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# FLORICULTURE

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2025**

Online entry available May 1, 2025

- All entries are required to be done online.  
If you need assistance with entry, please contact the Fair Office.  
Please check the receiving schedule.

August 2 (12:01 a.m.) to August 15 (11:59 p.m.) - \$5.00 late fee, per exhibitor. August 16 (12:01 a.m.) to August 19 (11:59 p.m.) - \$25.00 late fee, per exhibitor.

No entries will be accepted after August 19 (11:59 p.m.)

## Floriculture Schedule

	DROP OFF	JUDGING	RELEASE/PICKUP
Group A	Tuesday, Sept 2 Noon - 5	Sept 4 2:00	Sunday, Sept 14, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
	Wednesday, Sept 3 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.		Monday, Sept 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
	Thursday, Sept 4, 8 a.m. to Noon		
Group B	Wednesday, Sept 10, 8 a.m.- Noon	Sept 4 2:00	Sunday, Sept 14, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, Sept 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Class B participants: Drop-off tags are available for the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. No vehicles are allowed on the Fairgrounds past 9 a.m. Contact the Competitive Office – 620-669-3621 if you require a ticket or drop-off tag for Class B Check-in.*

If you do not receive a confirmation email following registration and entry, please contact the Fair office at 620-669-3621.

Exhibitor Social Security Numbers ARE REQUIRED. The KSF is a State-entity, and the State of Kansas requires the correct SSN for verification of premium payments.

## Agriculture Guidelines and Rules

### GENERAL AND DEPARTMENTAL RULES

1. DEADLINE DATES: All exhibitors are required to submit their entries online by the deadline date of **August 1, 2025**. Assistance for online entries is available during regular business hours only. (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) by calling the fair office at 620-669-3621.
2. REQUIRED EXHIBITOR FEES: ALL exhibitors are required to pay a \$1.00 processing fee per person as well as a \$1.00 per item entry fee.
3. ENTRIES/LATE ENTRIES: Entries will be accepted beginning May 1, 2025, to August 1, 2025. Entries will be accepted after August 1, 2025, in accordance with the following scheduled: **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 19, 2025.**
  - August 2 (12:01 a.m.) to August 15 (11:59 p.m.) - \$5.00 late fee, per exhibitor.**
  - August 16 (12:01 a.m.) to August 19 (11:59 p.m.) - \$25.00 late fee, per exhibitor.** No entries will be accepted after August 19 (11:59 p.m.)
4. An exhibitor may enter one (1) item per class, unless noted differently.
5. Exhibitors have up to 15 minutes to arrange, display or touch-up their exhibit upon arrival, prior to check in. Exhibits cannot be prepared or assembled on-site, unless it is a “real time” contest, and it is stated in the rules. Department Managers have the right to disqualify an entry or exhibit if anyone, other than the exhibitor, has prepared it. **ALL WORK MUST BE THAT OF THE EXHIBITOR.**
6. Displayed exhibits may be limited – KSF reserves the right to only display what room allows. Any item not being displayed will have designated pick-up times. First place through third place is guaranteed to be shown. Every effort will be made to display ALL items entered in the fair.
7. Any item that does not meet Kansas State Fair requirements will not be accepted. If an item is accepted in oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.
8. During check-in, a Kansas State Fair staff member may question if you entered your item properly, but only if it is obvious that the item may not meet the class requirements. If an exhibitor is not sure if they entered their item(s) properly, they must ask a staff member for assistance **BEFORE** the item is checked in. This process can only be done during receiving hours and at the request of the exhibitor. If you question the class entered, and the Department Manager can justify the error, it may be moved to the proper class. Once an item has been checked-in, **IT CANNOT BE MOVED**, without the prior approval of the Competitive Exhibit Coordinator. Check-in finalizes your entry. Kansas State Fair does not allow any item substitutions.
9. Entries will not be judged in “Any Other Items” or “Not Specified” class, if there is already a class for that item available.
10. All exhibits must have been created, grown, or harvested by the exhibitor during the season of current year unless otherwise stated. All creative items must have been completed since the 2024 Kansas State Fair (Since September 20, 2025).
11. If a “real-time” contest has fewer than two entered contestants, the contest may be changed to allow walk-up entries, with the approval of the KSF Competitive Exhibit Coordinator and sponsor (if the Division is sponsored).
12. After arrangements of exhibits for prizes, no change will be allowed except on authority from KSF Competitive Exhibit Coordinator.
13. **Our primary audience consists of family and youth. We reserve the right to reject any entry that may be considered objectionable by that audience.**
14. Youth Division: Youth exhibitors must be 18 or under as of January 1 of current year. Youths cannot enter in the youth division and again in another division in the same class.  
Adult Division: Adult exhibitors must be 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
15. A brief description of your item when entering on-line (as to color, size or pattern, brand) is appreciated.
16. For the protection of the exhibitor, claim stubs are encouraged at the time of release for items. If claim stub is lost, you must have a valid photo ID to claim the items.
17. Each article in a collection or plural exhibit must show the exhibitor’s name and class of competition.
18. All exhibits will receive the best care and protection in their surroundings. The exhibits, at times, are subject to owner’s risk and in no event will the Kansas State Fair, KSF staff, or volunteers be responsible for any damage that may occur. Delicately constructed items requiring more than normal careful handling should not be submitted. All exhibits will be displayed at the discretion of the KSF Staff.
19. The Kansas State Fair reserves the right to cancel any class or placing if the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition or an award is not merited.
20. Participants will have no access to their products once they have been received by the Kansas State Fair staff.
21. **All Division Champions and Reserve Champions will receive a Rosette.**
22. The Kansas State Fair reserves the right to cancel, eliminate, or change the published premium amounts due to lack of sponsorship.
23. If, at the Judge’s discretion, an entry does not merit a placing, the Judge shall give no award under any circumstances. The rule applies whether there is one or more exhibits in the class. If a tie occurs in any division or class, a judge will determine the winner.
24. When attending the Kansas State Fair, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By

