

General Horticulture



King County Fair

Information & Rules

The following rules and regulations apply to all non-commercial exhibitors/exhibits participating in the current year. Fair exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with these rules and exhibit in accordance with them. The Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with the Fair.

The King County Fair will be held at the Enumclaw Expo Center July 16– July 19, 2026.

Fair mailing and physical address: **45224 284th Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022**. Hard copies of this premium book can be picked up [here](#).

Enumclaw Expo & Events Association is a nonprofit that puts on the annual King County Fair. Main Line – 360-226-3493

Official Fair Hours:

The Fair will be open to the public at the following times:

Thursday, July 16	10 am to 10 pm
Friday, July 17	10 am to 10 pm
Saturday, July 18	10 am to 10 pm
Sunday, July 19	10 am to 6pm

Grounds

The general supervision of the grounds, and the entire exhibition, are vested in Fair management. Outside agencies are contracted to provide medical and law enforcement services during the annual Fair. Property of the Fair, or its outside agencies, may not be removed from the grounds. Possession of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the Fair except in the designated beer gardens and purchased from the Fair.

Parking

Parking passes and preauthorization required for all vehicles on the grounds inside the gates parked or driving inside barns, buildings or on lawns at any time. Overnight parking is allowed only in Camping Lots. Reservations can be made at KingCoFair.com. Area traffic/parking signs will be observed at all times. Designated fire lanes must be kept clear. No person shall knowingly interfere with the free flow of persons or vehicles upon or through the Fair or otherwise knowingly prevent the orderly and efficient use of Expo property for its primary purpose.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is located at the Fair Office during business hours. Found items without identifiable ownership or items requiring owner contact, should be taken to the Fair Office. The Fair office will retain lost /found items for a period of (2) two weeks then they will be donated or thrown away.

Dogs and Other Pets

No dogs or other pets are permitted at The King County Fair. Exception: on duty police dogs, service animals (as defined by ADA), trained animals in scheduled acts and animals entered in competition.

Advertising

No person shall post, distribute or display signs, advertisement, circulars, printed or written matter at the King County Fair. This includes “FOR SALE” signs over specific exhibits or entries. Please contact your Superintendent for further information.

HOLD HARMLESS: The Owner/Exhibitor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless the Enumclaw Expo & Events Association, from any and all costs, claims judgement, and/or awards for damages, arising out of or in any way resulting from activities associated with their entries. The Owner/Exhibitor of the exhibit(s) releases the Enumclaw Expo and Events Association, from any and all liability for loss, damage, or injury to property while at Enumclaw’s King County Fair. In the event the Enumclaw Expo and Events Association incur any judgment, award and/or cost arising there from, including attorneys’ fees to enforce the provisions of this article, all such fees, expenses, and costs shall be recoverable from the Owner/ Exhibitor. Statement of Responsibility: 4-H and Still Life exhibits are entered and displayed at the list of the exhibitor. The Enumclaw Expo and Events Association, WSU, EEEA officers, agents or employees cannot accept responsibility for loss of damage due to the conditions imposed in a Fair setting or for exhibits left after the time specified for removal. 4-H members how have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should consider whether such exhibits should be entered into the Fair.

Forfeiture of Privileges or Awards

Any person who violates any general or special rule or intent will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as Fair management may deem appropriate, including removal from the Fair grounds.

First Aid

In the case of a medical situation, exhibitor shall immediately contact the nearest Superintendent or Fair employee. They are responsible for making the appropriate contacts. Exhibitors may help the situation further by keeping the area cleared until medical assistance arrives. The first aid unit is located at the North end of the Exhibit Hall during public hours of the Fair. A First Aid kit and AED Unit is located in the Activity Hall Kitchen.

Property of Enumclaw Expo

The general supervision of the grounds and the entire exhibition are vested in Enumclaw Expo Center Management. Property of the Enumclaw Expo Center may not be removed from the grounds

Law Enforcement and Security

Security is provided at the Fair before, during and after public hours. They are based out of the Administration office.

Open Class Still Life Information & Rules

Superintendent: Julie Goetz 360-367-6299

Fair office: 360-226-3493

Building Hours:

Thursday, July 16	10 am to 9 pm
Friday, July 17	10 am to 9 pm
Saturday, July 18	10 am to 9 pm
Sunday, July 19	10 am to 6 pm

Home Arts, Fine Arts, Hobby, Educational Display Divisions and Horticulture

These five divisions offer an opportunity for craftspeople to share the pleasure of their craft with everyone. The pride of creating something beautiful and then submitting it for competition is worthy of celebration regardless of whether the entry wins an award. The individual entry serves to increase a participant's skill level and heighten the appreciation and interest of the general public.

Entry Check in Times: All items must be checked in to ensure entry and they are accounted for. Clerks will be on hand to assist you. Please bring entry form (found in the end of this book) with you at check in time.

