

# 2023 EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

# MADERA

DISTRICT FAIR

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# FLORICULTURE



# EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM

STILL EXHIBITS & FLORICULTURE

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

MIDDLE INITIAL:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

AGE:

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION:

GRADE:

	DIVISION NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	Name, Kind, Variety, Brief Description	ENTRY FEE
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
Consult Exhibitor's Handbook for Division and Class Numbers, Entry Fees and Closing Dates				TOTAL FEES

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including attorney's fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitors participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property. Exhibitor has read, understands and agrees to abide by all of the rules published in the Fair's Exhibitor Handbook.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is the project of the exhibitor and is eligible to be shown in accordance with the rules of this show.

ADVISOR/LEADER/TEACHER SIGNATURE & PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB/CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR FAIR USE ONLY  
DATE RECEIVED:

RECEIVED BY:

EXHIBITOR #:

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## FAIR STAFF

Tom Mitchell	CEO
Melissa Fornof	Deputy Manager
Barbara Leach	Marketing & PR
Lynnette Jacobsen	Exhibit Representative
Tina Sepulveda	Office Assistant
Barbara Murphy	Office Assistant
Vince Hernandez	Senior Maintenance
Robert Burke	Maintenance
Angelo Prado	Grounds
Anne Deniz	Livestock Superintendent
Don Myers	Livestock Operations Manager
Sandy Vaiarello	Stills and Floriculture Superintendent

## ADDRESS

Madera District Fair  
1850 W. Cleveland Ave.  
Madera, CA 93637  
[www.maderafair.com](http://www.maderafair.com)

## PHONE NUMBERS

MAIN LINE	(559) 674-8511
FAX	(559) 674-4516
Livestock Office	(559) 674-1224

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Closed Holidays

## FAIR TIME OFFICE HOURS

September 7-10, 2023  
Thursday-Sunday  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

## ENTRY CLOSING DAY HOURS

MONDAY and TUESDAY August 21st and 22nd, 2023  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
EXHIBIT HALL (HOME ARTS BUILDING)

## FAIR ADMISSIONS

General Admission at the Gate	\$15
Senior Citizens (62 and up)	\$10
Children 12 years and under	FREE
Pre-Sale General Admission	\$10

## FAIRGROUND HOURS

THURSDAY	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
FRIDAY	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SATURDAY	3:00 PM - 11:00 PM
SUNDAY	3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

## CARNIVAL HOURS

THURSDAY	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
FRIDAY	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
SATURDAY	3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
SUNDAY	3:00 PM - 12:00 AM

# DATES TO KNOW

## ENTRY FORM RECEIVING DATES

DATE	TIME	ENTRY FORM
August 5th		ALL LIVESTOCK MARKET ENTRY FORMS DUE see pg. 47 for more details
Monday or Tuesday, Aug. 21st or 22nd <b>ENTRY FORM CLOSING</b>	4:00-8:00 PM	FLORICULTURE- Gardens, Potted Plants, Dry Arrangements, Florals or Succulents and Fresh Cut Flowers EXHIBIT HALL- Junior and Adult, AG Mechanics, Special Contests and Classroom LIVESTOCK- Non Market Livestock Entries
Monday, Aug. 28th		Last day for Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat substitutions