entering the Fairgrounds, you consent to such recording media and its release to be used for news, telecasts, web casts, promotional purposes, advertising, social media, and websites. You further waive all rights you may have to any claims in connection with publication of these materials, regardless of the purpose or sponsoring of such publication.

1. *Plants must have been in possession of exhibitor at least (60) sixty days prior to the Fair. You must identify the plant or flowers, including type, at the time of entry.*
2. *Cut flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor, except where noted.*
3. *Errors in naming will not disqualify, but judges will recognize correctness and accuracy of naming in consideration of an exhibit in a close competition.*
4. *Exhibitors shall furnish all vases or other containers necessary for the proper staging of their exhibit.*
5. *Collection consists of (5) five stems, unless otherwise specified.*
6. *All cut flower and arrangement containers must be able to hold water and not leak.*

#### **SHIPPING:**

##### SHIPPED ITEMS

Shipping charges on all exhibits must be prepaid. Packages should be addressed to: Kansas State Fair, ATTN: *(Fine Arts, Clothing, etc)* Department, 2000 N. Poplar, Hutchinson, KS 67502 and *must* arrive by August 23, 2025. A copy of your entry receipt should also be included in your package with your pre-registered items. Please make sure all items are labeled in a manner that can be removed before judging (a note attached by a rubber band, twist tie, masking tape, safety pin, etc.)

##### ITEMS TO BE RETURNED

Nonperishable item(s) will be shipped back at the exhibitor's request and expense after the fair and in its original packaging. **A Prepaid shipping label must be included with the original packaging, along with any special instructions.** Additional insurance must be included on the Prepaid Shipping Label. KSF will not add additional value to any shipment.

*Note: A prepaid shipping label may be purchased on [usps.com](https://usps.com). Attach the label to an email and send to [nancy.j.schmutz@ks.gov](mailto:nancy.j.schmutz@ks.gov).*

#### **HINTS FOR ENTRIES IN FLORICULTURE**

- Cut your flowers in the late afternoon the day before they are to be exhibited. Place the flowers immediately in water that has been set out in the garden all day. Some stems seal over immediately after cutting so cut stem under water. Cutting should be done at about 4:00 pm since at that time there is the greatest amount of sugar in the leaves; unless it is extremely hot weather, at which time cutting in the early morning is optimum. Keep flowers in water, in a cool, dark place overnight.
- To arrange, cut stems cleanly at an angle under water with a sharp knife and place in water-filled container. Cut stems as long as possible. All foliage that is below the water line should be removed. Foliage should be clean; any broken or disfigured foliage or petals should be removed, as foliage and stems as well as blooms count in judging. It is better to have more stem and foliage than too little. All stems should be in proportion to the water.

