



FLORICULTURE

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2023 Kern County Fair	September 20 - October 1, 2023
Online Entries Open	Thursday, June 15, 2023
Online Entries Close	Friday, September 8, 2023
Entries Accepted.....	Saturday, September 16 • 8 AM - 1 PM Sunday, September 17 • NOON - 6 PM
Entries Released	Monday, October 2 • 8 AM - 6 PM

HOW TO ENTER

ONLINE ENTRIES

Review the Department Rules and Guidelines
Choose from the Divisions and Classes listed
Enter Online at kerncountyfair.com and pay the entry fee

EXHIBITOR NAME

Entries must be made under the name of the individual who prepared it.
Do not use business or fictitious names.
Enter using the exhibitor's name as it will appear on the display tag.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

An email confirmation will be sent immediately after your online payment is received.
If the email confirmation does not arrive shortly after submitting payment, please check your spam/junk folder before contacting the Kern County Fair.

HELP WITH ENTERING

Phone: During Office Hours, (661) 833-4914 | Email: entry@kerncountyfair.com
Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 9 AM to 5 PM

FLORICULTURE COMMITTEE

Chairman
Co-Chairman

ENTRY LIMIT + ENTRY FEES

Adult Floriculture (18 years and older)

All Junior entries will enter in the Junior Exhibits Department and will be displayed in Building 1

Adult Divisions 500 - 507: \$2 per entry

Adult Divisions 508 - 509: \$1 per entry

Entry Limit: 2 entries per class, *except where noted*

ENTRY DROP OFF + PICK UP

1. Late deliveries will not be accepted.
2. Entries may be delivered by someone other than the exhibitor.
3. Deliver entries to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Saturday, September 16 (8 AM - 1 PM) or Sunday, September 17 (Noon - 6 PM).
4. Divisions 508 entries deliver to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Wednesday 9/20 (8AM - 10AM).
5. Divisions 507 & 509 deliver to the Fine Arts Building #4 (Gate 27) on Tuesday 9/26 (8AM - 10AM).
6. Pick up entries at the Fine Arts Building #4 on Monday, October 2 (8 AM - 6 PM).
7. No Security will be provided after release date.

JUDGING

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Each exhibit is judged not only on its own merit, but in comparison to other exhibits using score cards prepared by the State Division of Fairs and Expositions and Fair Management. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention may be awarded in each Class if judges so determine. More than one Honorable Mention per Class may be awarded. Judges are not obligated to place entries if they feel they are without sufficient merit.

PREMIUMS + AWARDS

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 500 - 507

1ST \$12 • 2ND \$10 • 3RD \$7

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

DIVISIONS 508- 509

1ST \$5 • 2ND \$3 • 3RD \$2

BEST OF SHOW - Plants & Cut Flowers Only

Ribbon + \$12

HIGH POINT - Cut Flowers Only

1st \$75 • 2ND \$50 • 3RD \$25

2022 WINNER: Gail Scott

Senior Citizen Award

A special ribbon and \$25.00 will be awarded to the oldest exhibitor (65+).

GENERAL RULES

1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for reading the Competition Guidelines and must abide by them.
3. Wrong division and class numbers may lead to disqualification. If assistance is needed to determine the Division and/or Class, please contact the Competitive Exhibits Office at (661) 833-4914 or entry@kerncountyfair.com.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable. There will be no refunds for any reason. By entering the competition, you are confirming that you accept the no-refund policy.
5. Entries previously exhibited at the Kern County Fair are not eligible.
6. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of the Program Coordinator. Judges and/or the Program Coordinator have the option of reassigning an entry to a more appropriate Division or Class.
7. The Kern County Fair is a family event. No entry with offensive or objectionable content will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to: work dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence, gang activity, nudity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of the Kern County Fair staff.
8. The State of California nor Kern County Fair & Event Center will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of exhibitors' property brought on the premises during the period of the Kern County Fair. Reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard exhibitors' property against loss, damage or theft, in the handling and exhibiting of entries.
9. Premium awards may be withheld if rules and regulations are not complied with.
10. Entries and required fees must be submitted by the closing date as specified in each department. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date.
11. Exhibitors are requested to keep their exhibits fresh and attractive.
12. Exhibitors may not remove their exhibit before the official release date.
13. Premiums are paid only from the records of the judges' sheet. Ribbons, tags, or cards have no value as to payment.
14. Employees and their spouses are not eligible to enter the department in which they or their spouses are employed.
15. Sweepstakes shall be awarded on a basis of total ribbons won, with points to be counted as follows: 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 1 point. In the case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.
16. All decorative material must be flameproof. The Fire Department Code and The California State Industrial Accident Commission Code and Rulings, require all decorative material to be flameproof. No straw or hay will be allowed in any exhibit.
17. There will be a \$30 stop payment for lost premium checks.
18. Exhibitors must live in Kern County.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitors except Classes for arrangements. Florists and nurseries may exhibit plants, plant materials and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow.
2. All floriculture exhibits must be of grade "A" quality to be exhibited. No synthetic, plastic or tint may be used unless otherwise specified.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in any one class, except where noted.
4. Exhibits must be maintained in good condition for the duration of the Fair. When exhibit deteriorates it will be removed. The management reserves the right to request the entry, after judging is completed, to be remove, freshen, or replace any exhibit needing such attention.
5. Containers for the cut flowers will be furnished by the Fair Association. Containers for flower arrangements must be furnished by exhibitors. Accessories may be used with arrangements.
6. Number of spaces are limited in the Best Dressed Tables, Plants and Hanging Gardens.
7. Placement of ribbons does not guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.
8. All exhibitors in the floriculture department must be off the grounds by 10:30 am each day.