All entries can be checked in at Restorx Hall (Activity Hall) of the Enumclaw Expo Center (formerly the King County Fair Grounds), Enter Gate #3 on 284th Ave SE and exit Gate #4. Grounds map on page 16.

Baked Goods:

Monday, July 13, 9am to 1pm or Tuesday, July 14, 9am to 10am or call Superintendent for other times if you can't make these times.

Horticulture:

Wednesday, July 15, 9am-12:00pm ONLY. Judging will be at 1:00pm. Call Superintendent to arrange additional entry times if needed.

All Other Items:

Saturday, July 11, Noon-4pm
Sunday, July 12, 10am-3pm
Monday, July 13, 9am -1pm

Entry Check out and Item Pickup Times:

Items can be picked up between 6:15pm and 7:15pm on Sunday, July 19. All items must be picked up at this time unless prior arrangements have been made with Superintendent. No exceptions!

A Superintendent must check out all entries. Clerks will be on hand to assist you.

Judging

Judging will begin on Tuesday, July 4 at 10am. Please call the Superintendent in advance to reserve a space for collections, educational entries and for any large or fragile items.

Judging is done by the Danish System. Exhibits are judged on their own merit and not against other like entries.

Judges are professionals or highly accredited amateurs trained in judging and working within their field of expertise. Judge's score CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED. Each Judge will provide constructive criticism on each entry. See specific judging criteria in each division as applicable.

Ribbons given are:

Blue – excellent; exhibit meets or exceeds the standard

Red – good; relative to pre-established standards, a few specific shortcomings.

White – fair; many improvements are needed in order to meet standards.

Judges are professionals or highly accredited amateurs trained in judging and working within their field of expertise. Judge's score CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED. Each Judge will provide constructive criticism on each entry. See specific judging criteria in each division as applicable.

Entry Age Classification

State age on entry form for proper classification during judging process:

Youth - Anyone 17 years and younger

Adult - Anyone 18 to 61 years

Senior - Anyone 62 years and older

Open Class General Rules – No entry fee required.

1. All articles must be the handwork of the exhibitor. All departments' categories are for non-professional competition. Fair Superintendent reserves the right to make final determination on professionally created entries.
2. Entries must be completed within the last two (2) years. Exhibits cannot be shown more than once at The King County Fair.
3. All entries must be clean and dry and prepared by the Exhibitor for judging. Fair management reserves the right to dismiss any exhibit offered if it is unsuitable, soiled or requires more space than available.
4. All articles will be placed in the most suitable class. Each exhibitor shall be limited to two (2) articles per lot. Only one collection is allowed per person.
5. The King County Fair and Enumclaw Expo & Events Association will take every precaution for the safe preservation of entries, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
6. The exhibitor, if desired, may obtain insurance at their own expense.
7. All awards may not necessarily be awarded in each class.
8. The King County Fair assumes no responsibility for awards sponsored by clubs, firms, or individuals.



General Horticulture

Horticulture Rules

1. Eligibility: Competition is open to the public.
2. Emphasis must be on fresh plant material.
3. No artificial plant materials are allowed.
4. Entry Times & judging: See General Information on page 3.
5. Early removal is not possible. Exhibits can be removed between 6:15-7:15pm Sunday, July 19, 2026. Items left will be composted.
6. All horticulture specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor: Container grown plants for at least 90 days, combination must have been growing together for at least 6 weeks.
7. Double potting is encouraged to achieve the best possible appearance.
8. All Plants must be identified by its binomial name (or its currently accepted scientific identification) along with its common name. possible.
9. All entries should consist of one specimen unless otherwise noted.
10. Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or subclass, if each entry is a different genus, species, cultivar, type or color. Fifteen entries per exhibitor.
 - 11. Horticulture specimens – minimum of 3" and should not exceed 30" in length. Stems should be in proportion to size of bloom.
 - 12. Inconspicuous wedging or propping is encouraged to show specimen at its best. Exhibitors may use materials, such as plastic wrap, transparent floral tape, oasis, bubble wrap or clear plastic.
 - 13. Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line. Grooming of plant material is very important. Containers for specimens will be provided by the committee.
 - 14. Flowering plants must be in bloom.
 - 15. No needled, scaled, or broadleaf evergreens.

Department 400 – Annuals

- Class 1.** Calendula 1 stem
- Class 2.** Cosmos 3 stems
- Class 3.** Petunia 1 spray
- Lot 1. Single
2. Double
3. Ruffled
- Class 4.** Sweet Peas
- Lot 1. 3 stems, one color
2. 5 stems, mixed colors
- Class 5.** Zinnia
- Lot 1. Dahlia flowered 1 stem
2. Cactus flowered 1 stem
3. Miniature – 1 stem
- Class 6.** Any other flowering annual
Classification Chairman may sub-divide

Department 401 - Biennials

- Class 7.** *Campanula* (Cups & Saucers)
- Class 8.** *Digitalis* (Fox Glove)
- Class 9.** Any other Biennial
Classification Chairman may sub-divide

Department 402 - Perennials

- Class 10.** *Campanula* (Bell Flower)
- Class 11.** *Coreopsis* (3 blooms)
- Class 12.** *Daisies* 1 bloom
- Lot 1. *Chrysanthemum maximum* (*Shasta*)
2. *Chrysanthemum maximum* (Esther Reed)
3. *Rudbeckia hirta* (*Gloriosal*)
4. *Chrysanthemum frutescence* (*Marguerite*)
- Class 13.** *Echinacea* (purple coneflower)
- Class 14.** *Luipinus* (Lupines)
- Class 15.** *Phlox* 1 stem
- Class 16.** *Violas* (Pansy) 3 blooms with self-foliage, same color or mixed. Stems must be at least 3".
- Lot 1. *Viola*
2. Pansy
- Class 17.** Any other flowering Perennial

Department 403 – Leaves

- Class 18.** *Hosta* - Small leaf – 3 leaves
- Lot 1. Solid
2. Variegated
- Class 19.** *Hosta* - Large leaf – 1 leaf
- Lot 1. Solid
2. Variegated
- Class 20.** Ferns
- Class 21.** *Heuchera*
- Class 22.** Any other leaf

Department 404 – Bulbs, Corms and Tubers

- Class 23.** *Crocasmia*
- Class 24.** *Dahlia* 1 bloom with one pair of foliage attached
- Lot 1. Decorative
2. Cactus
3. Miniature – under 4" diameter
4. Pom Pom - 2" & under in diameter
- Class 25.** *Gladiolus* 1 spike
- Lot 1. Large
2. Medium
3. Miniature
- Class 26.** *Liatrix*
- Class 27.** *Lillium* (Lily) 1 stem
- Lot 1. Asiatic Hybrids
2. Aurelian Hybrids
3. Oriental Hybrids
4. Other

- Class 28.** Any other flowering Bulb, Corm or Tuber
Classification Chairman may sub-divide

Department 405 – Rosea (Rose) with 3 sets of leaves

- Class 29.** Hybrid Tea disbud 1 stem
Class 30. Grandiflora 1 spray
Class 31. Floribunda 1 spray
Class 32. Heritage
Class 33. Climber 1 spray
Class 34. Miniature disbud, 1 stem
Class 35. Miniature 1 spray
Class 36. Shrub
Class 37. Any other Rose

Department 406 - Herbs

- Class 38. Annual cut or potted**
Lot 1. Cut
2. Potted
Class 39. Perennials cut or potted
Lot 1. Cut
2. Potted

Department 407 - Shrubs

No scaled or needled evergreens

- Class 40. Flowering**
Lot 1. *Buddleia* (Hybridized only)
2. *Hebe*
3. *Hardy Fuchsia*
a. Hybrid
b. *Magellanica*
4. *Hibiscus*
5. *Hydrangea*
a. Mop Head
b. Lace Cap
c. Other
6. *Spiraea*

- Class 41. Foliage**
Lot 1. Variegated
2. Colored
3. Green

- Class 42.** Any other shrub

Department 408 - Vines

- Class 43.** *Clematis*
Class 44. *Honeysuckle*
Class 45. Any other Vine

Department 409 – Potted Plants

All plants must be able to sit tabletop, due to lack of space, we cannot hang baskets, etc.

Class 46. Pelargonium (*Geraniums*)

- Lot 1. *Zonal*
2. *Martha Washington*
3. Dwarf or miniature
4. *Ivy*

Class 47. Begonias

- Lot 1. *Tuberous*
2. *Fibrous*

Class 48. Petunias

- Lot 1. Single
2. Double
3. Ruffled

Class 49. Mixed Flowering Pot

Class 50. Flowering Houseplants - must be in bloom

Class 51. Foliage Plants

Open Class Entry Form 2026

Date _____

Please Print or Type Entire Form

Please check one: Senior (62 & Older) Adult (18 – 61 years old) Youth (17 & younger) Grade level when entry completed _____

Exhibitor Name: Last _____ First _____ Phone - _____

Exhibitor Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address _____

RELEASE: The owner and/or Exhibitor agree to protect, defend, indemnify and save harmless Enumclaw Expo & Event Association, their officers, employees, and agents from any and all costs, claims, judgments, and or awards for damages, arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities associated with this entry form. In the event the Association incurs any judgment, award and/or cost arising there from, including attorney's fees to enforce the provisions of this article, all such fees, expenses, and costs shall be recoverable from the Owner/Exhibitor.

Signature _____ Owner's/Exhibitor's signature or parent/guardian if Owner/Exhibitor is under 18 years of age.

This release must be signed, or form will not be accepted.

Admin Use Only: Total Number of Entries: _____ Received By: _____

Dept #	Class	Lot	Description of Entries: Use Premium Book Wording	Tag #
Dept #	Class	Lot	Description of Entries: Use Premium Book Wording	Tag #