*Holiday Inn Express, Hutchinson, is the proud sponsor of the following Divisions in the Floriculture Department.*



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**Flowerpot Decorating - Youth- Division  
500.2**

**Floral Photography- Division 501**

**Insect Hotel – Division 505**



# 2025 FLORICULTURE – GROUP “A” SEASONAL ARRANGEMENTS

## GROUP "A" CLASSES

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Wednesday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday, September 4, 8 a.m. to Noon  
Judging begins at 2:00 p.m.

Release/Pick Up Times: Sunday, September 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Monday, September 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kansas State Fair General Rules must be followed by ALL exhibitors in addition to any department, division and class rules listed.

**All work must be that of the exhibitor.** A 15-minute allowance will be given if "touch up" is required on an exhibit prior to check-in. No exhibits may be assembled on the KSF premises. If such exhibit is a youth entry, youth must be present and is required to do the work. (Refer to Rule 5 & 6 in additional dept. rules)

## YOUTH DIVISION

### Division 500 - Junior Arrangement Show

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\*Juniors are participants 18 or under as of January 1, current year.

**Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$7.00, 2nd - \$6.00 and 3rd - \$5.00.**

**Division Champion will be awarded \$10 Walmart Gift Card and a rosette.**

**(Not eligible for Grand/Reserve Champion Awards)**

Your choice of materials: fresh, dry or artificial. Accessories permitted in classes **\*\*NOTE:** Class 1-5 are exhibit classes. Class 6-14 must be in a clear container. If a youth decides to enter into any other divisions, they cannot enter the same classes if they entered below.

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

Exhibitor must identify plants and flowers, including type, at time of entry.

**Class:**

1. Holiday (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Birthday, etc.)
2. Celebrating Kansas

## Division 500.1 – Junior Cut Flowers

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Division Champion will be awarded \$10 Walmart Gift Card and a rosette. (Not eligible for Grand/Reserve Champion Awards)

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

**Class:**

1. Cosmos – Collection
2. Marigolds – Collection of African
3. Marigolds – Collection of French
4. Ornamental Grasses – Named & Tagged
5. Petunias – Collection
6. Sunflowers – Any Variety
7. Wildflowers – Named & Tagged
8. Zinnia – Collection
9. Other Than Listed – Not specified, named and tagged

**Insect Hotel** - Youths may enter in Division 505 – Class 1 See *Division 505 for rules and information.*

## Division 500.2 – Youth Flowerpot

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\*Juniors are participants 18 or under as of January 1, current year.

Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$7.00, 2nd - \$6.00 and 3rd - \$5.00.

Division Champion will be awarded \$10 Walmart Gift Card and a rosette.

(Not eligible for Grand/Reserve Champion Awards)



- Make a decorated flowerpot Critter, Creature, Person or Face, using 1 or more plastic or clay flowerpots.

- No identifying marks or pictures with the pot.
- Decorated pots must be done by the child.
- No props or supports permitted.
- Maximum space allowed is “15” wide or 15” deep. No height limit.
- Entries will be accepted with or without a plant.

**Class:**

1. Youth Ages 5 – 7
2. Youth Ages 8 – 10
3. Youth Ages 11 – 13
4. Youth Ages 14 – 18 \* See Age Rules.

**ADULT DIVISIONS**

Grand Champion will be awarded \$25 and Reserve Grand Champion a Gift Certificate. Both will receive rosette.

**Division 501 – Floral Photography**

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**\*\* Additional Photography Division/Classifications are listed in the Fine Arts Department Handbook**



Premiums awarded for this division are; 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$7. 3rd - \$5. Division Champ will receive \$25.00 a rosette.

**Sweepstakes Winner - determined by the individual who has won the most 1st place ribbons in Classes 1 – 5, will receive a \$10.00 premium and a ribbon.**

***Come "Celebrate Kansas" with photographs that capture the beauty of our State.***

Judging Criteria	
Composition &	
Center of Interest	10
Creativity/Style	10
Impact	20
Lighting	10
Presentation	10
Sharpness	10
Story Telling &	
Subject Matter	10
Technical Excellence	10
Technique	10

ONLY 8" x 10" photos will be accepted. All photos must remain at the original 8" x 10" size and be in color (no black/white photos). Securely mount photo in a pre-cut, open mat (not poster board). **Matting must be white in color** and only 1" - 2" around photo. We will provide material



for hanging. *\*NO FRAMES.*

**\*Photo must be securely mounted to mat. Mats that come unattached from photos will be removed from display. **White Matting ONLY – Colored mats will be disqualified.****

### Class

1. Fall/Harvest – Color Only - Black & White photos will not be accepted.
2. Spring/Flowers – Color Only – Black & White photos will not be accepted.
3. Summer/Gardens - Color Only - Black & White photos will not be accepted.
4. Sunflower(s) – Color Only – Black & White photos will not be accepted.
5. Floriculture/Horticulture Failures – Color Only – Black & White photos will not be accepted.