**STILL and FLORICULTURE ONLINE ENTRIES ARE FREE UNTIL AUGUST 1ST!**

## EXHIBIT RECEIVING and CLAIMING DATES

DATE	TIME	EXHIBIT
Monday or Tuesday Aug. 28th or 29th FINAL RECEIVING	4:00-8:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall</b> - All Adult and Youth Still Exhibits including preserves. Floriculture- Potted Plants, Wreaths and Scarecrows *Save yourself a trip! Bring exhibits on entry closing dates 8/21 or 8/22
Monday or Tuesday Aug. 28th or 29th FINAL RECEIVING	4:00-8:00 PM	AG Mechanics- receiving information on page 37
Saturday, Aug. 26th	8:30 AM	<b>Livestock</b> - Gymkhana Horse Show
Sunday, Aug. 27th	8:30 AM	<b>Livestock</b> - Horse Show
Saturday, Sept. 2nd-9th	VARIED	<b>Livestock</b> - All Shows
Monday, Sept. 4th	6:00AM-6:00PM	<b>Livestock</b> - receiving BEGINS at 6:00 AM and NO later than 6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 9th	11:00 AM	<b>Livestock</b> - Buyers Luncheon
Saturday, Sept. 9th	12:00 NOON	<b>Livestock</b> - Auction
Monday, Sept. 4th	until 5:00 PM	<b>Floriculture</b> - Gardens Completed
Tuesday, Sept. 5th	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	<b>Floriculture</b> - Produce, Nature's Wonders, Potted plants, etc...
Tuesday Sept. 5th	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	<b>Floriculture</b> - Fresh Cut Flowers & Arrangements @ Hatfield Hall
Tuesday Sept. 5th	4:00 PM-8:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall</b> - Baking & Confections for Adult, Youth and Challenged Division
Thursday Sept 7th	6:30 PM-7:15 PM	The Great American Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest! Judging at 7:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 8th	5:00-5:45 PM	LOCAL Grown Pies! Judging at 6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 9th	4:00-4:45 PM	BBQ Ribs! Judging at 5:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 9th	6:00-6:45 PM	Cupcake Wars Judging at 7:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 10th	4:00-4:45 PM	Salsa Contest! Judging at 5:00 PM
DATE	TIME	CLAIMING YOUR EXHIBIT
Tuesday, Sept. 12th	4:00-8:00 PM	<b>FLORICULTURE and EXHIBIT HALL</b>

**FULL LIVESTOCK  
dates and times  
on pg. 47**



# EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Look for your department or talent in the bold headings across the top. Many DIVISIONS offer Skill Levels. Many CLASSES offer "any other", when, what or how you create is not an exact class. Our goal with the exhibitor handbook is to increase competition and interest while making it easy for EVERYONE to enter, even FIRST TIMERS! Competing at Madera Fair is fun for all.

## GET A HANDBOOK or VIEW IT ONLINE. Check!

1. Look through the book and find the areas that you are interested in entering. It is easy to look at it this way: WHAT you do and HOW you do it! OR HOW you do it and WHAT it is!
2. This book is published yearly and lists all of the departments, divisions and classes that are available for entry.
3. You'll notice a specific YOUTH CONTEST section in orange. If we do not have a comparable contest in youth, then youth are welcome to enter the adult contest section.

## SECOND, Fill out your entry form:

1. **ONLINE:** Go to [maderafair.com/entry](http://maderafair.com/entry) and click the link to enter. ONLINE ENTRY will require you create a user name and password OR sign-in with your existing one. Follow instructions to enter. Review your cart and confirm that all items have been entered. Select "check-out" to continue to payment screen. ALL STILL and FLORICULTURE ENTRIES ARE FREE until August 1st, 2023.
2. **PAPER ENTRY** forms are available in the handbook, at [www.maderafair.com](http://www.maderafair.com) or from the Fair Office. Special paper entry forms are required for livestock.
  - a. Sign your form. Youth must include their age, grade and have a parent or leader sign.
  - b. Please include phone number, complete address and email.
  - c. Make sure both the division number and class number are clearly listed on the form.
3. Enter the classes you feel are best suited for your exhibit. The Fair will attempt to enter exhibits in the proper classes when entries are made in error on the form. However, the Fair will not be liable for entries made in error.
4. Refer to rules listed in the department you are entering for further information. If you need help, call the Fair Office at (559)674-8511 or come in and see us Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
5. Complete online OR bring your entry form and fees, if applicable, to the Fair Office by 8 PM on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

## THIRD, Bring your exhibits to the Fairgrounds.

Be sure you have noted the receiving days as listed in the Exhibitor Handbook. Bring your exhibits between the hours listed, to the building indicated.

**NOTE:** All exhibits must be picked up on the date listed, in most cases the Tuesday following the closure of the Fair. The Fair is not responsible for items not claimed on or after the claiming date. Any remaining exhibits not claimed by October 31st may be donated or discarded.

## GLOSSARY OR TERMINOLOGY:

**ADULT EXHIBITOR** - Persons that are age 19 years & older.

**ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL** - Exhibitor who has achieved a marked degree of expertise in the division or who has sold or made money from their work.

**AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING** - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first place, one second place, one third place, etc.

**BEGINNER** - Exhibitor who has two years or less experience in the division.

**CLAIMING** - The dates and times that an exhibit is to be claimed (picked up) by the owner. Prize checks and ribbons are issued at the same time, except for livestock and special contests.

**CLOSING DATE** - The last date on which entry forms can be accepted. The forms can be delivered to the Fair office or postmarked by midnight on closing date.

**DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING** - The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against a scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first place, second place, etc., as merited.

**ENTRY FEE** - The amount to be paid for each item entered, if required (always listed under the prizes offered).

**EXHIBIT** - The animal or item, which will be judged.

**INTERMEDIATE** - Exhibitor who has two years or more experience in the division.

**JUDGING** - Date and time of the judging. When judging is listed as open or live, it means that special arrangements have been made for a public audience.

**POP-UP CONTEST** - Exhibit contests that will be announced during FAIR TIME and on the grounds! Visit Facebook and daily schedules for contests, times and locations, September 7th-10th, 2023.

**PRIZES OFFERED** - The amount awarded for a judged category. Also called PREMIUMS.

**RECEIVING** - The date and time when the exhibits will be accepted by the departments in which they have been entered. Items are received in the building or area where they will be shown.

**UNIQUELY CHALLENGED EXHIBITOR** - For persons with learning, developmental or physical disabilities and enrolled in a group facility or Adult Day Program.

**YOUTH EXHIBITOR** - Persons age 18 years and younger.

# RULES, RULES & A FEW MORE RULES

Specific guidelines per contest will be listed with that contest. Hopefully the **GENERAL RULES** answer ALL of your questions. If not, visit [maderafair.com](http://maderafair.com) and find the FAQ tab, under Exhibitor Handbook for Frequently Asked Questions. Of course the office is always happy to help, give us a call or stop by!



## LOCAL RULES

### 21-A DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MADERA DISTRICT FAIR

1. To enter an item in the Fair, all entries must be submitted online at [maderafair.com/entry](http://maderafair.com/entry) OR on paper entry forms furnished by the Madera District Fair. Send or submit all entry forms to:

Madera District Fair  
1850 W. Cleveland Ave.  
Madera, CA 93637

2. Unless otherwise specified, all classes will be open to legal residents of Madera County only.

3. The Fair is not responsible for items not claimed by published claiming date. Floriculture Entries and Exhibit Hall entries must be claimed on Tuesday, Sept. 12th unless otherwise specified. See Junior Livestock department rules and regulations regarding the release of livestock and tack.

4. It is the intent of the Fair Management to award all Special Awards and or donated prizes to exhibitors as published in the Exhibitor's Handbook. Exhibitors must notify the Fair within 30 days of the end date of fair, for missing awards. Fair Management will not be held responsible for prizes not received from sponsors.

5. Fair management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, or cancel awards without claim for damages.

6. The Fair reserves the right to reject any entry if it is deemed objectionable or if it requires excessive space.

7. By signing and submitting an entry form the exhibitor and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledges: *"The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the fair, the county, and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss, or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by,*

*arises from or is in any way connected with participation in the program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The Fair Management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor's participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor's property."* and agrees to read and understand the State Rules and Local Fair Rules; Certify that all information on entry forms is true and accurate; agree to abide by all rules set forth by the Fair; and agree to comply with the Fair's decision regarding any alleged violation of the State or Local Rules.

8. The Fair reserves the right to display exhibits as space permits. There is no guarantee that all items will be displayed.

9. All entries must be received or postmarked by Tuesday, Aug. 22nd and post entries will not be accepted unless otherwise specified.

10. Please note: The Fair makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the exhibitor handbook is accurate and free of typographical errors regarding the awarding of premiums and prizes. The Fair will not be held responsible for awarding duplicate premiums. The Fair will not be held responsible for items that have been disqualified at the Judge's discretion.

11. The Judge's decision is final. The Judge's book will be used as evidence for payment of premiums or special awards. Ribbons and Tags will not be accepted.

12. ALL STATE RULES APPLY, visit [maderafair.com](http://maderafair.com) to view or SCAN BELOW:



## EXHIBIT HALL RULES

1. All local rules apply.

2. This department is open to Madera County residents only.

3. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and abiding by local rules found in front of this book and all State Rules for California Fairs. A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the fairgrounds main office or at:

[www.cdffa.ca.gov/fe/](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/fe/)

4. Unless stated otherwise, exhibitors are limited to (2) two entries in any one class.

5. Unless stated otherwise, all entries must have been made or completed by the exhibitor within the last 12 months. Entries shall not have been shown previously at the Madera District Fair.

6. Names must be removed from articles, unless stated otherwise.

7. All entries are entered at the exhibitor's own risk. All possible caution will be taken, but the Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of any item.

# RULES, RULES & A FEW MORE RULES

8. Any entries that are dirty, dusty or soiled will be disqualified and not displayed.

9. Unless stated otherwise, this department conducts closed judging procedures. No visitors or exhibitors are allowed in the building during judging. No judging results will be given over the telephone.

10. Unless stated otherwise, entry in this department does not entitle exhibitor to free Fair admission.

11. All entries must be clearly marked with the exhibitor's name, address, division, class and title on back.

12. Youth Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter any special contest (as an adult) if there is not a comparable one in the YOUTH division.

13. Fair management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries or cancel awards, without claim for damages.

14. Please note: The Fair makes every effort to ensure that the information provided in the exhibitor handbook is accurate and free of typographical errors. The Fair will not be held responsible for awarding duplicate premiums or special awards. The Fair will not be held responsible for items that have been disqualified at the judge's discretion.

15. The judge's decision is final. The judge's book will be used as evidence for payment of premiums or special awards. Ribbons and Tags will not be accepted. No judging results will be given over the telephone.

Permitted Modifications: (1) image cropping and rotating as necessary (2) Color filters-only if they are used to color correct artificial lights. (3) Red-Eye removal and spot "dust marks" removal. (4) Use of artificial lighting such as flash, studio lights or reflectors used at the time the image was made. (5) Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as dodging, burning, levels, contrast, brightness, intensity, tone, saturation, lightness, value, color balance and hue as long as they are done in reasonable increments and have not significantly modified or manipulated the photograph to appear unnatural, or deviate from the original subject matter of which they were taken.

Modifications NOT Permitted: (1) Watermarks, writing, hand markings, hand tinting, or physical modifications. (2) Spray matte, or any physical substance that may be added to alter the texture or appearance of print. (3) Adding or replacing elements or composite images. (4) Cloning or removal, replacing or addition of any elements in a photo. (5) Digital retouching or airbrushing. (6) Artistic filters such as fog, mist, warming, sunbursts or any other special effects filter. (7) Specialized treatments or cross processing of film.

## PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

1. You can enter (2) entries per class, per person.

2. Any photo may be entered as long as it has never won an award at Madera District Fair.

3. Black & White prints may be entered in any class. However, for judging on Black & White technique, it must be entered in the Black & White class # within your Division.

4. All photos must be taken by exhibitor. However, they may be developed, printed and/or mounted by a professional.

5. Please provide an 8"x 10" or 8"x 12" print and mount on a **SINGLE** mat. Double or triple mat may be disqualified.

6. All prints must include an adhesive hanger centered on the back and flush with the top edge. Hangers are available at the Fair Office or on receiving day free of charge.

7. All prints must be clearly marked on the back of the mat with the following information:

EXHIBITOR'S NAME

Address

Phone

Division & Class

\*\*\*ADVISEMENT: Our experience shows simply using double sided tape does not work. Often with the humidity in the building it becomes detached. We suggest glue dots or a stronger adhesive.

8. Images are not to be modified in any way that does not display a true representation of the subject matter of which the photo was taken. Minor corrections to enhance the color, contrast and brightness of a photo are allowed, as long as it is done in reasonable increments (as decided by judges) which do not alter the original natural form of the photograph.



## RIBBON, RIBBON WHO HAS A RIBBON?



# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

## FLORICULTURE and HOME GARDENING

	ENTRY CLOSING	RECEIVING	CLAIMING
Gardens Adult & Junior	Monday & Tuesday Aug. 21st & 22nd between 4:00 - 8:00 PM	Completed by: Monday, Sept. 4th by 5:00 PM	Tues. - Sept. 12th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Dry Arrangements, Wreaths and Yard Art		Aug. 21st and 22nd 4-8 PM Aug. 28th & Aug. 29th 4-8 PM	Tues. - Sept. 12th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Potted Plants		August 29th 4:00 - 8:00 PM	Tues. - Sept. 12th 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Fresh Cut Flowers Arrangements Home Gardening		Tues. Sept. 5th 4-8 PM Hatfield Hall	Tues. - Sept. 12th 4:00 - 8:00 PM

### Open to Residents of Madera, Merced and Fresno Counties (except where noted)

All Local Rules Apply.

