

FFA ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

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Entry Fee	\$ 50.00 per Entry Gardens Only
All Fees Due at the Time of Entry Form Submission	
Entry forms Due	September 26, 2026
Online Entry Due	September 28, 2026
Limit	See Division for Limit
Eligibility	Open to Residents of Fresno County 18 Years and Under
Exhibits Received	Live Plants to The Greenhouse Dry Arrangements to Jr. Ex. Bld.

Please Note New Receipt & Completion Dates

Plants
 October 1-5, 2026 9 AM – 5 PM

Garden Completion Deadline
 October 5, 2026 by 5:00
 p.m.

Judging
 October 6, 2026 Gardens
 October 6, 2026 Plants

All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified

Exhibits Released
 October 19-20, 2026 8 AM – 4 PM

RULES & REGULATIONS

Residence Open to juniors (18 years and under) residents of Fresno County.

Labeling All entries must have the students name stapled or wired to dry arrangements or on a plant label for live plants or the exhibit will be rejected. Each exhibit must have the common and/or botanical names on a plant label except dish gardens.

Containers All containers, cans, etc. required to exhibit materials are not supplied by the fair. Exhibitor must obtain his/her own containers, which MUST be clean. 10-12" house or patio plants should be in a house plant container.

Ownership Each exhibitor must own and have produced the project or item exhibited for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the fair. Container stock must either be grown by the exhibitor or have been moved by the exhibitor to a larger container. Bonsai plants must have been in possession of exhibitor 4 months.

Entry Forms Each exhibit must be properly labeled on the entry form as to variety, except on dish gardens and must designate the division and class as indicated in this section.

Garden Limits Due to space availability, the number of gardens may be limited on a first come, first serve basis.

Bugs & Diseases Exhibits must be free from injurious insects & diseases

Size Entries must be of market size.

Exhibit Display Plant material must remain on exhibit for the duration of the fair.

Substitutions will not be accepted.

Delivery of Entries All live plants must be delivered to the Greenhouse. Dry arrangements need to be delivered to Jr. Exhibits.

Rules State & Local Rules apply.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Specimen A special ribbon may be given for the best specimen in each of the following categories: Flowering or Broadleaf Foliage 6-8" pot; Succulent or Cactus 6-8" pot; Hanging Basket, Succulent or Cacti arrangement; Foliage or Plant arrangement; Specimen House or Patio Plant in 10-12" house plant container; Plants on Trellis or Totem and Bonsai.

Sweepstakes An award will be given to the Highest Scoring Exhibitor and Highest Scoring Chapter.

2025 Winners

High Scoring Chapter – Laton FFA

High Scoring Student – Johnae Bedolla,

Reedley Middle College High School FFA

JUDGING GUIDELINES

Place	Quality	Scoring
1 st Blue	Superior	92 to 100 %
2 nd Red	Good	84 to 91 %
3 rd White	Average/Acceptable	70 to 83 %
	Poor	69 % or Less



HOUSE & PATIO PLANTS

All Foliage is to be in a 6" – 8" Pot

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Danish System of Judging

Cash Awards Offered per Class

Place	Award
1 st	\$3.00
2 nd	\$2.00
3 rd	\$1.00

DIVISION 2000 FLOWERING OR BROADLEAF

Limit Two Entries per Class
Class

1. Coleus
2. Dracenia
3. Dumb Cane
4. Ficus
5. Hoya
6. Peace Lily
7. Peperomia
8. Spider Plant
9. Tradescantia
10. Any Other
11. Plant in unusual container – container not to exceed 8" wide

DIVISION 2001 SUCCULENT OR CACTUS

Limit Two Entries per Class
Class

1. Aloe
2. Echeveria
3. Jade
4. Kalanchoe
5. Peperomia
6. Sedum
7. Any other – Identify
8. Plant in unusual container – container not to exceed 8" wide



DECORATIVE PLANTS

Entries must be in 8" container or larger

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Danish System of Judging

Cash Awards Offered per Class

Place	Award
1 st	\$4.00
2 nd	\$3.00
3 rd	\$2.00

DIVISION 2002 HANGING BASKET

Limit Two Entries per Class
Class

1. Bolivia Jew
2. Golden Pothos
3. Spider Plant
4. Jews
5. Swedish Ivy
6. Dracenia
7. Arrow Head
8. Begonia
9. Any Other - Identify