### **Division 502 - Plants**

**Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$7.00, 2nd - \$6.00, 3rd - \$5.00. Division Champion will be awarded \$20.00 and a rosette.**

**Sweepstakes Winner - determined by the individual who has won the most 1st place ribbons in Classes 1 – 11, will receive \$10.00 premium and ribbon.**

Exhibitor must identify plants and type at time of entry.

### Class

1. African Violet
2. Asparagus Fern (Sprengeri, Plumosus, Foxtail & Others)
3. Begonia
4. Cacti or Succulent
5. Geranium
6. Hanging Baskets
7. House Vine Plant
8. Sanseveria (Snake Plant)
9. Specimen House Plant
10. Sun Coleus (pots)
11. Other Than Listed - Plant not Specified.

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

## Division 503 – Seasonal Arrangements

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Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$7.00, 2nd - \$6.00, 3rd - \$5.00. Division Champion will be awarded \$20.00 and a rosette.

Sweepstakes Winner - determined by the individual who has won the most 1st place ribbons in Classes 1 – 14, will receive \$10.00 premium and ribbon.

Accessories are permitted. All accessories and extra pieces must be attached to the main arrangement. Arrangements are not to exceed 26" in height. Flowers may be artificial or real. Exhibitor must identify plants and flowers, including type, at time of entry. Wreaths must have hanger attached.

#### Class:

1. Celebrate Kansas \*Must include Sunflowers.
2. Fall
3. Garden Season \*Must include a garden tool
4. New Years
5. Religious, suitable for altar or worship center; fresh, dry or artificial
6. Spring
7. Summer
8. Thanksgiving
9. Valentine
10. Winter - made of dried material in their natural color. Arranged in suitable containers.
11. Arrangements – Other than listed.
12. Wreaths - made of burlap ribbon with artificial flowers. Wreaths not to exceed 24".
13. Wreaths - Farmhouse Style - made with fresh, dry or artificial flowers. Wreath not to exceed 24".
14. Wreaths - Other Than Listed

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

## Division 504 – The Mini

### Division 504– The Mini (Miniature Garden Container)

Have fun and be creative with a miniature garden in a container.

Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$10.00 and 3rd - \$5.00. People's Choice Award will win \$10.00.

Judging will end on Wednesday, September 10 at noon.

(This Division is not eligible for Grand/Reserve Champion Awards)

**Rules:**

- Must be a living miniature garden.
- Must be portable. – You must be able to carry your garden from your car to the display area and back to your car.
- Your miniature garden shall be planted, assembled, and decorated by the entrant, not purchased pre-made.
- All standard KSF rules apply.

Judging Criteria	
Types of Plants Used (True miniature/dwarf)	25
Scale of all components, Accessories and plants	25
Design, Creativity, Unique container	25
Realistic Mini Patio/Pathway	25

**Class**

1. Best Miniature Garden in Container



**Division 505 – Insect Hotel**

**Why have an Insect hotel:** Insect hotels benefit the local insect population, ecosystem, and your back yard. The Insect Hotels provide homes for visiting insects including pollinating insects like bees. They will help to pollinate fruits and flowers in your garden. Premiums awarded for this division are 1<sup>st</sup> - \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$7, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$5. (**This division is not eligible for grand/reserve champion**).

**CLASS:**

1. Youth – 18 years of age and under as of January 1, current year.
2. Adult – 18 years of age and over as of January 1, current year.

Judging Criteria	
Types of materials - Practical?	50
Design and Creativity	25
Durability (outdoor use)	25

**Rules:**

- Must be portable – You must be able to carry your insect hotel from your car to the display area and back to your car.
- Your Insect Hotel should be created and assembled by the entrant and not purchased pre-made.
- Do not include insects or any type of living object.
- All standard KSF rules apply.