1. Exhibitors are limited to two exhibits in any one class except where noted.
2. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except in classes for arrangements.
3. Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled.
4. Under no circumstances will flowers for exhibits be assembled in the show area. Table for assembling exhibits will be provided outside the show area.
5. Containers will be furnished for cut flowers and must be used by exhibitors.
6. Judges shall award first, second and third place according to merit and if without merit, no award shall be made.
7. Containers must be properly marked and cleaned for display.
8. All containers must be able to be moved as a single piece. If containers are made of multiple parts, all parts need to be securely attached. Fair shall not be responsible for any container that is not properly constructed.
9. Large containers/plants can be brought and placed. Please make arrangements with the Fair. Vases that leak will be replaced or removed from show.
10. Roses, except polyantha, ramblers and cluster types, should be disbudded. This also applies to dahlias, carnations and asters.
11. Foliage and accessories are permitted in all classifications of flower arrangements.
12. List variety or color on entry form for all "Any Variety Not Listed".
13. The Fair will not be responsible for loss, theft, or breakage.

A copy of the State Rules may be obtained at the Fairgrounds main office or at: [www.cdca.ca.gov/fe/](http://www.cdca.ca.gov/fe/)

# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."-Audrey Hepburn

Please read general rules on page 8 and specific guidelines for each contest where applicable.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

See pg. 34 for additional floriculture rules, dates and times.  
Exhibitors 18 years of age and under may enter any special contest (as an adult) if there is not a comparable one in the Junior Division.

## THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT!

1. Decide what division(s) and class(es) you are entering.
2. Visit [maderafair.com/entry](http://maderafair.com/entry) to create a username to enter online. ONLINE STILL and FLORICULTURE entries are FREE until August 1st, 2023.
3. IF you prefer paper entry, a form is in the book, available at [maderafair.com](http://maderafair.com) OR in the Madera Fair office.
4. Submit online entry OR paper entry form to Madera Fair on or before August 22nd, 2023, pay applicable entry fees.
5. Bring Exhibit on FINAL receiving days, Aug. 28th or 29th, 2023 unless noted.

## GARDEN GUIDELINES

1. Only one entry per person or organization permitted per class. In this division, if gardens are not filled by entry closing date, (1) additional entry will be permitted and assigned per order of waiting list.
2. A limited number of Gardens are available on the grounds and will be filled on a first come basis.
3. Madera County residents will be given first preference. Merced and Fresno County garden entries will be accepted beginning July 15th to fill any remaining openings.
4. If a garden space is not started on by Monday, Sept. 4th @ 12 noon, that designated space will be filled with an exhibitor from the waiting list, if wait list exhibitor needs additional time, it will be allowed due to late start.
5. No commercial recognition permitted.
6. Plant materials for garden exhibits must be growing with roots well established in order to avoid wilt and disorderly appearance. If plants are not rooted, exhibit will be disqualified.
7. Gates will be open from 8AM to 4PM for watering gardens. Prior to the opening day of the Fair, exhibitors are responsible for watering as needed. During the Fair, gardens will be watered by Fair staff.
8. Gardens may be started Saturday, 9/2 from 8:00AM - 4:00 PM. Gardens must be completed by Monday, 9/4 @ 5 PM, unless otherwise authorized by the fair.
9. Gardens are limited to a maximum of 4 exhibits per class, unless vacant openings need to be filled with waiting list.  
\*Open to residents of Madera, Merced and Fresno Counties (except where noted).
10. Individuals may utilize assistants but, the exhibitor must be the creative designer and execute the complete garden.

## Open to Groups or Individuals

### AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Show Ribbon will be awarded in Garden Div. 200

## DIVISION 200 GARDENS

### CLASS

1	10'x10' Garden	"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
2	10'x10' Garden	"School Days!"
	*class 2 for organized youth programs only	
3	30"x6' Raised Garden	"Rock Your World"
4	30"x6' Raised Garden	"Cosmic Garden"
5	30"x6' Raised Garden	"Your Name in Lights"
6	30"x6' Raised Garden	"Moonlight, Garden Lights"

### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in DIVISION 200

#### 10'x10' GARDEN

1st Place	\$150.00
2nd Place	\$100.00
3rd Place	\$75.00
4th Place	\$50.00

#### 30"x6' RAISED GARDEN BED

1st Place	\$90.00
2nd Place	\$65.00
3rd Place	\$40.00
4th Place	\$25.00

NO Entry Fee



# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

## PRIZES OFFERED

PER CLASS in the following

DIVISIONS: 201-206

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

**AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING**

## DIVISION 201

### SCARECROW

Have you ever wanted to make a scarecrow but were too scared to make one or have no place to show it off? Here is your chance to share your creativeness and amuse your friends with your new found skill.

