

Premium Book

Department G1 – H: Floral Design & Horticulture

ENTRY DAY: Saturday, August 2, 2025

From 8:00am to 11:00am

Superintendent: Mary Hendricks	<u>RULES:</u>
You must Pre-register to enter.	1. All entries in the division must be grown by the exhibitor. Only one entry per exhibitor in any one lot will be allowed.
	2. Exhibitors must be 18 years of age or older unless exhibiting in youth categories. (Youth categories are for ages 6-18 years.)
Pre-registration is Due by Thursday, July 31, 2025	3. A specimen cannot be entered in the 'Any Other' lot if there is a lot specified for the specimen in the class.
	4. All Exhibitors must meet the requirements of the premium list. Label as to variety for point consideration.
ENTRY DAY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025 (8am to 11am.)	5. The superintendent has the right to dispose of any specimens showing signs of severe wilting, spoilage or damage.
	6. No awards will be made where exhibits are below standards for showmanship and quality.
Judging will begin 12 pm Saturday, AUGUST 2, 2025	7. Exhibits from commercial growers will not be judged.

<p>Standard NGC System Chairman: Paulette Almsted</p>	<p>8. Standard NGC System of awards shall be used.</p> <p>Each class will have 1; 1st place, blue, must score 90 or more, 2nd place, red, must score 85 or more, 3rd place, white, must score 80 or more points. Honorable mention must score 75 or more points. More than one Honorable mention may be awarded in a class. Any award may be withheld if the exhibit does not meet these requirements.</p>
	<p>9. Before placement, Exhibits must be approved by the Superintendent. Entries that do not conform to the premium book will be placed for display only.</p>
	<p>10. Floral Design – Dept. G1-G3 may use purchased plant material.</p> <p>Horticulture (Dept. H) entries must be grown by exhibitor for at least 60 days by the exhibitor</p>
	<p>11. Amber bottles will be provided by the fair for Horticulture exhibits</p>
	<p>12. Plant Material of the MN DNR conservation list of noxious plants will NOT be permitted for display</p>
	<p>13. All registrations will be with the online entry system on the Dakota County Fair website and each Entrant will be assigned an Exhibitor Number.</p>
	<p>14. Entries must be removed between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm on Sunday, August 10, 2025. The building will close at 9:00pm. Any exhibits removed before specified time will result in forfeiture of premium. The Fair is not responsible for any items left after 9:00 p.m. on that day.</p>

Premiums: Champion is awarded \$20.00, Reserve is awarded \$10.00, 1st Place is awarded \$4.00, 2nd Place is awarded \$3.00, and 3rd Place is awarded \$2.00.

Department G1: Design (artistic arrangements)

Design Rules:

1. Pre-registration is required in all classes
2. Each design must be the work of the exhibitor.
3. No artificial flowers, fruit, or vegetables are permitted.
4. Fresh plant material should not be treated in any way.
5. Some plant material must be in every exhibit.
6. An exhibitor can enter as many classes as they desire. Each design class will be limited to four (4) entries.
7. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted in design exhibits.
8. The following are allowed:
 - a. Accessories, featured objects, backgrounds, bases, mats, and card of explanation.
 - b. Treated dried materials
 - c. Contrived flowers and other forms of fresh/dried plant material.
 - d. Objects which add interest when tastefully used, such as coral and shells, sea fans, bones and antlers, and feathers.
9. All design exhibits are allowed to have a space of no more than 24" wide and 28" unless otherwise specified.

Scale Points for Design

Conformance to type	7 points
Conformance to schedule	7 points
Design Principles - Elements & Principles	48 points
Selection of Components	8 points
Expression - interpretation of class	8 points
Distinction - marked superiority in all respect	14 points
	Total 100 points

Class 001 - "Amazing Day"

Lot

1. Fun Begins
2. Fun in the Sun
3. Carnival Lights

Class 002 - "Around the Fair"

Lot

1. Midway Super Shot
2. Heritage Village
3. Tractor Parade

Class 003 - "Favorite Food"

Lot

1. Food on a Stick
2. The Beer Tent
3. Date Night

Class 004 - "First Time Fun at the Fair"

Lot

1. Midway Rides
2. 4-H Exhibits
3. Animal Barn

Department G2: Botanical Arts (spin art)

Botanical Rules:

Advanced Registration for all entries is required. Please note the limit of entry. Only one entry by an exhibitor in each class. Correctly identify all plant specimens.

