North Florida Fair Floral & Garden Arts

2026 Exhibitors Guide

2026 Floral and Garden Arts Theme: Season's Greetings – Celebrating Federal and National Holidays with the Love of Plants

North Florida Fair
Floral & Garden Arts
In partnership with the Capital City Garden Club, Inc.

The North Florida Fair Creative Living Competitions are made up of several departments. You will find competitions for Youth and Adults in Fine Arts, Needle Arts, Quilts, Decorative Painting, Photography, Creative Crafts, Leathercraft, Sewing, Canning, Woodworking, Collections, Culinary and Horticulture.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! All entries MUST be pre-registered through the North Florida Fair website using the online ShoWorks system or on the Official Entry Form located on the website. "Official Entry Forms" may be mailed to the fair office or hand delivered and MUST be received in the office by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 15, 2026.
Any entry not pre-registered will not be accepted.
There will not be any walk-ins accepted on the designated receiving day.

Exhibits Received:
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (10:00 AM-6:00 PM)- Building #1
Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (10:00 AM-6:00 PM) - Building #1
Exhibits delivered after 6:00 PM will not be accepted.
Any entry not pre-registered will not be accepted.
NO walk in entries will be accepted on designated *receiving days.*

Exhibits Released:
Monday, November 16, 2026 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)

General Rules:

- Entries in the Creative Living Departments are only open to residents in the following counties; Bay, Calhoun, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsen, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington.
- **ADULT** exhibitor eligibility: 17 years of age or older and are no longer enrolled in secondary (K-12) school.
- **YOUTH** exhibitor eligibility: Age categories are as follows: Youth (Grades up to 5); Youth (Grades 6-8); Youth (Grades 9-12).
- **REGISTRATION:**
    a. All entries MUST be pre-registered through the North Florida Fair website using the online ShoWorks system or on the Official Entry Form located on the website.

b. Completion of registration indicates you have read, understand, and agree to abide by ALL rules set forth in this premium book.
c. Registration will close at 11:59 pm on October 15, 2026. Exhibitors who have NOT pre-registered through the online system or submitted their entry forms by the deadline will NOT be eligible to show at the North Florida Fair, NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted.
d. ShoWorks confirmation receipt should be kept by the exhibitor for their records. Should any registration issues arise, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide proof of registration.

2. All entries will be received in Building 1 on Tuesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 4th, 2026, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Any entry not pre-registered will not be accepted. NO walk in entries will be accepted on designed receiving days.
3. **JUDGING:** Thursday, November 5, 2026. Results available after 5:00 p.m.
4. The registrar must tag all exhibited plants. The tag will include a tag number, owner information, common & botanical name of horticulture entries. The tag stub must be presented at pick-up for entries to be released and for participants to receive premium awards.
5. No artificial plants will be permitted in any part of the show.
6. Entries of plants contained on the University of Florida (UFL) invasive plant directory may be displayed but will not be judged for premium awards and ribbons.
7. Judges will use a 100-scale point system. The judge's decisions will be final.
8. Only judges, clerks and other authorized individuals will be allowed in the flower show area during judging. After judging, participants may enter the building to water plants during non-fair hours.
9. Exhibit entries must remain for the duration of the exhibit and shall not be removed prior to the release date of November 16th, 2026, without prior approval.
10. **REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION: Once an entry is placed on an exhibit table, no changes or interaction with placed plants will be allowed. Placement conducted by authorized Placement Committee members ONLY.**
11. Floral & Garden Arts opens at 5 PM Thursday, November 5, 2026, and will end on November 15, 2026. Participants entering flowers and plants must ensure that they are maintained in a show-worthy condition for the duration of the show. Maintenance and watering of plants are the responsibilities of the participant. Participants may be allowed to enter Building 1 during non-fair hours to water and inspect plants for condition but are prohibited from removing or moving any registered entry without approval of the show chair or co-chair. (Note: Parking is prohibited in non-designated areas.)
12. Non-competition Exhibitor and Vendor spaces are available — Exhibitors and vendors are permitted to display educational information, products, and services. Community associations may also exhibit information about their communities. All must register during designated registration hours and must comply with general rules and guidelines.

13. **Statement to winners:** Premiums will be paid from the awards as marked in the judge's books and not from the ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Ribbons sometimes become misplaced. Premiums will be paid to winning exhibitors within 30 days from the closing date of the fair. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address provided on the entry forms. All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with the Fair shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within 90 days of the date on the check. If the recipient/payee fails to negotiate the check, all monies due to the recipient/payee shall belong to the Fair and the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to the Fair. No checks will be reissued, no exceptions.

***IMPORTANT:** Capital City Garden Club, Inc. (CCGC) will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits but will not **assume responsibility for injury or loss of plants or material submitted for exhibit.** Valuable items used in the exhibit should be insured by the exhibitor.

Department 410 – Floral & Garden Arts

ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place- Red Ribbon
3rd Place -White Ribbon

Best of Division- $20 & Rosette
(Ten entries must be received in each Division to award Best of Division)
(Division E and Division J, K, L not eligible)

Best in Show-$100 & Rosette

YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place -Red Ribbon
3rd Place - White Ribbon

Best of Division- $10 & Rosette
(Ten entries must be received in each Division to award Best of Division)
(Division E and Division J, K, L not eligible)

Best in Show- $50 & Rosette

Floral & Garden Arts - Divisions and Classes

Division A: ANNUALS and PERENNIALS
Class 1: Ageratum
Class 2: Calendula
Class 3: Celosia (Cockscomb)
Class 4: Cornflower
Class 5: Impatiens
Class 6: Pansy

Class 7: Petunia
Class 8: Snapdragon
Class 9: Salvia
Class 10: Marigolds
Class 11: Zinnias
Class 12: Bromeliad
Class 13: Chrysanthemum
Class 14: Daisy
Class 15: Ginger
Class 16: Periwinkle
Class 17: Phlox
Class 18: Shrimp Plant
Class 19: Any other not listed

Division B: DECORATIVE FOLIAGE POTTED PLANTS

Class 21: Aucuba
Class 22: Begonia *(Note: Wax Begonia is on UFL Invasive Plant List)
Class 23: Caladium (Fancy Leaf)
Class 24: Calathea
Class 25: Chinese Evergreen
Class 26: Coleus
Class 27: Croton
Class 28: Dieffenbachia
Class 29: Dracaena
Class 30: Fern *(Note: Check UFL Invasive Plant List)
Class 31: Holly
Class 32: Maranatha
Class 33: Ornamental Grasses * (Note: Check UFL Invasive Plant List)
Class 34: Peperomia
Class 35: Persian Shield
Class 36: Philodendron
Class 37: Pothos
Class 38: Schefflera
Class 39: Shrimp Plant
Class 40: Spider Plant
Class 41: Tradescantia
Class 42: Any other not listed.

Division C: FLOWERING POTTED PLANTS (Blooming)

Class 43: African Violets
Class 44: Bleeding Hearts
Class 45: Geranium
Class 46: Gloxinia

Class 47: Mandevilla
Class 48: Touch Me Not
Class 49: Any Other Not Listed

Division D: FRUITS, VEGETABLES OR HERBS
Class 50: Fruit
Class 51: Vegetables
Class 52: Herbs

Exhibit Guidelines

- The registrar will provide paper plates for specimen display.
- Fruit should not be polished or treated to enhance appearance.
- Specimen display shall consist of 3 (three) small or 1(one) large.
- Where more than one is submitted, judges will look for uniformity, color & form.

Division E: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS
Class 53: Foliage design may include seed heads and/or seed pods.
Class 54: Flower arrangement with/or without fruits and/or vegetables

Exhibit Guidelines:

- Entries must be the work of one person.
- There will be only one entry per class, but an exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired.
- All entries must have plants and/or flowers. Plants shall not be treated to enhance appearance.
- Artificial fruit, plants or flowers will not be accepted by the registrar.
- Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with policies of the religious organizations.
- The American flag and other National flags must be displayed in accordance with proper flag etiquette.
- Exhibitors must provide botanical and common names of plants used in the design and may provide a separate card with a brief interpretation of the design.
- Live Plants/Flowers must be used in every flower arrangement. Designers are not required to have personally grown plants/flowers used in this exhibit.
- Flower arrangement designs will be judged by the appropriate Scale of Points. Judges will look for the following and award points accordingly:
    - Distinction and Condition: Marked superiority in all respects and physical state of plant material at the time of judging.
    - Design: The organization of the elements and principles of design.
    - Conformance: Compliance with the schedule e.g., space allotted, type of design, plant materials to be used etc. Interpretation of theme and/or title.

- Creativity: An original concept in the choice of components and/or principles in the organization of design elements within the limitations of the principles of design.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT
ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place- Red Ribbon
3rd Place -White Ribbon
Best Floral Arrangement (Adult) - $25 & Rosette

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT
YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place- Red Ribbon
3rd Place -White Ribbon
Best Floral Arrangement (Jr/Inter/Sr)- $15 & Rosette

Division F: SINGLE FLOWER OR PLANT CUTTING SPECIMEN
Class 55: Single Flower Cutting
Class 56: Single Plant Cutting

Division G: HANGING BASKETS
Class 60: Flowering Hanging Baskets
Class 61: Foliage Hanging Baskets

Division H: SHRUBS, TREES & VINES
Class 62: Shrubs
Class 63: Trees
Class 64: Vines (Includes Ivy Genus: Hedera L)

Division I: SUCCULENTS
Class 65: Agave
Class 66: Aloes
Class 67: Cacti
Class 68: Crassula
Class 69: Echeveria
Class 70: Hoya
Class 71: Kalanchoe

Class 72: Sansevieria
Class 73: Any others not listed.

SCALE OF POINTS

Cultural perfection 60
Condition and grooming 25
Distinction 15
Total Points 100

ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place- Red Ribbon
3rd Place -White Ribbon

Best of Division- $20 & Rosette
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Best in Show-$100 & Rosette

YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- Blue Ribbon
2nd Place -Red Ribbon
3rd Place - White Ribbon

Best of Division- $10 & Rosette
(Ten entries must be received in each Division to award Best of Division)
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Best in Show- $50 & Rosette

Division J: POCKET LANDSCAPE

Exhibit Guidelines: Theme: Seasons Greetings

- Entries may be the work of one person or a group of people and fit within the 10 ft x 10 ft premeasured pocket landscape space provided and reflecting the ***Floral & Garden Arts theme, Seasons Greetings.*** Adults and Youth will be judged separately.
- Youth can enter as individual or group (4-H or FFA are eligible) however, only one award will be given.
- The exhibit must contain plants and/or flowers. Plants shall not be treated to enhance appearance.
- No artificial fruit or plant material is permitted.
- Exhibitors must provide the common & botanical names of plant material used in the design and may provide a separate card or sign with a brief interpretation of the design.
- Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with policies of the religious organizations.
- The American flag and other National flags must be displayed in accordance with proper flag etiquette.

- Pocket Landscape exhibit must be maintained in show-worthy condition for duration of the show.
- Pocket Landscape entries must be completed and tagged by registrar by 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 6th. Work on Pocket Landscape designs may begin on Sunday or Monday with the approval of the Show Chairperson.
- Live Plants/Flowers must be used in every pocket landscape. Pocket landscape design is not required to have personally grown plants/flowers used in this exhibit.

SCALE OF POINTS

Design and Creativity 40
Effective User of Plant 30
Condition & Quality of Plants 20
Other 10
Total Points 100

POCKET LANDSCAPE
ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- $100 &Ribbon
2nd Place- $60 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$40 & Ribbon

POCKET LANDSCAPE
YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1st Place- $75 & Ribbon
2nd Place- $50 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$30 Ribbon

Division K: TEA TABLE DESIGN WITH FLORAL CENTERPIECE

Exhibit Guidelines: Seasons Greetings

- Exhibitors must use a standard-size card table (34" x 34") that includes an element reflecting the ***Floral & Garden Arts theme, Seasons Greetings*** and must be functional for two or more people. The Fair does not provide the tables. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
- Exhibitors must use live plants and/or flowers in the table centerpiece designs. Plants and flowers included in the centerpiece design are not required to be personally grown by the exhibitor.
- An individual may enter a tea table. Table and centerpiece designs must be the work of the individual exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form.
- Youth can enter as individual or group (4-H or FFA are eligible) however, only one award will be given.
- A flower circle, a group or an organization may enter a tea table. Any entity submitting a tea table design, shall register using the name of the circle chair, president, group leader, etc. on behalf of the group, circle, or organization.

- A single flower specimen or container-grown plants are not designed and are prohibited for use as a centerpiece.
- Exhibitors may use manufactured items having basic utilitarian use other than simulating plant material. Examples of acceptable items are dinnerware, such as a cabbage-shaped soup tureen, apple-shaped plate, or floral motif napkin rings. Unacceptable items would include a fountain featuring metal cattails or water lilies, as the aesthetic value of the same would exceed its utility.
- Religious symbols used must be displayed in a respectful manner and in accordance with policies of the religious organizations.
- The American flag and other National flags must be displayed in accordance with proper flag etiquette.
- Exhibitors may include the following:
    - Accessory and featured objects.
    - Clipped, stripped, bent, or otherwise manipulated fresh plants.
    - Contrived flowers constructed of plant material fresh and/or dried must appear as obvious "fantasy" flowers and/or foliage
    - Cut fruits or vegetables sealed to discourage insects, odors, or discoloration. Exhibitors may also include sealed nonperishable food products if the possibility exists for attracting insects or producing an undesirable odor Exhibitors may include objects which add interest such as, e.g., feathers, antlers, coral, horns, starfish, sponges, sea fans, shells, nests, manufactured or crafted simulations of birds, animals, and toys as decorative items.
    - Exhibitors may include staging items, such as panels, frames, pedestals, columns, boxes, or cubes in the designs.
- The flower show committee will, at registration, assign table location placements in the tea table exhibit section.

SCALE OF POINTS

For all Table designs
Design and Artistic Concept 50 pts
Table Setting 25 pts
Overall Presentation 25
Total 100

TEA TABLES
ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- $50 & Ribbon
2nd Place- $30 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$20 & Ribbon

TEA TABLES
YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- $40 & Ribbon
2nd Place- $25 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$15 & Ribbon

Division L: Themed Specialty Item:

Class 1: **Rooted in Freedom: 250 Years of America in Bloom**

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by showcasing how plants, and natural beauty have shaped the nation's identity. This theme blends history, heritage, and horticulture into one cohesive experience.

THEMED SPECIALY ITEM ADULT PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- $20 & Ribbon
2nd Place- $15 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$10 & Ribbon

THEMED SPECIALY ITEM YOUTH PREMIUMS & AWARDS
1st Place- $15 & Ribbon
2nd Place- $10 & Ribbon
3rd Place -$8 & Ribbon

FLORA MARKET EXHIBITOR'S GUIDELINES

1. No material may be sold to the public during the Show except by registered Flora Market Exhibitors in designated areas. Gardeners, farmers, and garden centers are permitted to display but not sell plants, flowers and/or produce.
2. Exhibitors may make descriptive pamphlets available at their exhibits but must display them neatly and with discretion.
3. Exhibitors may include a promotional space in their exhibit area.
4. Advertising, business cards, etc., will be permitted for Flora Market Exhibitors

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