

HORTICULTURE

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ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

Entry Fee: \$23.00 includes 3 admission passes into the fair. Promo codes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023.
Entry Arrival: Monday, August 7, 2023 between 1:00 PM and 8:00 PM
Judging: Tuesday, August 8, 2023
Prize Checks: Friday, August 18th to Sunday, August 20th 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 Horticulture Rules

1. This department and all of the classes are open to all exhibitors whether commercial or hobby growers.
2. Exhibitor is allowed only one entry in each class.
3. When bringing entries in, use Vehicle Gate “A” (the UPS Delivery Gate) at the south end of the Event Center Parking Lot (Route 62, South Park Avenue).
4. To minimize errors, exhibitors must affix the correct entry tag with the variety name written on the front, securely to every entry.
5. Upon arrival, ANY class changes to the entry tags need to be made by the superintendent at the table where it is received.
6. If an article is not brought in, the entry tag for that article must be returned to the Superintendent.
7. 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.
8. Any item receiving a placing can pick-up their premium check and ribbon at the Main Office beginning August 18th

Judging Criteria:

- a. Plant true to variety
- b. Plant has proper size relation to container; container is clean
- c. Plant is symmetrical with a bushy and compact growth habit
- d. Healthy plant: received proper nutrition and care
- e. Free of insects, insect damage, sunburn, and disease
- f. Plant clean: free of dead leaves, blossoms, and broken stems
- g. In classes with multiple plant entries, uniformity of size, shape, color, and maturity between plants
- h. In classes with mixed plantings in single container, effectiveness, and compatibility of plant combinations

Guidelines for Classes

- a. Flowering Plant category entries should consist of plants grown for their blooms- i.e., petunias
 - mixed plantings can contain foliage plants provided at least one of the plants is flowering
- b. Foliage Plant category entries should consist of plants grown primarily for their foliage- i.e., coleus
- c. For “3 of the same plant variety” classes, exhibitors enter 3 individual plants of the same variety grown in 3 separate pots of the same size
- d. For “mixed planting” classes, exhibitors enter 1 container that has 2 or more different plants growing in it- i.e., petunia with verbena

FLOWERING PLANTS

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 10 Blue - \$12.00 Red - \$10.00 Yellow - \$8.00

1. 3 of the same plant variety, 4 ½” pot size or smaller
2. 3 of the same plant variety, other than Pot Mum or Hardy Mum, larger than 4 ½” pot size
3. Hardy Mum, 6” pot size or larger
4. Poinsettia Cuttings, 6 of the same variety, 2 ½” pot size or smaller
5. Perennial, 1 plant variety, 8” pot size or smaller
6. 1 Flat of Annuals, 1 plant variety
7. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10” or larger basket size
8. Hanging Basket- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 10” or larger basket size
9. Window Box- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 18-24” container length
10. Patio Pot- mixed planting, 2 or more plant varieties, 8” or larger pot size

FOLIAGE PLANTS

Premiums for Classes # 1- 5 \$12.00 Red - \$10.00 Yellow - \$8.00

1. 3 of the same plant variety, 4 ½” pot size or smaller
2. 3 of the same plant variety, larger than 4 ½” pot
3. Perennial, 1 plant variety, 8” pot size or smaller
4. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, smaller than 10” basket
5. Hanging Basket, 1 plant variety, 10” basket or larger

SEASONAL LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 6 Blue - \$12.00 Red - \$10.00 Yellow - \$8.00

1. 1 each, Deciduous Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
2. 1 each, Broad Leaf Evergreen Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
3. 1 each, Narrow Leaf Evergreen Shrub, 1-gallon pot or larger
4. 1 each, Small Tree, 1-gallon pot or smaller
5. 1 each Fruit Tree, 1-gallon pot or larger
6. 1 each, Ground Cover, 6" container

DISH GARDENS

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 3 Blue - \$12.00 Red - \$10.00 Yellow - \$8.00

1. One Fairy Garden, 10-14" diameter container
2. One Succulent Garden, 10-14" diameter container
3. One Cactus Garden, 10-14" diameter container

ARRANGEMENTS

Premiums for Classes # 1 – 4 Blue - \$12.00 Red - \$10.00 Yellow - \$8.00

1. Wild Flower Arrangement
2. Domestic Plant Arrangement
3. Holiday Arrangement
4. Herb Arrangement

****SPECIAL AWARD****

THE GREEN THUMB AWARD:

A BANNER AND \$20 WILL BE AWARDED
TO THE
MOST ACCOMPLISHED EXHIBITOR

ALL EXHIBITORS IN THE
HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
OF THE AG-GRANGE BUILDING ARE ELIGIBLE

****SPECIAL AWARD****

KEN WILK MEMORIAL AWARD

AN AWARD SPONSORED BY THE ERIE
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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