Scale of Points Scale of points Botanical Arts

Conformance	14 points
Design	48 points
Craftmanship and Techniques	24 points
	(12 points each)
Distinction	14 points
	Total 100 points

Class 001 - "Magic at the Fair"

Lot

1. Dried & Preserved Flower Specimen
2. Fairy Gardens
3. Manipulated Plants

Class 002 - "Fireworks"

Lot

1. Mobile
2. Collage
3. Pot et Fluer

Class 003 - "Fun and Fashion"

Lot

1. Decorated Gift Package
2. Fascinator Hat
3. Pocket Boutonniere

Department G3: Education (How to Grow)

Education rules:

To inform the public about NGC goals and objectives. To co-operate with other organizations to further interest in horticulture, conservation, environmental protection, and civic beautification. Promote civic educational purposes. Judged by the Educational Exhibit Scale of Points.

Educational Scale of Points

Educational Value	25 points
Clear, concise, presentation	15 points
Adequate educational signs, tags	10 points
Conforms to objectives	10 points
Staging, (craftsmanship 10, technique 10)	20 points

Class 001 - "Learning at the Fair"

Lot

- Correctly identified plant material required
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- 1. Federated Garden Clubs of MN (group entry – one entry)
- 2. Community Gardens (Individual)

Department G4: Youth (Full of Energy)

Youth Design & Youth Horticulture Rules:

1. All General Rules apply. The NGC Standard System and Standard Scale of Points are used to judge each youth exhibit.
2. One (1) youth top Exhibitor Awarded in Section A and Section B for each age category with a maximum of six (6) in all. Winning exhibits must score 90 points or more on the appropriate Scale of Points.
3. Design exhibits **MUST** be created solely by the exhibitor. One flower does constitute a design. Landscape scenes or anything representing an actual item of clothing, person, or animal are **NOT** permitted in designs
4. All **HORTICULTURE** exhibits **MUST** be grown by the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors may enter more than one (1) exhibit in Section A, if each exhibit is a different genus, specific epithet (formerly known as species), variety, or cultivar.
6. See the last page to see how to fill out the exhibitor tag and correctly name plant material.
7. Plant material in design exhibits need **NOT** be grown by exhibitor.
8. **NO** artificial plant material permitted in designs exhibits.
9. Painting, flocking, glittering, or dying fresh plant material is **NOT** permitted.
10. Accessories, featured objects, backgrounds, frames, bases, mats, cards of explanation, contrived flowers, feathers, antlers, horn, sponges, sea fans, and coral are permitted in all design exhibits.

Class 001 – Youth Designs "It's the Best"

Lot

1. Ice Cream (ages 4-8)
2. Ice Cream (ages 9-12)
3. Ice Cream (ages 13-18)
4. Arcade Carnival Fun (ages 4-8)
5. Arcade Carnival Fun (ages 9-12)
6. Arcade Carnival Fun (ages 13-18)
7. Fairy gardens (ages 4-8)
8. Fairy gardens (ages 9-12)
9. Fairy gardens (ages 13-18)

Class 002 – Youth Horticulture “Growing Possibilities”

Lot

1. Cut, Flowering Annual (ages 4-8)
2. Cut, Flowering Annual (ages 9-12)
3. Cut, Flowering Annual (ages 13-18)
4. Cut, Annual Foliage (ages 4-8)
5. Cut, Annual Foliage (ages 9-12)
6. Cut, Annual Foliage (ages 13-18)
7. Cut, Flowering Perennial (ages 4-8)
8. Cut, Flowering Perennial (ages 9-12)
9. Cut, Flowering Perennial (ages 13-18)
10. Cut, Perennial Foliage (ages 4-8)
11. Cut, Perennial Foliage (ages 9-12)
12. Cut, Perennial Foliage (ages 13-18)
13. Container (ages 4-8)
14. Container (ages 9-12)
15. Container (ages 13-18)

Department H: Horticulture

Class 001 – Annuals Flowering “ Beauties”

Lot

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| 1. Amaranthus (amaranth) | 1 stem |
| 2. Anthurium (snapdragon) | 2 stems |
| 3. Celosia | 1 stem |
| 4. cosmos | 2 stems |
| 5. Helianthus (sunflower), 6” and over | 1 stem |

