 1:00pm until done (Judging open to public)
Release Time: **Monday, August 12, 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

Entry Information

How to Enter: Registration open after May 15, 2024 at:
<https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19916>

Pre-registration by July 11, 2024 is requested

If you have any questions regarding entering, please email the Fair Office at:
info@bouldercountyfair.org

RULES:

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with, and comply with, the Boulder County Fair General Rules and Regulations, Open Creative Living General Rules and Regulations, and any applicable division or class rules.
1. Walk-in entries are allowed for this division.
2. Entries must have been produced by the exhibitor.
3. Commercially grown cut flowers will not be eligible.
4. Entries will be exhibited until they are released after closing of the fair. Pick up of ribbons, jars, and any displays that have not fully expired will be Monday, August 12, 2024 4:00pm - 6:00pm only. Anything left after 6pm will be tossed.
5. Classes 1 through 68 are open to all ages. Classes 69 & 70 are only open to children ages 12 and under as of December 31, 2023.
6. An exhibitor may have only two entries per class.
7. Follow rules of presentation for requirements such as stem, spray or spike as defined below.
8. Size designations vary by class and are indicated with the class descriptions below. Overall size means in all directions.
9. Containers/planters do not count toward height in potted plant classes.
10. Marijuana is prohibited in any entry.
11. **Pre-registration is requested.** All other entries MUST be entered between 8:30am and 11:30am on Thur, Aug 8, 2024. **NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted.**
12. Exhibitors and the public are encouraged to watch the judging, but will not be permitted in the display area until judging is complete.

13. Entries may be assigned to another or new class at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.

FLOWER DEFINITIONS:

Contemporary Arrangement: A modern floral design with architectural features, artistic qualities, and structural design.

Heritage and Old Garden Roses: Varieties of rose introduced prior to 1867 or of unknown introduction date.

Spike: A single-branched specimen with multiple blooms attached directly to the stem.

Spray: A multiple-branched specimen with at least two open blooms and with or without buds.

Stem: A single-branched specimen with a single bloom and no other buds.

Traditional Arrangement: Bouquet of cut flowers arranged in container.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ALL ENTRIES:

1. To prepare flower exhibits properly, cut with a sharp knife after sundown or in early morning. Cut at peak of maturity, that is, when the main bloom(s) is/are $\frac{3}{4}$ open.
2. Plunge immediately into tepid or warm water (100 degrees F) and place in a cool dark place away from drafts for at least 8 hours prior to showing to allow time for the flower to recover full turgor.
3. Flowers that wilt easily should be collected the morning of the show.
4. Plants and cut flowers may be cleaned/groomed, though leaf dressing/shine is not allowed. Do not show plants with damaged leaves or spent flowers; they should be removed or trimmed as inconspicuously as possible. (A small blemish on an otherwise perfect specimen will not disqualify it.)
5. All specimens should be clean and free from insect and disease damage or other blemishes.
6. No leaves should be submerged in the display vase.
7. All jars needed for displaying of entries must be provided by the exhibitor. Water is available in the Exhibit Building if needed. Jars must be large enough to support the item exhibited.
8. Plants must be properly labeled on the entry tag. Genus species (botanical name) is preferred to aid in classification, but common names are acceptable. Provide as much information as possible, including variety name. (Remember to save those nursery tags and seed packets for reference.)
Examples: Acceptable: Marigold
 Good: Marigold, Dwarf Sparky
 Better: French Marigold, Dwarf Sparky
 Best: Tagetes patula "Dwarf Sparky"
9. How Judges Evaluate Entries: Entries are not judged against one another directly, but are judged according to how closely each approaches the "ideal" for the variety. If no entries in a particular class are sufficiently close to the ideal standard, top placings may not be awarded at the judge's discretion. In general, judges look at:

- a. Condition: Plants are at peak bloom and free from disease, insects, or other damage, including dirt, stain, and blemish.
- b. Form: Plants and flowers are at proper maturity and correct shape for variety.
- c. Stem and Foliage: Stems should be straight and in proportion to flowers, not damaged.
- d. Color: Color should be true to type, intense, and brilliant.
- e. Size: Blooms and foliage should be the proper size for the variety and proportional. Where multiple specimens are required, they should be as uniform as possible.
- f. Additional criteria for certain classes are listed below.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Judging will include container and decoration depicting the theme.
2. How Judges Evaluate Entries:
 - a. Design: Overall design (balance, scale, composition, and proportion) is seen as one complete piece, pleasing to the eye and enjoyable to look at.
 - b. Color Harmony: Harmony of color used to create attractiveness.
 - c. Conformance: Suitability to the class description.
 - d. Originality: Creativity, self-expression, and interpretation of the class theme.
 - e. Texture Harmony: Relationship between the elements used (flowers, foliage, container, and accessories).
 - f. Container Relation: Proper scale and proportion to container.
 - g. Condition: Freshness and quality of all materials used (flowers, foliage, containers, ribbons, etc.).

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CUT FLOWERS:

1. How Judges Evaluate Entries:
 - a. Ornamental Grasses are judged on the flower spike or the seed heads.
 - b. Culinary Herbs are judged on floral quality.
 - c. Ornamental Fruits are judged on aesthetic value. Fruits should be entered on stems (not detached). Choose fruits that are symmetrical and well proportioned, with brilliant color appropriate to variety. Fruits in this class may be dried or fresh, as appropriate for variety and ornamental value. Examples include, but are not limited to: Lunaria (money plant), Cephalanthus (buttonbush), and Viburnum.

CLASS LIST:

ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS:

- Class 01: Miniature Arrangement under 3" overall
- Class 02: Table Arrangement under 12" overall (centerpiece)
- Class 03: Traditional Arrangement under 36" tall
- Class 04: Contemporary Arrangement under 36" tall
- Class 05: Western Natives, Celebrate "The West" (be creative, plants used should be native to the western United States)

CUT FLOWERS – ANNUALS:

- Class 06: Bachelor Button, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 07: Bells of Ireland, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 08: Calendula, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 09: Cockscomb, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 10: Cosmos, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 11: Dianthus, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 12: Larkspur, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 13: Marigold, Small, 3 stems (under 3", list variety)
- Class 14: Marigold, Large, 3 stems (3" or more, list variety)
- Class 15: Nasturtium, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 16: Nicotiana, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 17: Ornamental Grasses, 3 spikes (list variety)
- Class 18: Pansies (*Viola x wittrockiana*), 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 19: Viola (*Viola pedunculata* or any other species violets), 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 20: Pelargonium (Geranium), 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 21: Petunia, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 22: Poppy, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 23: Rudbeckia, 3 sprays or stems (list variety)
- Class 24: Salvia, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 25: Snapdragon, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 26: Sunflower, Small, 3 stems (under 6", list variety)
- Class 27: Sunflower, Large, 1 stem (6" or more, list variety)
- Class 28: Zinnia, Single Color, Small, 3 stems (under 3", list variety)
- Class 29: Zinnia, Single Color, Large, 3 stems (3" or more, list variety)
- Class 30: Zinnia, Bicolor, Small, 3 stems (under 3", list variety)
- Class 31: Zinnia, Bicolor, Large, 3 stems (3" or more, list variety)
- Class 32: Any Other Annual in the Aster Family (*Asteraceae*), 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 33: Any Other Annual Cut Flower, 1 stem (list variety)

CUT FLOWERS – PERENNIALS:

- Class 34: Bellflower, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 35: Columbine, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 36: Coneflower, Purple (*Echinacea*), 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 37: Coneflower, Yellow (*Rudbeckia* and *Ratibida*), 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 38: Coneflower, Any Other Color (*Echinacea*), 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 39: Coreopsis, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 40: Daisy, White, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 41: Hydrangea, 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 42: Delphinium, 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 43: Dianthus, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 44: Gaillardia, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 45: Ornamental Grasses, 3 spikes (list variety)
- Class 46: *Liatris* (Gayfeather), 1 spike (list variety)
- Class 47: Penstemon, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 48: Phlox, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 49: Roses, Hybrid Tea and Grandiflora, 1 stem or 1 spray (list variety)

- Class 50: Roses, Floribunda and Polyantha, 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 51: Roses, Miniature and Miniflora, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 52: Roses, Shrub, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 53: Roses, Rambling and Climbing, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 54: Roses, Heritage and Old Garden Roses, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 55: Violets, 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 56: Yarrow, 3 sprays (list variety)
- Class 57: Flowering Shrubs with Blossoms, 1 spray or 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 58: Culinary Herbs with Flowers, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 59: Salvia and Other Mints, 1 spray or 3 stems (list variety)
- Class 60: Ornamental Fruit, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 61: Any Other Perennial in the Aster Family (Asteraceae), 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 62: Any Other Perennial, 1 spray or 1 stem (list variety)

BULBS, CORMS, TUBERS & FLESHY ROOTS:

- Class 63: Dahlia, Small, 1 stem (under 3", list variety)
- Class 64: Dahlia, Medium, 1 stem (3" to 6", list variety)
- Class 65: Dahlia, Large, 1 stem (6" or more, list variety)
- Class 66: Daylily, 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 67: Gladiolus, 1 spray (list variety)
- Class 68: Lily, 1 spray (list variety)

CHILDREN FLOWERS:

(12 years and under as of December 31, 2023)

- Class 69: The Biggest Bloom, 1 stem (list variety)
- Class 70: The Smallest Bloom, 1 stem (list variety)

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded for:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd placing

Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette Ribbons

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette Ribbons