

Horticulture Competition

2024 Rules & Regulations

Superintendent: Christina Reid

Judges: TBD

IMPORTANT DATES

Delivery of Entries (Horticulture Building) PM	Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024	9:00 AM – 7:00
Judging	Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024	
Awards Presentation (Horticulture Building)	Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024	2:00 PM
Entry Pick-Up (Horticulture Building)	Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Total Premium Offered - \$2,160.00 Entry Fees \$0.00

SPECIAL RULES *Please read all the rules carefully. Direct any questions to the Superintendent listed at the end of this section.*

1. This department is split into youth, ages 0-16 years, and adults ages 17+ years. Entries will be accepted only on Wednesday, September 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Horticulture Building. You may enter through the BROADWAY GATE with your exhibit. Exhibits not delivered to the Superintendent by this time will be barred from competition. An entry card must be completely filled out by the exhibitor including a name, phone number, and address. Please refrain from using a teacher or advisors contact information.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class and all entries must be grown in the South Plains area during the 2024 year.
3. In cases where there is only one exhibitor and no competition, the judge or judges shall only award premiums in accordance with the merits of the exhibit which may be first, second, third, etc.
4. In classes of numerous entries, exhibits not placing in the top three may be disposed of at the discretion of the Superintendent for reasons of space.
5. The decision as to the proper class for a particular exhibit is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The arrangement of all exhibits will be done by the Superintendent.

6. Entries in this competition must be submitted by individual exhibitors only; team entries are not permitted but can be noted on the entry card. Example: Suzy Que, grown in the Lubbock Elementary School Garden.
7. The Panhandle South Plains Fair has the right to refuse any entry that has a serious disease of insect problem.
8. No entries with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted. If there is any reproductions in whole or in part, a registered trademark or work of another individual, the Fair reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
9. The Fair is a family-oriented event. The Fair reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in the Fair's sole judgement, is deemed inappropriate for family viewing, controversial, or in poor taste prior to judging and display.
10. The Fair will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
11. The Fair is not responsible for lost, damaged, or dead items. Small items, accessories, etc. should be securely fastened to their container. Items of great sentimental value should not be used.
12. While the Fair takes every precaution to ensure the integrity of the entries, the Fair is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of entries. Damaged entries will not be repaired.
13. Any entry not picked up prior to 2:00 PM on September 29, 2024 **WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF THE FAIR.**
14. Any entry that does not comply with all competition rules will be disqualified.

Contacts: The following individual is available to answer any questions about the Horticulture Competition. Should an exhibitor require any accommodation due to personal health or medical conditions please inform individual at least one (1) month prior to the competition date.

CONTACT: Christina Reid

Superintendent

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Awards Presentation: *The Fair will host an awards presentation as follows: Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM in the Horticulture Building main stage. Everyone is encouraged to attend.*

- Exhibitors placing Best of Show and 1st through 3rd in all competition categories will be recognized.
- Winning entries in the New Innovation Concept classes will be asked to give a 1 minute (60 seconds) oral sales pitch on their concept.
- The winning entries will be labeled indicating the level of award and all entries will remain on display through the end of the Fair.

DIVISION 1 – Cut Flowers

Premium money in Division 1 will be: 1st- \$15.00, 2nd- \$10.00, 3rd- \$5.00

All entries must be grown on the South Plains and the plant variety must be indicated on each entry card. Entries should be in a bud vase container with water unless otherwise noted. All entries should be show ready. No leaf shine or wax products allowed. