

FLORICULTURE

Open Class

2026 Fair Theme – Boots, Buckets & Blooms. Create a floral or plant display using a western or farm-inspired container. Use boots, buckets, watering cans, toolboxes, milk cans or other rustic items. Entries should highlight growing things in rural life, creativity & resourcefulness found in barns or country homes.

Rules, classes, and lots are the same for all divisions listed.

Please put age on exhibit tags in Divisions 144, 145, 146.

Divisions:

141: Professional (orange tag)

Please bring business cards with entries

142: Sr. Citizen: age 62+ (aqua tag)

143: Adult: age 18-61 (green tag)

144: Student: age 13-17 (purple tag)

145: Youth: age 7-12 (pink tag)

146: Child: age 6 and under (yellow tag)

Rules:

1. All flowers must be grown by the exhibitor, except for dry arrangements.
2. Cut flowers that are exhibited will have containers furnished by the NCW Fair. If anyone uses their own containers, the Superintendents and NCW Fair are not responsible. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove, at any time, all or part of exhibit that has become unsightly. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring fresh flowers to replace spent blooms.
3. All blooms must be groomed before entry, clean and bug free. No wilted flowers will be accepted and if they wilt before judging time, they will not be judged.
4. Where a stated number of blooms are listed be sure you have that number, no more or less.
5. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter three colors in one lot. Any new introduction will be a subclass automatically.
6. A Best of Show ribbon plus 20 points will be awarded in these categories: Cut Flowers, Dahlias, Potted Plant, and Wheat Design. At the discretion of the judges, four overall special awards plus points can be awarded for Sr. Citizen, Adult, Student and Youth.

CLASS 1 – CUT FLOWERS

1. The flowers listed under Class 1 are the most common in our area. If there is something you have grown but is not listed by name in the premium book, please use the last entry number under miscellaneous.
2. Exhibitors encouraged to replace wilted or faded blooms during the fair. If the superintendent replaces with fresh flowers, after judging is completed, the color and kind may be altogether different from original entry.
3. Anyone having something unusual or different they do not wish to exhibit, please bring it to the Floriculture building. We would enjoy having it as a special educational display.
4. When cutting flowers, keep in mind how much the bud or blossoms will open before Thursday morning judging.
5. Identify your entries by species, and common name, if possible, as this provides information to the public. Please include the name of each entry.

Points Allowed: 8 5 3

Lot:

1. Aster, any type, 3 blooms, one color
2. Aster, any type, 3 blooms, mixed color
3. Bells of Ireland, 1 stem
4. Carnation, 3 stems
5. Chrysanthemum, cushion, 1 spray

6. Chrysanthemum, hardy garden variety, 1 spray
7. Chrysanthemum, decorative (disbudded), 3 stems
8. Chrysanthemum, button, 1 spray
9. Chrysanthemum, spoon, (disbudded), 3 stems
10. Chrysanthemum, quill, (disbudded), 3 stems
11. Chrysanthemum, reflex, 3 stems
12. Chrysanthemum, incurve (disbudded), 3 stems
13. Daisy, any type, 3 blooms or 1 spray
14. Delphiniums, any color, 1 spike one color, 1 bloom
15. Fall Crocus, any color, 3 blooms
16. Cosmos, 1 spray, any type.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS 1A

17. Chinese Lanterns, 1 spray
18. Globe Amaranth, 3 blooms, any color
19. Honesty (money plant), 1 spray
20. Statis, 3 stems, any color Statis, 3 stems, mixed color
21. Strawflowers, 3 stems, one color
22. Strawflowers, 3 stems, mixed
23. Any other everlasting flower not listed, 3 stems or blooms

GLADIOLUS 1B

Gladiolus should have straight stems, with each stem consisting of 3 parts: bottom 1/3 of stem needs open flowers, middle 1/3 have color showing, top 1/3 should have buds.

24. Gladiolus, Giant, 5.5" & over, 1 spike
25. Gladiolus, Medium, 3.5"-4.5", 1 spike
26. Gladiolus, Small, 2.5"-3.5", 1 spike
27. Gladiolus, Miniature, less than 2.5", 1 spike

MARIGOLDS-1C

28. Marigolds, Carnations flowered, 1 bloom with foliage
29. Marigolds, Chrysanthemum flowered, 1 bloom with foliage
30. Marigolds, French double, 1 spray
31. Marigolds, French single, 1 spray
32. Marigolds, Petite or Cupid, 1 spray
33. Any other type of marigold, 1 spray or bloom with foliage
34. Pansies, not less than 6 stems, any color

PETUNIAS-1D

35. Petunia, single 1 spray
36. Petunia, double, 1 spray
37. Petunia, single, fringed, 1 spray
38. Petunia, double, fringed, 1 spray
39. Petunia, single, ruffled, 1 spray
40. Petunia, double, ruffled, 1 spray
41. Phlox, 1 spray
42. Pinks (Dianthus), 1 color, 3 stems
43. Pinks, mixed color, 3 stems

ROSES-1E

All entries must have foliage on the stem and must be disbudded when the side bud is small. Length of stem no longer than 8".

44. Hybrid tea, any color, 1 bloom
45. Rose, Floribunda, 1 spray
46. Rose, Grand flora, 1 spray
47. Rose, Miniature, 1 spray
48. Rose, Climber, 1 spray
49. Rose, Bud, 1 bloom
50. Rose, Bud, spray

ZINNIAS-1F

51. Zinnias, dahlia type, 3 stems
52. Zinnias, dahlia type, mixed colors, 3 stems
53. Zinnias, Cactus flowered, 3 stems
54. Zinnias, Cactus flowered, mixed colors, 3 stems
55. Zinnias, pompom, 3 stems
56. Zinnias, pompom, mixed colors, 3 stems
57. Zinnias, dwarf, 3 stems
58. Zinnias, dwarf, mixed colors, 3 stems
59. Zinnias, 1 stem

MISCELLANEOUS-1G

60. Bachelor Buttons, 6 blooms
61. Salpigloss, 3 stems
62. Verbena, 3 stems
63. Balsam, 3 stems
64. Gazania, 3 stems
65. Canna, 1 stalk
66. Hydrangea, 1 stalk
67. Hollyhock
68. Snapdragons, 1 stem
69. Snapdragons, mixed color, 1 stalk
70. Snapdragons, 1 spray
71. Stocks, 3 stalks
72. Sedum, 1 stem
73. Feverfew
74. Creeping Zinnia
75. Coreopsis
76. Lily
77. Sunflower
78. Butterfly Bush
79. Dusty Miller, 3 stems
80. Dusty Miller, Cyrus, 1 stem
81. Amaranthus
82. Peony, single stem
83. Any flower not listed

CLASS 2 – DAHLIAS

One bloom per lot unless specified. No staging materials allowed in vases. The Fair will provide containers or exhibitors may use their own plain, black, or gray containers.

Points Allowed: 8 5 3

Lot:

Giant & Large

1. Giant Blooms over 10" in diameter
2. Large Blooms 8"-10" in diameter

Medium-Large Dahlia

3. Medium Blooms 6"-8" in diameter
4. Triple (3 blooms) of one variety, in one vase

Small

5. Small Blooms 4"- 6" in diameter
6. Triple (3 blooms) of one variety in one vase

Miniature

7. Miniature Blooms 2"- 4" in diameter
8. Triple (3 blooms) of one variety in one vase

Ball or Mini-Ball (2"-3.5") Type

9. Ball over 4" in diameter
10. Mini Ball 2" – 3.5" in diameter
11. Triple (3 blooms) of one variety in one vase
12. Pom Pom up to 2" diameter

Other Types

13. Stellar
14. Collarette
15. Water Lily
16. Anemone or Peony
17. Orchid or Orchettes

18. Novelty or Novelty Fully Double
19. Single or Mignon Single

CLASS 3 – DECORATIVE DESIGNS

Exhibitor must arrange all designs. Fresh plant material must be used in arrangements unless otherwise stated. Any floral design may have a placemat, candleholders, figurine(s), shells, wood, or other accessories. Only one entry per lot number is allowed.

Points Allowed: 10 7 5

Lot:

1. Autumn arrangements (silk, fresh or dried)
2. Arrangement using more than one container
3. Mass arrangement using mixed summer flowers, any container
4. Let's Think Patriotic
5. All One Color
6. Small Wonder, not to exceed 6", including base, if needed
7. Design Using a Figurine
8. Abstract Design
9. Line Design
10. Design using recycled container or decor
11. Rose arrangement
12. Design using silk flowers
13. Arrangement of all dried materials
14. Design using wood flowers
15. Miscellaneous arrangements
16. Dahlia arrangements
17. Sunflower arrangements
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CLASS 4 – DECORATIONS FOR A DOOR OR WALL

Only one entry per lot allowed. Exhibitor must make all decorations.

Points Allowed: 10 7 5 Lot:

1. Dried
2. Fresh
3. Silk

CLASS 5 – POTTED PLANTS

All potted plants must be groomed and bug free before entering.

Points Allowed: 10 7 5

Lot:

1. African Violet
2. Asparagus Fern
3. Boston Fern
4. Any other Fern
5. Begonia
6. Fuchsia
7. Caladium
8. Coleus
9. Geranium
10. Ivy
11. Philodendron
12. Cactus
13. Terrarium
14. Jade
15. Dish Garden
16. Hanging Plant Container (Not to be judged)
17. Hanging Plant Container (Judged)
18. Bonsai
19. Any Flowering Patio Pot
20. Cactus Garden
21. Lemon Grass
22. Flowerpot Fairy Garden
23. Succulent Garden
24. Any other plant not listed



CLASS 6 – WHEAT DESIGNS

Entries in this category will highlight wheat. Points

Allowed: 10 7 5

Lot:

1. Wheat design

CLASS 7 – EDIBLE HERBS

Points Allowed: 10 7 5 Lot:

1. Angelica
2. Basil
3. Sweet Basil
4. Caraway
5. Chervil
6. Chives
7. Coriander
8. Cummin
9. Dill
10. Echinacea
11. Fennel
12. Garlic
13. Lemon Balm
14. Lemon Thyme
15. Marjoram
16. Mint
17. Orange Mint
18. Oregano
19. Parsley
20. Rosemary
21. Sage
22. Purple Sage
23. Tri-Color Sage
24. Savory
25. Thyme
26. French Tarragon
27. Shallot
28. Stevia
29. Sunflower
30. Lavender
31. Other