1. Scarecrows must be on a stand and not exceed 72" height.
2. Piece must be one unit.
3. Be creative and original.

### CLASS

1	Adult: age 19 and older
2	Junior: age 18 and under

## DIVISION 202

### HOLIDAY WREATH

Use any form or any shape. Decorate and arrange with live, dry or mixed materials. Wreaths may be 12"-24" across. Will it be round, oval, square or other? Will it hold foliage, flowers, berries or more? Is your base a coat hanger, wood, horseshoes, rope or something completely different? "WOW" Fair guests with your creative welcoming skills and your favorite DOOR DECORATION.

### CLASS

1	Autumn Harvest
2	Cultural Celebration
3	Christmas

## DIVISION 203

### NATURE'S WONDERS

Do your neighbors run in fear from the sight of your pumpkins and squash? Do you have a sunflower that is bigger than your head? How about that ugly weed that you just can't seem to kill? Bring them to the fair and compete in the best of "Nature's Wonders!"

## CLASS

1	Pumpkin, largest in weight
2	Sunflower head, largest by diameter
3	Squash, largest in length
4	Watermelon, largest by weight
5	Ugliest Weed (Container/Potted)
6	Any vegetable, oddest shape

## DIVISION 204

### UNUSUAL CONTAINER

Show off your imagination by using a variety of unconventional items as potting containers. Maybe a hat, old chair, tire, watering can, or pallet? Anything, really! Express your floral artistry and give your favorite find a new look.

## CLASS

1	Garage Find
2	Vintage Foot-wear
3	Household Item
4	Item larger than 18" but no larger than 4 Feet
5	Any other, specify

## DIVISION 205

### WINDOW BOX DECORATING

You can choose from two classes below. "It's a NOVEL Idea" highlights your favorite book, and the other, "Harvest Days" lets you show us your best fall colors!

1. (6) Window Boxes are available and furnished by the Fair. They will be filled on a first come basis.
2. Window boxes are 36" long x 10" wide x 11" deep. Boxes are made out of natural wood.
3. Decorate with fresh, cactus, succulents, dried or silk materials.
4. **(1) entry per exhibitor in each class.**
5. The boxes will need to be arranged on site from 4-8PM on either August 28th or August 29th.
6. Window Boxes must be finished by Tuesday, August 29th by 8PM.
7. No-shows will be filled from a waiting list on August 30th.

## CLASS

1	"It's a NOVEL Idea"
2	"Harvest Days"



# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

## DIVISION 206

### CREATIVE YARD ART

General rules apply. One entry per person, per class.

#### CLASS

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Birdhouse, Bird feeder        |
| 2 | Metal (mailbox, topiary form) |
| 3 | Stepping Stone, Rock          |
| 4 | Wood (sign, planter)          |
| 5 | Any other not listed, specify |

## DIVISION 207

### HOME GARDENING - Produce

1. Three different varieties, per class, per person may be entered. Be prepared to state variety name upon receiving.
2. Amount to be displayed per entry follows class description.
3. Cracked, broken or spoiled produce will not be accepted.
4. If spoilage occurs, produce will be discarded after judging.

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

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|-----------|--------|
| 1st Place | \$5.00 |
| 2nd Place | \$3.00 |
| 3rd Place | \$2.00 |

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

#### CLASS

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Bell Peppers, 3     |
| 2 | Cucumbers, 3        |
| 3 | Eggplant, 1         |
| 4 | Okra, 6             |
| 5 | Peppers, specify, 6 |
| 6 | Squash, 1           |
| 7 | Tomatoes, 3         |
| 8 | Other, specify      |

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in the following

DIVISIONS: 208-210

- |           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| 1st Place | \$5.00 |
| 2nd Place | \$4.00 |
| 3rd Place | \$3.00 |

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

*One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each*

*Division, Divisions 208-210, with one*

*Best of Show being chosen from the winners.*

## DIVISION 208

### SILK ARRANGEMENTS

#### CLASS

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | "Floral Masterpieces" |
|---|-----------------------|

## DIVISION 209

### DRIED ARRANGEMENTS

#### CLASS

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | "Autumn and Heirlooms" |
|---|------------------------|

## DIVISION 210

### IKEBANA

Ikebana, a Japanese floral and plant arrangement emphasizing other areas of the plant, such as its stems and leaves, and draws emphasis toward shape, line and form. Use of dried, fresh or silk materials.

#### CLASS

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Container opening size under 12" |
| 2 | Container opening size over 12"  |

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# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

## PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in DIVISIONS 211-214

1st Place	\$5.00
2nd Place	\$4.00
3rd Place	\$3.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

### AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

*One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division, Divisions 211-216, with one Best of Show being chosen from the winners.*

## DIVISION 211 COLLECTION OF PLANTS

1. Collection of three pots, 1 plant per pot.
2. Only 10% of accessories or materials other than container should be unusually evident.

### CLASS

1	Cactus and Succulents
2	Ornamental Grasses
3	Potted Plants, other

## DIVISION 212 HANGING PLANTS

Your beautiful hanging plants need to be ready to hang and have cascading foliage for all to see.

### CLASS

1	Container opening 12" and under
2	Container opening 12" and over

## DIVISION 213 SINGLE PLANTS

No hanging pots.

### CLASS

1	Begonia, Any
2	Dracaena
3	Elephant Ears
4	Pony Tail Palm
5	Fern, any
6	Other, specify

## DIVISION 214 CACTUS & SUCCULENTS

### CLASS

1	Cactus, Bearded
2	Cactus, Column type
3	Cactus, Echino (barrel type)
4	Cactus & Succulent Dish Garden. Container opening not to exceed 12".
5	Cactus or Succulents, up to three (3) varieties growing in a dish garden, opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.
6	Cactus or Succulents, 4 or more varieties growing in a dish garden, opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.
7	Cactus, any variety not listed, please specify
8	Christmas Cactus
9	"Garden Scene" dish garden using cactus and/or succulents.
10	Jade Tree, any
11	Succulent Dish Garden container opening not to exceed 12"
12	Succulent - (2) varieties, one container
13	Succulent, any or any not listed, special



## DIVISION 215 BONSAI

The art of dwarfing and shaping trees and shrubs in shallow pots through pruning.

### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

### CLASS

1	Container opening size under 12"
2	Container opening size over 12"

# FLORICULTURE-HOME GARDENING

## DIVISION 216 TOPIARY

The art or practice of training live perennial plants by clipping the foliage and twigs of trees, shrubs and sub-shrubs to develop and maintain clearly defined shapes. Enter and share with Madera Fairgoers your fanciful creations!

### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

### AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

#### CLASS

1	Container size under 12"
2	Container size over 12"



### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS in DIVISIONS 217-220

1st Place	\$3.00
2nd Place	\$2.00
3rd Place	\$1.00

Entry Fees: \$1.00 per entry per class

*One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division, Divisions 217-220, with one Best of Show being chosen from the winners.*

## DIVISION 217 CUT FLOWER PERENNIALS

Three stems with foliage.

#### CLASS

1	Carnations, any
2	Chrysanthemums, small or clusters
3	Collections, 5 varieties of perennials, 1 stem each
4	Gaillardia
5	Gerbera
6	Phlox
7	Rose of Sharon
8	Scabiosa
9	Verbena
10	Dahlia
11	Any Other not listed, specify

## DIVISION 218 ROSES

Florabunda, Polyanthas and Grandifloras

Provide one stem with foliage.

#### CLASS

1	Pink
2	Red
3	Yellow
4	White
5	Collection -3 stem
6	Orange or Copper
7	Miniature Roses, pink
8	Miniature Roses, red
9	Miniature Roses, white
10	Miniature Roses, yellow
11	Any other color not listed, specify

## DIVISION 219 ROSES-HYBRID, TEA

One stem with foliage.

#### CLASS

1	Collection- 3 stems
2	Peace
3	Pink
4	Orange or Copper
5	Red
6	White
7	Yellow
8	Any other color or variety, specify

## DIVISION 220 SHRUBS, VINES, LILIES

Tubers, Bulb Blooms, Flowering Shrubs and Decorative

Foliage. ONE stem with foliage.

#### CLASS

1	Crape Myrtle
2	Flowering Shrubs
3	Gardenia
4	Hydrangea
5	Lantana
6	Shrimp Plant
7	Cocks Comb
8	Oleander, any color
9	Bottle Brush
10	Any Bulbs not listed, specify
11	Any Tubers, blooms not listed, specify
12	Any Decorative Foliage Plant Not listed, specify

# FLORICULTURE -YOUTH

## AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in Division

### DIVISION 221

#### "PETER PAN"

From Pixey Dust to Neverland, Peter Pan truly is a magical story. He turns 70 this year and is known for never growing up! It's time to fill a barrel with your favorite scene or chapter.

1. Barrels provided by Madera Fair, 24" diameter x 18".
2. Maximum entries eight (6). First come, first served.
3. Limited to 2 entries per exhibitor.
4. No one over 12 years old.

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$15.00
2nd Place	\$10.00
3rd Place	\$7.00

NO Entry Fee

#### CLASS

1	"Peter Pan"
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### DIVISION 222

#### "PLANT A SHOE"

Step 1: Find a shoe or boot!

Step 2: Plant your favorite cactus, succulents or other plants!

Step 3: Bring it to the Fair!

Match the colors, textures and styles of your shoe to plants that you use to come up with a unique, planted shoe. *\*Make sure you plant your shoe with dirt and use live plants.*

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$10.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$5.00

NO Entry Fee

#### CLASS

1	"STARRY NIGHTS"
2	Cactus or Succulent Garden

## ARRANGEMENTS and POTTED PLANTS

## AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING

One Best of Division Ribbon will be awarded in each Division.

### YOU COULD WIN MONEY!

#### PRIZES OFFERED PER CLASS

1st Place	\$3.00
2nd Place	\$2.00
3rd Place	\$1.00

NO Entry Fees

### DIVISION 223

#### FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Container opening not to exceed 6" in diameter. You choose your container!

#### CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12



### DIVISION 224

#### MASON JAR

Create that summer time arrangement that is so easy to add to any decor.

#### CLASS

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

# FLORICULTURE-YOUTH

## **DIVISION 225** *DRY OR SILK ARRANGEMENT*

### **CLASS**

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

## **DIVISION 226** *DISH GARDENS*

Container opening not to exceed 12" in diameter.

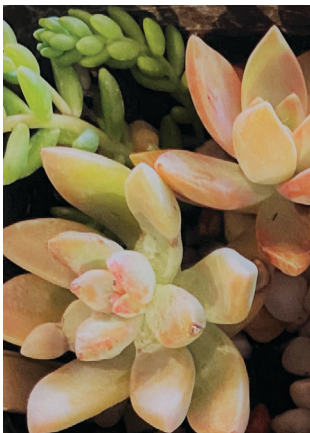
### **CLASS**

1	Preschool-K
2	Grades 1-4
3	Grades 5-8
4	Grades 9-12

## **DIVISION 227** *CACTUS and SUCCULENTS*

### **CLASS**

1	Cactus, Bearded
2	Cactus, Column type
3	Cactus, Echino (barrel type)
4	Cactus, Any other, specify
5	Succulent, Any, specify



## **DIVISION 228** *HANGING PLANTS*

\*Must be ready for hanging.

### **CLASS**

1	Container opening 12" and under
2	Container opening 12" and over

## **DIVISION 229** *POTTED HOUSE PLANTS*

### **CLASS**

1	Any Other House Plant, specify
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## **DIVISION 230** *SHRUBS, TREES, GRASS*

Single Container.

### **CLASS**

1	Azalea
2	California Bay Laurel
3	California Oak
4	Fruit Tree, specify
5	Tree, specify
6	Native Shrub, specify
7	Bottle Brush
8	Crape Myrtle
9	Any Other Foliage Plant, specify

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
Karen Ross, Secretary

February 2, 2023

The 2023 Fair Season is just around the corner! This past year was one to reflect upon. As our state reopened after a two-year hiatus, the Network of California Fairs picked right back up and opened the doors of the fairgrounds to welcome local communities to celebrate. Of course, California fairgrounds never stopped serving their communities during the pandemic. In the face of uncertainty, they rose to the occasion and reinvented themselves in as many ways as needed to serve their communities in the best ways possible.

From serving as testing sites and hosting drive-through events during the pandemic, to serving as emergency centers and hosting in-person events, fairgrounds have proven their resiliency over and over again. Whether the community is facing good or difficult times, our fairgrounds are always available and eager to lend a hand. The relationships the fair industry builds within their communities through these experiences are beyond comparison!

The impact the annual fair event has on local communities cannot be stressed enough. Every year the annual fairs attract multitudes to the various fairgrounds throughout the state. For some, it is the carnival rides. For others, it is delicious fair food. And if you are reading this letter, it is probably for your interest in the fair's exhibits. Whatever your reason may be, it all derives from tradition and a peek into technology and innovations of the future, agricultural advocacy, and a sense of community that brings California together.

Fair exhibitors generously invest enormous amounts of time and effort into their projects to represent California's culture and agricultural bounty at its best. While your main goal as an exhibitor is to learn, compete, and celebrate your accomplishments, you are also contributing to teaching your community about an industry that is of paramount importance to our state and the world.

I appreciate all your hard work and commitment to the fair and to agriculture and look forward to what this year has to offer because of your involvement.

Yours truly,

Karen Ross  
Secretary





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