



COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPETITION

NEW
CONTEST
FOR
2024!

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ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, 2024

Entry Fee: \$25.00 Includes 3 admission passes into the fair. Promo codes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024.
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 5, 2024, between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Judging: Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Prize Checks: Friday, August 16th to Sunday, August 18th at the Competitive Exhibits Office, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Silk ribbons are also available at this time. Any checks remaining after the close of the fair will be mailed.

General Community Garden Competition Rules

1. When bringing entries in, use Vehicle Gate “A” (The Purveyor Gate) at the south end of the Event-Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).
2. When and where possible variety names should be included to help educate the consumer.
3. 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 loss of placing and premium.
4. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent.
5. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry in each class.
6. 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.
7. All perishable produce becomes the property of The Fairgrounds and will be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the Fair.
8. This competition is a Best collection of 8 vegetables labeled with variety. Please check the [Vegetable](#) premium book to see how many of each variety should be plated.

Judging Criteria:

- a. Freedom of injury, disease, insect, sunburn etc.
- b. Excellence in market size and quality
- c. Trueness to variety type
- d. Uniformity of size, shape, color, and maturity
- e. Attractiveness, Cleanliness, color

Judging Standards: *The judging of plates is based on the quality uniformity, and preparation of the specimens. Each plate is judged as excellent, good, worthy, or no award. In order to receive an award, a plate must meet all the standards for that particular award.*

Excellent

Clean

Free from any damage

Very uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 10% variation, or no noticeable)

Of best market size and quality

True to variety type

Good

Free from damage (loss no more than 5% of the total weight of the vegetable)

Relatively uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (not over 25% variation)

Of good market size and quality

Fairly true to variety type

Worthy

Fairly clean

Free from serious damage and fairly free of minor damage (loss no more than 10% of the total weight of the vegetable)

Fairly uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity (less than 100% variation)

Of fair market size and quality

No award

Dirty

Seriously damaged by disease, insects, or mechanical means

Over mature

Extremely different in size, shape, or color

Not satisfactory market size (a combination of the above points may make an exhibit undesirable)

Premiums for classes 1-3:

Blue	\$75.00
Red	\$50.00
Yellow	\$30.00

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Each community garden will display their best collection of 8 vegetables labeled with variety. Number of specimens per plate same as indicated in the single exhibit for that kind of vegetable (see the [Vegetable Department Class List](#) for specifications on individual requirements).

CLASS 1 – School Gardens

CLASS 2 – Urban Gardens

CLASS 3 – CSA Gardens