DIVISION 2003 SUCCULENT OR CACTI ARRANGEMENT

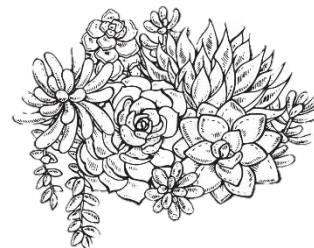
Limit Two Entries per Class
Class

1. Three or more species.

DIVISION 2004 FOLIAGE/COLOR PLANT ARRANGEMENTS

Limit One Entry per Class
Class

1. Bowl Arrangement 8"-18" maximum
2. Glass Dish Garden 8" minimum opening
3. Herb Garden – Not to exceed 18" in diameter
4. Tabletop Landscape Garden – Not to exceed 18" in diameter – **NEW!**



DIVISION 2005 SPECIMEN HOUSE OR PATIO

Plant in 10"-12" House Plant Container

Limit Two Entries per Class

Class

1. Begonia
2. Croton
3. Dieffenbachia
4. Dracaena
5. Gold Dust
6. Ficus
7. Hoya
8. Parlor Palm
9. Peace Lily
10. Pothos
11. Rubber Plant
12. Any Other - Identify

DIVISION 2006 BONSAI

Limit Two Entries per Class

Class

1. Single Plant
2. Group Planting/Forest Style (Yose-ue)
3. Bonkei Landscape Scene

DIVISION 2007 PLANTS ON TRELLIS/TOTEM OR TOPIARY

Limit Two Entries per Class

Class

1. Plants on Trellis/Totem Pot Size - 6" to 12"
2. Topiary Specialty Plant

GARDEN DISPLAYS

Entry Fee	\$ 50.00 Gardens Only
Entry Form Due	September 11, 2026
Online Entry Forms Due	September 13, 2026
Limit	One Entry per Chapter
Eligibility	Open to Residents of Fresno County 18 Years and Under
Garden Completion Deadline	October 5, 2026
Judging American System of Judging	October 6, 2026
Cash Awards Offered per Class	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Award</u>
1 st	\$225.00
2 nd	\$205.00
3 rd	\$185.00
4 th	\$165.00
5 th	\$145.00

RULES FOR GARDEN DISPLAYS

Deadline: Deadline for garden entry forms is September 11th, 2026. Gardens must be entered online and gardens are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility Must be a FFA Chapter project. Individuals may not enter. Only one garden per chapter allowed.

Entry Fee Failure to complete garden will cause forfeiture of entry fee.

Size Size of the gardens is 10 feet wide by 12 feet deep. Gardens will be located in the Greenhouse. Please contact Superintendent regarding placement for the 2026 year.

The gardens will be located indoors.

Theme The theme for the Garden Displays is an attractive garden landscape carefully considering take home elements and suitability for home display. Use of rock or other accessories is allowed.

Garden Parts Frame and fill furnished by the Big Fresno Fair. Pools & streams must be of fiberglass, metal, or plastic preformed material and must not leak. Color flowers recommended in 6" pot.

State Rules Exempt from State Rules 9-6 and VII-14.

Check-in Check in with Floriculture Superintendent prior to constructing gardens.

Set-up Times Work on gardens may begin the week of Sept. 28, 8 AM to 5 PM and must be completed by Monday, October 5, 2026 5:00 PM.

Construction Garden display must be designed, constructed and installed by organization members. INSTRUCTORS & OTHER ADULTS MAY SUPERVISE ONLY. Technical professionals will not be allowed during installation.

SCORECARD FOR FFA GARDEN DISPLAYS

General Appearance

Landscape Design	16 points
Showmanship	12 points
<i>Neatness & Workmanship</i>	
Take Home Elements	12 points
<i>Could this landscape be easily installed by the general public?</i>	

Design Qualities

Scale, Balance, Grouping	12 points
Line, Form, Texture	12 points
Focal Point, Rhythm, Accent	12 points
Color, Contrast, Simplicity	12 points

Environmental Factors

Quality & condition of plant material	12 points
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Total	100 points
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DIVISION 2008 GARDEN DISPLAYS

Class

1. Garden Displays

2025 Winner - Parlier FFA