6. Helianthus (sunflower), under 6"	1 stem
7. Petunia, not over 14" (single type)	1 spray
8. Petunia, not over 14" (double type)	1 spray
9. Salvia, named variety (red)	2 stems
10. Salvia, named variety (blue)	
11. Salvia, named variety (other)	
12. Tagetes (marigold), large over 3 ¼ "/orange	1 bloom
13. Tagetes (marigold), large over 3 ¼ "/yellow	
14. Tagetes (marigold), large over 3 ¼ "/bi-color	
15. Tagetes (marigold), large over 3 ¼ "/other	
16. Tagetes (marigold), medium 2 ½ "/orange	
17. Tagetes (marigold), medium 2 ½ "/yellow	
18. Tagetes (marigold), medium 2 ½ "/bi-color	
19. Tagetes (marigold), medium 2 ½ "/other	
20. Tagetes (marigold), small under 2 ½ "/orange	
21. Tagetes (marigold), small under 2 ½ "/yellow	
22. Tagetes (marigold), small under 2 ½ "/bi-color	
23. Tagetes (marigold), small under 2 ½ "/other	
24. Zinnia (named variety), large over 4"	1 bloom
25. Zinnia (named variety), medium 3-4"	2 blooms
26. Zinnia (named variety), small under 3"	2 blooms
27. Other, spike	suitable specimen
28. Other, flat or sculpted	
29. Other, round	

Class 002 – Annuals, Foliage “Companions”

Lot

1. Plectranthus (coleus), plain	1 bloom
2. Plectranthus (coleus), fringed/red	
3. Plectranthus (coleus), fringed/green	
4. Plectranthus (coleus), fringed/purple	
5. Plectranthus (coleus), fringed/other	
6. Senecio (Dusty miller)	
7. Vines, 12-18" (support should be included)	suitable specimen
8. Any other Annuals foliage	

Class 003 – Perennial Flowering “Trustworthy”

Lot

1. Aster	1 spray
2. Achillia (Yarrow)	1 stem

3. Chrysanthemum, large	2 blooms
4. Chrysanthemum, small	1 spray
5. Coreopsis (tickseed)	3 stems
6. Echinacea (coneflower), purple	2 blooms
7. Echinacea (coneflower), white	
8. Echinacea (coneflower), pink	
9. Echinacea (coneflower), red	
10. Echinacea (coneflower), other	
11. Gaillardia (blanket flower)	1 stem
12. Hibiscus (rose mallow)	
13. Rudbeckia (gloriosa Daisy)	2 blooms
14. Other flowering perennials	suitable specimen

Class 004 – Perennial Foliage “everlasting”

Lot

1. Grasses, ornamental (36” max)	suitable specimen
2. Heuchera (coral bells)	2 leaves
3. Hosta, large 9” wide and over/plain	1 leaf
4. Hosta, large 9” wide and over/variegated	
5. Hosta, medium 6” wide to less than 9” wide/plain	
6. Hosta, medium 6” wide to less than 9” wide/variegated	
7. Hosta, small 4” wide to less than 6” wide/plain	2 leaves
8. Hosta, small 4” wide to less than 6” wide/variegated	
9. Other, spray	suitable specimen
10. Other, spike	
11. Other, flat or sculpted	
12. Other, round	

Class 005 – Bulbs, Corms, and Tubers “Pops of Color”

Lot

1. Begonia Tuberous	
2. Caladium (red)	
3. Caladium (green)	1 leaf
4. Dahlia, large over 4”/ red	
5. Dahlia, large over 4”/ yellow	
6. Dahlia, large over 4”/ pink	
7. Dahlia, large over 4”/ orange	
8. Dahlia, large over 4”/ white	

9. Dahlia, large over 4"/ other
10. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ red
11. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ yellow
12. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ pink
13. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ orange
14. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ white
15. Dahlia, small 4' or smaller/ other
16. Gladiolus 1 stem
17. Vines, 12-18" (support permitted)
18. Other bulbs, corms, tubers

Class 006 – Arboreal “All Around US”

One (1) branch including several nodes and an apical tip: not to exceed 30" in length. Evergreens branches, if properly conditioned, may be exhibited without water.

Lot

1. Conifer (Evergreen), Juniperus
2. Conifer, Thuja (arborvitae)
3. Conifer, Others
4. Hydrangea, Arborescens
5. Hydrangea, macrophylla
6. Hydrangea, paniculata
7. Hydrangea, other
8. Shrub (Flowering)
9. Shrub (Foliage)
10. Shrub (Fruit/Berry)
11. Tree, flowering branch
12. Tree, foliage branch

Class 007 – Roses “Gems of the Garden”

Lot

1. Floribunda, 1 bloom per stem
2. Floribunda, 1 spray
3. Floribunda, 2 or more blooms showing color
4. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea, red
5. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea, pink
6. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea, white

7. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea, yellow
8. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea, other color
9. Shrub Rose
10. Any other rose

Class 008 – Collections “Same But Yet Different”

Lot

1. Collection of five (5) cut specimens staged in separate bottles, annuals
2. Collection of five (5) cut specimens staged in separate bottles, perennials
3. Collection of five (5) cut specimens staged in separate bottles, herbs
4. Collection of five (5) cut specimens staged in separate bottles, Hosta

Class 009 – Container Grown Plants, flowering “Color Galore”

Single species, self-multiples and/or multiple plantings. Containers must be in the grower's possession for at least 12 weeks/70 days.

