



HARRIS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**FLORAL DESIGN CHALLENGE
EXHIBITOR RULES**

2023

**PRESENTED BY: HCF&R FLORAL DESIGN CHALLENGE
COMMITTEE**

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE

- a. To provide an opportunity for FFA members to showcase abilities and skills that have been obtained through classroom instruction.
- b. To promote the development of skills in Floral Design/Horticulture through competition.
- c. To recognize individual accomplishments in the areas of Floral Design/Horticulture.

GENERAL RULES

- a. The Floral Design Challenge competition allows for teams of two (2) exhibitors.
- b. Registration is limited to 50 teams and registration will be open to Harris County FFAs and 4-H organizations first. After the Harris County registration deadline, the contest is open to teams from any FFA or 4-H organization in Texas.
 - i. Harris County Registration Deadline is September 29, 2023 at 5 pm
 - ii. Any Texas based FFA or 4-H team may enter between Sept 29 at 5:01 until October 9th, 2023 at 5 pm.
- c. The entry fee is \$50 per team.
- d. Students will be required to pre-register their entries on Judging Card. No late entries.
 - i. The contest will be held within the Project Center at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Science Center.
 - ii. Limited to 50 teams.
- e. Contestants will check in from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM. Announcements will begin at 9:30 AM and then the contest will begin.
- f. Contestants have a option to place their finished arrangement in a Silent Auction from 1:00-6:00 pm with 10% commission fee towards Harris County Fair and Rodeo.

COMPLETION FORMAT

- a. The Floral Challenge will consist of one themed round.
- b. Teams will have one hour to plan and execute their design.
- c. Each team will be furnished with a box of materials (the flowers, foliage, and container) All materials will be the same for each team.
- d. The team is responsible for determining which materials they will use in the design of their entry.

- e. Contestants will be asked to move arrangements.
- f. Each team's design will be a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner. No assistance from the AST or extension agent.
- g. No cell phones, iPads, or other electronic/smart communication devices are allowed in the competition area during the competition.
- h. Entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- i. No paints, ribbons, or decorative accessories not listed below of any kind may be supplied by the teams.
- j. Only the materials supplied by the show officials will be allowed.
- k. Each team must bring their own tools. Tools cannot be shared by exhibitors if they are NOT on the same team. Anyone found with tools not on the list will be disqualified.
 - a. Permissible tools include:

Floral Knife	Hot Glue Guns	Hot Glue Sticks
Floral Tape	Anchor Tape	Wooden Picks
Floral Glue	Greening Pins	Wire Cutters
Stem Strippers	Scissors	Glue Dots
Wire Picks	Wire (aluminum, bullion, floral)	

SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction: Participants have the option to enter the Silent Auction after judging results are released.

- a. The Silent Auction is open to Harris County FFA or 4-H members only.
- b. Participants must complete a Silent Entry Form for the item placed in the Silent Auction.
- c. The Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the participants minus 10% for the Fair Association.
- d. Participants will be able to place a minimum bid on their item but may not run up bidding by bidding on their own item.
- e. Once items are placed in the silent auction, they cannot be removed.
- f. Thank you notes will need to be provided (pre-written) to the buyer before the end of the silent auction or after the auction concludes.
- g. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association cannot guarantee the sale of items placed in the Silent Auction. Participants must remove their items from the silent auction if they did not sell.
- h. The Harris County Fair and Rodeo Association is not liable for unforeseen damage to

items placed in the Silent Auction or entered the Creative Arts contest.

COVID WARNING, RULES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

- a. The novel coronavirus commonly known as COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 (the “Virus”) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. An inherent risk of exposure to the Virus exists in any public place where people are present, including Harris County Fair’s livestock events. The COVID-19 Virus is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to potentially life-threatening illness and even death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), senior citizens and persons with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the Virus is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, as between persons who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, and some recent studies have suggested that the Virus may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. There is also some indication that it may be spread by contact with recently contaminated surfaces and objects. There is no known vaccine for the Virus, and studies are currently underway but not completed to determine a treatment or cure.
- b. All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events or on-grounds at the Harris County Fair’s facilities shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines related to the Virus promulgated by the State of Texas, County of Harris, and Harris County Fair and Rodeo. Without limiting the foregoing, Exhibitors, their family members, and other related persons participating in the livestock events agree that they will wear a face mask, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes, maintain social distancing, and submit to non-invasive body temperature measurement. Any person presenting a body temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to participate in the livestock events or be on property at the Harris County Fair and Rodeo.
- c. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that personal protective equipment (“PPE”) designed to reduce the chances of exposure to or infection with the Virus may not be readily available at Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities for their participation in the livestock events. Exhibitors and their family members acknowledge that HCFAR may not, and is under no legal duty to, provide any PPE to Exhibitors or their family members. Exhibitors and their families should provide their own PPE for participation in Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s livestock events.
- d. Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo livestock events or use of Harris County Fair and Rodeo’s facilities may expose them to contact with one or more persons who have been infected with, and/or exposed to, the Virus. Exhibitors and their family members further understand that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events or use of the facilities may expose them to contact with surfaces or objects that contain the Virus and may serve as a means for transmission of the Virus to others who participate in the events or use the facilities. Based on the forgoing, Exhibitors and their family members understand and acknowledge that participation in the Harris County Fair and Rodeo events and use of the facilities may expose them, along with others with whom they may come in contact after

they leave Harris County Fair and Rodeo's facilities, to a risk of infection with the Virus, which may cause significant and serious illness, bodily injury, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death.

Harris County Fair Floral Design Challenge Rubric

Entry #:	Judge:
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Design Aesthetics (Max 25 points)	Line/Form	Good use of line and form	Needs improvement with line/form		
	Color	Good use of color	Needs improvement with color choices		
	Space	Good use of positive and negative space	Poor spacing, flower overlaps, needs improvement		
Design Principles (Max 25 points)	Balance	Shows visual and physical balance	Not balanced. Leans or falls over		
	Dominance/Utility	Good use of emphasis focal point and accents	Lack of emphasis, focal point, or accents		
	Proportion	Correct size parameters: scale of arrangement is good	Component relationship needs improvement		
Mechanics/ Execution (Max 25 points)	Mechanics	All mechanics covered	Large amounts of mechanics are exposed		
	Execution	Good use of emphasis focal point and accents	Cleanliness and neatness needs improvement		
Creativity (Max 25 points)	Overall creativity expressed in the arrangement				
Total Points:					
Verified By:		Rank:			