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HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday March 13, 2026 @ 5:00PM

Please complete registration at www.lakecofair.com

1. Click competitions 2. Click on Creative Living 3.Click Division
4. Click Registration link on Division Page

Once on Registration Site hit the number 1 in top left corner to begin

TAKE IN DATES:

Friday, April 3, 2026: 2:00PM-6:00PM
Saturday, April 4, 2026: 10:00AM-2:00PM

REMOVAL DATE:

Monday, April 20, 2025: 11:00AM-6:00PM

LOCATION:

The Creative Living Building (Ashford)

Turn off County road 44-Drive along the fence that runs beside Southern Palms RV Resort-Drive through the gate-Take the first left-The building is located on the right side.

AWARDS:

Best of Department Adult: $100.00 & Rosette
Best of Department Youth: $100.00 & Rosette
Best in Class: $35.00 & Rosette
Class Placings 1st,2nd,3rd : Ribbon

Please refer to Rule 20 in General Rules for payment of Award Premiums

Winners will be announced at the fair and displayed at www.lakecofair.com by May 1, 2026

GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is limited to Adult and Youth Residents and Students of Lake County.
2. Exhibitors may only enter TWO (2) Entries per class. Entries submitted for prior years fair competitions may NOT be entered again.
3. Exhibitors may have no more than FIVE (5) Entries Total Per Department.
4. Admission tickets to the Lake County Fair will NOT be issued to Exhibitors.
5. Exhibitors may be asked to volunteer to sit with the show during the Lake County Fair.
6. All Judges Decisions are FINAL.
7. Judges have the right to decide an entries class and re-place it accordingly.
8. Judges have the right to decide if an entry merits a placing. If the decision is made that an entry does not Merit a placing, no award will be given. This rule also applies to those classes with only one entry.
9. All exhibitors entering competitions at the Lake County Fair accept and agree to abide by judges' decisions. Protests upon any grounds other than judges must be made out in writing on the same day action being protested took place and given to the superintendent of the department concerned. The superintendent will then present the protest to Lake County Fair Officials. A $100.00 deposit is required to file a protest, which will be forfeited in complaint is not sustained.
10. Any item entered in the competition may be photographed and used for advertising purposes by the Lake County Fair.
11. Entries will be under the control and jurisdiction of Fair Management and Creative Living Superintendent until after the close of Fair.
12. The Lake County Fair assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to any exhibit from any cause.
13. Exhibitors will not be permitted to remove, handle, or rearrange entry at any time. Entries will be available to remove after close of fair at specified pick-up date.
14. All winning entries MUST STAY for the duration of the Fair, any entries removed prior to removal date will forfeit all premiums won.
15. Claim checks will be issued for all articles and must be presented to pick up entries.
16. Any entry left after removal date, will become property of the Lake County Fair unless prior arrangements have been made with the Creative Living Superintendent.
17. Due to limited space in the event there is not adequate space to display all entries, only entries winning awards will be on display during the Lake County Fair.
18. Payment of premiums won will be mailed, please allow 6-8 Weeks for arrival of premiums won. (Payments will be mailed to address used during online registration).
19. Team efforts are permitted with the understanding that only one Ribbon/premium will be awarded (if merited).

Horticulture

1. Container grown plants must have been grown by exhibitor for at least three (3) months.
2. Bedding plants, plant collections, dish gardens, terrariums, and other multiple plants must be grown by the exhibitor for at least six (6) weeks.
3. Container grown plants must be exhibited in clean containers.
4. All entries must be of specimen quality, free of insects and disease, with clean appearance.
5. Exhibits are not judged against each other, but against perfection, according to cultural perfection, color, form, and condition/grooming.
6. All Entries must be passed by the Horticulture Committee. Sub-Standard entries will not be accepted.
7. Exhibitors MUST provide a watering tray if container is larger than 12 inches.

Containers and Collections Division-Entered items may not be more than four (4) feet in any direction. Entered items must have aesthetically pleasing design, variety of plants, and contrast of color. **Collections MUST** be six (6) different species of genre per container. **Terrariums MUST** have lids.

Woody Ornamentals Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

Vegetables Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

Cactus/Succulents Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

Flowering Plants Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

Floral Design Division Entries should consist of Fresh Flowers ONLY!

Fruit Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

Herbs Division Entries should consist of 1-3 plants.

301-Adult Containers & Collections
301.1-Dish Gardens
301.2-Terrariums
301.3-Other

302-Adult Woody Ornamentals
302.1-Woody Ornamentals

303-Adult Vegetables
303.1-Vegetables

304-Adult Cacti/Succulents
304-1-Cacti/Succulents

305-Adult Flowering Plants
305.1-Gardenia
305.2-Hibiscus
305.3-Orchid
305.4-Other

306-Adult Floral Design
306.1-Floral Design Amateur

307-Adult Fruits
307.1-Fruits

308-Elementary Containers & Collections
308.1-Dish Gardens
308.2-Tarrariums
308.3-Other

309-Middle School Containers & Collections
309.1-Dish Gardens
309.2-Terrariums
309.3-Other

310-High School Containers & Collections
310.1-Dish Gardens
310.2-Terrariums
310.3-Other

311-Elementary Woody Ornamentals
311.1-Woody Ornamentals

312-Middle School Woody Ornamental
312.1-Woody Ornamentals

313-High School Woody Ornamentals
313.1-Woody Ornamentals

314-Elementary Vegetables
314.1-Vegetables

315-Middle School Vegetables
315.1-Vegetables

316-High School Vegetables
316.1-Vegetables

317-Elementary Cacti/Succulents
317.1-Cactus/Succulent

318-Middle School Cacti/Succulents
318.1-Cactus/Succulents

319-High School Cacti/Succulents
319.1-Cactus/Succulents

320-Elementary Flowering Plants
320.1-Gardenia
320.2-Hibiscus
320.3-Orchid
320.4-Other

321-Middle School Flowering Plants
321.1-Gardenia
321.2-Hibiscus
321.3-Orchid
321.4-Other

322-High School Flowering Plants
322.1-Gardenia
322.2-Hibiscus
322.3-Orchid
322.4-Other

323-Elementary Floral Design
323.1-Floral Design

324-Middle School Floral Design
324.1-Floral Design

325-High School Floral Design
325.1-Floral Design

326-Elementary Fruits
326.1-Fruits

327-Middle School Fruits
327.1-Fruits

328-High School Fruits
328.1-Fruits

329-Professional Adult Containers & Collections
329.1-Dish Gardens
329.2-Terrariums
329.3-Other

330-Professional Adult Woody Ornamentals
330.1-Woody Ornamentals

331-Professional Adult Vegetables
331.1-Vegetables

332-Professional Adult Cacti/Succulents
332-1-Cacti/Succulents

333-Professional Adult Flowering Plants
333.1-Gardenia
333.2-Hibiscus
333.3-Orchid
333.4-Other

334-Professional Adult Floral Design
334.1-Floral Design Amateur

335-Professional Adult Fruits
335.1-Fruits

336-Professional Adult Herbs
336.1-Herbs

337-Adult Herbs
337.1-Herbs

338-Elementary Herbs
338.1-Herbs

339-Middle School Herbs
339.1-Herbs

340-High School Herbs
340.1-Herbs