FLORICULTURE

DIVISION 500: **IN YOUR GARDEN**

ONE ENTRY PER CLASS

CLASS:

1. Stepping Stones
2. Birdhouses
3. Fairy Gardens
4. Garden Markers

DIVISION 501: **GOURDS**

CLASS:

1. Decorated Gourd

DIVISION 502: **SPECIAL NEEDS EXHIBITS**

CLASS:

1. Stepping Stone
2. Birdhouses
3. Fairy Gardens
4. Garden Markers
5. Plant

PLANTS

PLANTS MUST HAVE ESTABLISHED ROOTS

Plants can only be watered between 8 AM - 10 AM on

Wednesday, September 20 | Sunday, September 24 | Thursday, September 28

DIVISION 503: **HANGING BASKETS, TOPIARY**

CLASS:

1. Creeping Charlie
2. Ferns (any variety)
3. Pothos
4. Topiary
5. Any other not listed

DIVISION 504: **POTTED PLANTS**

CLASS:

1. African Violet
2. Fern
3. Ivy
4. Orchid
5. Pothos
6. Spider Plant
7. Tillandsia (air plant)
8. Terrarium
9. Unusual container potted plants
10. Any other not listed

DIVISION 505: **CACTUS + SUCCULENTS**

SMALL: LESS THAN 4"

MEDIUM: LARGER THAN 4", LESS THAN 8"

LARGE: LARGER THAN 8"

CLASS:

1. Small Succulent
2. Medium Succulent
3. Large Succulent
4. Aloe
5. Jade
6. Small Cactus
7. Medium Cactus
8. Large Cactus
9. Collection (*5 or more in one container*)

DIVISION 506: **BONSAI**

CLASS:

1. Any Bonsai

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

DIVISION 507:

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Flowers to be delivered between, 8 AM and 10 AM

CLASS:

1. Novice Arrangement
2. Professional Arrangement
3. Novice Miniature Arrangement
4. Professional Miniature Arrangement

CUT FLOWERS – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

VASES WILL BE FURNISHED

Flowers to be delivered between, 8 AM and 10 AM

All cars must be removed from the Floriculture lot by 10:30 AM or they will be towed and lot will be closed.

DIVISION 508:

CUT FLOWERS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Flowers to be delivered between, 8 AM and 10 AM

CLASS:

1. Roses - 1 Rose, 1 Stem
2. Flowers, except Roses
3. Herbs - Fresh Cut
4. Cut Flowering Shrub + Tree

CUT FLOWERS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

VASES WILL BE FURNISHED

Flowers to be delivered between, 8 AM and 10 AM

All cars must be removed from the Floriculture lot by 10:30 AM or they will be towed and lot will be closed.

DIVISION 509:

CUT FLOWERS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Flowers to be delivered between, 8 AM and 10 AM

CLASS:

1. Roses - 1 Rose, 1 Stem
2. Flowers, except Roses
3. Herbs - Fresh Cut
4. Cut Flowering Shrub + Tree

BEST DRESSED TABLES

Entries will be taken until space is full. NOTE: Only 8 tables are available, so please make your entry early if you are interested in doing a table.

ENTRY FEE: \$15

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

1ST \$100 • 2ND \$70 • 3RD \$55 • 4TH \$45

BEST DRESSED TABLES RULES

1. All tables are judged according to Emily Post's book on Etiquette the 16th Edition.
2. Competition open to individuals, groups or philanthropic organizations in Kern County.
3. Tables are provided by the Fair and are 4' round and 29" high.
4. Tables must have a fresh flower centerpiece arrangement.
5. Do not use a professional arrangement.
6. Flower arrangement can be changed after judging, during Fair, and at that time, silk, dried, or preserved materials may be used. NO PLASTIC arrangements.
7. Tables provided only – no side stands.
8. Only the Exhibitor card for identification on your table during judging is allowed. After judging a larger identification card may be placed.
9. One entry per club or group. An individual may not be involved in two tables.
10. No Plastic, Paper, or Real Food is Allowed
11. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining Table Settings.

SET UP TIMES:

Saturday, September 16, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 17, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, September 18, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

TAKE DOWN TIMES:

Exhibits must be removed, and space cleaned of ALL debris by Monday, October 2 by 6:00 PM.

(No security will be provided after release date.)

DIVISION 510:

BEST DRESSED TABLE

CLASS:

1. Formal - For 2 - Prom
2. Informal - For 4 - Life is Sweet

COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

NEW location - North end of building #4 (Fine Arts Building)

Entries will be taken until space is full. NOTE: Only 3 spaces are available, so please make your entry early if you are interested in doing an exhibit.

ENTRY FEE: \$20

PREMIUMS PER CLASS

1ST \$200 • 2ND \$100 • 3RD \$50

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION DISPLAYS RULES

1. This Department is open to organizations to display products of individuals and their organization. All entries are to be made by the Head of the organization and listed on the entry form for their exhibit.
2. Electricity in each booth will be turned on each day by fair personnel. No timers will be needed in individual booths. Please let us know if you need power to your booth or special setup times.
3. All booths are 10' wide by 10' deep
4. NO drive-in door is available.
5. NO STRAW OR HAY may be used in the display.
6. Exhibit Booths are limited to one entry by an organization.
7. Exhibits must be maintained for duration of the Fair. Booths will be checked daily.
8. The Fair reserves the right to require the replacement or the withdrawal of any portion of an exhibit deemed detrimental to the health, safety, and convenience of the public.
9. Non-compliance with rule 7, and any action the Fair may be required to take under rule 7, may result in the forfeiture of premiums
10. Exhibits will be judged on appearance, creativity and educational value.

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DIVISION 511:
COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

CLASS:

1. Organization Display