## Division 506– Planted Wheelbarrow

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Judging Criteria	
Quality of Container	25
Quantity & Variety Of Flowers	25
General Appearance	50

Premiums awarded for this division are 1st - \$20, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10.

- Wheelbarrow must be lined with black plastic to prevent leakage.
- Must have no more than ten (10) and no less than five (5) of your favorite plants.
- Exhibitor must identify plants and flowers including type, at the time of entry.

Will be judged on quality, quantity, variety, and general appearance. (This division is not eligible for grand/reserve champion).

#### Class

1. Planted wheelbarrow

## 2025 FLORICULTURE – GROUP “B” SPECIMENS & COLLECTIONS

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#### GROUP "B" CLASSES

**RECEIVING TIMES: Wednesday, Sept 10 - 8 am to Noon**

Judging begins at 2:00 p.m.

Drop-off tags are available for the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. No vehicles are allowed on the Fairgrounds past 9 a.m. Contact the Competitive Office – 620-669-3621 if you require a ticket or drop-off tag for Class B Check-in.

# Division 550 – Garden Flower Arrangements

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Premiums awarded for this division: 1st - \$7, 2nd - \$6, 3rd - \$5.

Division Champion will be awarded a \$10 Walmart Gift Certificate and a rosette.

**Sweepstakes Winner - determined by the individual who has won the most 1st place ribbons in Classes 1 – 24, will receive \$10.00 premium and ribbon.**

Fresh materials only. Accessories permitted.

Exhibitor must identify plants and flowers, including type, at time of entry.

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

### Class

1. All materials from Herb or Vegetable Garden
2. Any white flowers. Must be displayed in white or clear glass containers provided by exhibitor. Greenery permitted.
3. Barnwood
4. Celebrating Kansas
5. Christmas Table
6. Dahlias, Suitable for small table
7. Early American - Mixed Flowers Bouquet
8. Fall Dinner Table - Fruits, vegetables, flowers or a combination
9. Farmhouse
10. Flowers and Foliage in Homemade Container
11. Galvanized Metal Container
12. Gray plant material as background & 1 color or brilliant flower or flowers
13. Mantel Decoration - not to exceed 12" in height
14. Miniature, Flowers - No shorter than 2" or taller than 6"
15. Patio or Family Room
16. Patriotic
17. Pitcher of Flowers - arranged for effect
18. Prima Donna - use one flower and foliage
19. Roses - arranged for dinner table. Other foliage permitted
20. Rustic
21. Succulent
22. Wildflowers
23. Zinnias
24. Other Than Listed - Seasonal Arrangement not Specified

# Division 552 – Specimens and Collections

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Premiums awarded for this division: 1st - \$7, 2nd - \$6, 3rd - \$5.

Division Champion will be awarded a \$10 Walmart Gift Certificate and a rosette.

**Sweepstakes Winner - determined by the individual who has won the most 1st place ribbons in Classes 1 – 24, will receive \$10.00 premium and ribbon.**

Accessories permitted. Fresh materials only.

Exhibitor must identify plants and flowers, including type, at time of entry.

### Class

1. Asters - Collection of stems
2. Cannas - 2 to 5 stem, single container
3. Chrysanthemums - Collection, any variety
4. Cockscomb - Crested; One stock
5. Cockscomb - Mixed varieties and color
6. Cosmos - Collection
7. Dahlias - 5 different varieties, named & tagged
8. Dahlias - Best large single, named & tagged
9. Dahlias - Collection of Pompon
10. Gladioli - 1 to 5 stems, single container
11. Marigolds - African; Single
12. Marigolds - Collection of African stems
13. Marigolds - Collection of French stems
14. One Rose - named & tagged
15. Petunias - 5 stems of different varieties
16. Roses - Collection of five different varieties, named & tagged
17. Snapdragons - Collection of stems
18. Wild Grasses and Wildflowers - 5 or more different varieties, named and tagged
19. Zinnia - one Large
20. Zinnias - Collection of large variety
21. Zinnias - Collection, Pompon or small variety 2" or smaller
22. Other Than Listed - Flower; 5 stems of one variety, named & tagged

Judging Criteria	
Balance and Arrangement	15
Harmony	10
Originality	25
Quality/Condition of Flowers and Foliage	25
Suitability of Container	25

### Thank You to our Sponsors:

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