Lot

1. Begonia (flowering), maximum 15" diameter
2. Orchid, phalaenopsis
3. Orchid, other
4. Pelargonium (Geranium), max 15" diameter
5. Saintpaulia (African Violet)
6. Any other flowering container single species, maximum 15" diameter

Class 010 – Container Grown Plants, foliage “Going it Alone”

Single species, self-multiples and/or multiple plantings. Containers must be in the grower's possession for at least 12 weeks/70 days.

Lot

1. Begonia (Rex), maximum 15" diameter
2. Cacti, maximum 15" diameter
3. Ferns, maximum 12" diameter
4. Ferns, maximum 20" diameter
5. Hedera (Ivy) maximum 12"
6. Plectranthus (Coleus), maximum 12" diameter
7. Plectranthus (Coleus), maximum 20" diameter

8. Succulents, maximum 12" diameter
9. Succulents, maximum 20" diameter
10. Other foliage, maximum 15" diameter

Class 011 – Container Grown Plants, combination “Together we grow”

Multiple species, 3 or more, flowering, foliage or combination of both grown together for a minimum of 6 weeks. List on 3X5 card each specimen's complete botanical name.

Lot

1. Combination Planter (accessories not permitted), inside pot diameter less than 13"
2. Combination Planter (accessories not permitted), inside pot diameter 13" to 20"
3. Terrarium (Container size up to 16")

Class 012 – Container Grown Hanging Plants, combination “Hanging Together”

Lot

1. Hanging, flowering, same species 2 1 or more plants
2. Hanging, grown for foliage, same species
3. Hanging, combination plants

Class 013 – Miniatures, flowering “So Fine”

Lot

1. Rosa, miniature, stem (red)
2. Rosa, miniature, stem (pink)
3. Rosa, miniature, stem (white)
4. Rosa, miniature, stem (yellow)
5. Rosa, miniature, stem (other color)
6. Rosa, miniature spray (red)
7. Rosa, miniature spray (pink)
8. Rosa, miniature spray (white)
9. Rosa, miniature spray (yellow)

10. Rosa, miniature spray (other color)
11. Other miniature flowering

Class 014 – Miniature, Foliage

Lot

1. Hosta under 2" - 1" wide/plain
2. Hosta under 2" - 1" wide/variegated (light margins)
3. Hosta under 2" - 1" wide/variegated (dark margins)
4. Hosta under 1"/plain
5. Hosta under 1"/variegated (light margins)
6. Hosta under 1"/variegated (dark margins)
7. Plectranthus (Coleus)
8. Other miniature foliage

Class 015 – Fruits

Lot

- (# of Specimen)
- 1. Apples, Beacon (5)
- 2. Apples, Haralson (5)
- 3. Apples, Honeycrisp (5)
- 4. Apples, Regent (5)
- 5. Apples, other variety (5)
- 6. Crab Apples, Centennial (6)
- 7. Crab Apples, Chestnut (6)
- 8. Crab Apples, Dolgo (6)
- 9. Crab Apples, Whitney (6)
- 10. Crab Apples, other variety (5)
- 11. Plums, LaCrescent (5)
- 12. Plums, Mount Royal (5)
- 13. Plums, Superior (5)
- 14. Plums, Toka (5)
- 15. Plums, Underwood (5)
- 16. Plums, other variety (5)
- 17. other, apricots (5)
- 18. other, Grapes (1 cluster)
- 19. other, Pears (5)

- 20. other, Raspberries (12)
- 21. other, Strawberries (12)

Class 016 – Vegetables and Potatoes

Lot

- (# of Specimen)
- 1. beans, yellow in pod (12)
- 2. beans, green in pod (12)
- 3. beans, lima in pod (12)
- 4. beans, purple in pod (12)
- 5. beans, other in pod (12)
- 6. beets
- 7. broccoli (2 heads)
- 8. Brussel sprouts (6)
- 9. cabbage, pointed (1)
- 10. cabbage, round (1)
- 11. cabbage, flat (1)
- 12. cabbage, red (1)
- 13. cabbage, savory (1)
- 14. carrots (5)
- 15. Cauliflower (2 heads)
- 16. Celery (1 plant)
- 17. Corn, sweet (2)
- 18. cucumber, slicing (4)
- 19. cucumber, pickling 3-5" (6)
- 20. cucumber, pickling under 3"(6)
- 21. cucumber, burpless (4)
- 22. Eggplant (1)
- 23. Garlic (5)
- 24. Gourds (5 with stem)
- 25. Ground cherries (12 with husks)
- 26. Herbs, collection (6)
- 27. Herbs, three varieties
- 28. leeks (5)
- 29. kohlrabi, green (4)
- 30. kohlrabi, red (4)
- 31. Muskmelon (2)
- 32. okra, green (6)
- 33. okra, red (6)

34. onion, red globe (3)
35. onion, red flat (3)
36. onion, yellow flat (3)
37. onion, white flat (3)
38. onion, yellow globe (3)
39. onion, white globe (3)
40. onion, green table (6)
41. Ornamental Corn (2024 crop, 3)
42. parsnips (4)
43. peppers, green bell (5)
44. peppers, any color bell (5)
45. peppers, long (5)
46. peppers, yellow banana(5)
47. peppers, small cayenne (Less than 15cm) (5)
48. Peppers, long cayenne (greater than 15cm) (5)
49. peppers small cherry type (5)
50. peppers, Hungarian wax (5)
51. peppers, habanero, scotch bonnet (5)
52. peppers, jalapeno (5)
53. peppers, any other (5)
54. popcorn, 2024 crop
55. potatoes, anoka (5)
56. potatoes, kennebeck (5)
57. Potatoes, norgold russel (5)
58. Potatoes, norland (5)
59. Potatoes, red pontiac (5)
60. Potatoes, russet burbank (5)
61. Potatoes, superior (5)
62. Potatoes, sweet potatoes (5)
63. Potatoes, yukon yellow (5)
64. Potatoes, other white (5)
65. Potatoes, other red (5)
66. Potatoes, other russet (5)
67. pumpkin, field greater than 10" (1)
68. pumpkin, small pie (1)
69. pumpkin, small mini (3)
70. pumpkin, other
71. rutabaga (2)
72. squash, acorn (1)
73. squash, buttercup (1)
74. squash, butternut (1)
75. squash, Golden Straight Neck/6-8" long
76. squash, golden turban (1)

77. squash, patty pan (3)
78. squash, vegetable spaghetti (1)
79. squash, any other (3)
80. squash, zucchini 6-8" long (3)
81. squash, other summer squash (3)
82. sweet corn in husks (3)
83. Swiss chard, green (3 stem water)
84. Swiss chard, multicolor (3 stems water)
85. Tomato, large, >2 3/4" red (3)
86. Tomato, medium 1 1/2"-2 3/4" (red)
87. Tomato, large >2 3/4" yellow
88. Tomato, medium 1 1/2"-2 3/4" (yellow)
89. Tomato, cherry, small red 1 1/2"
90. Tomato, Grape/Small Red 1-1 1/2" or less (8)
91. Tomato/Small Yellow Plum, 1"-1 1/2" or less (8)
92. Tomato, heirloom/large >2 3/4" (3)
93. Tomato, heirloom medium (3)
94. Tomato, roma (paste), (3)
95. Tomato, sweet 100 (6)
96. Tomato, other, must have variety name (3)
97. Turnip (3)
98. Watermelon (1)
99. novelty, largest cabbage
100. novelty, largest pumpkin
101. Largest Cucurbita Squash
102. Largest Zucchini Squash
103. Largest Winter Squash
104. Largest Diameter Sunflower, 8" minimum
105. Tallest corn plant potted for display
106. Largest Cucumber
107. Largest Tomato, by weight
108. Ugliest Vegetable or tomato
109. Patio container, vegetables (excludes tomatoes)
110. Patio container, herbs
111. Patio container, Tomato

Class 017 – Youth Vegetables

Lot

1. Beans, green in pod, 6 specimens
2. Beans, yellow in pod, 6 specimens

3. Carrots, 5 specimens
4. Peppers, bell green, 5 specimens
5. Peppers, any other 5, specimens
6. Squash, zucchini, 6-8" long, 3 specimens
7. Sweet Corn in husk, 3 specimens
8. Tomato, red, 3 specimens
9. Tomato, small red, 6 specimens
10. Onions, red, 3 specimens
11. Onions, yellow, 3 specimens
12. Onions, white, 3 specimens
13. Cucumbers, pickling 2-5", 6 specimens
14. Cucumbers, slicing, 4 specimens
15. Cucumbers, burpless, 4 specimens
16. Gourds, 5 specimens
17. Potatoes, white, 5 specimens
18. Potatoes, Yukon, 5 specimens
19. Potatoes, Russets, 5 specimens
20. Potatoes, red, 5 specimens
21. Any other vegetables, 5 specimens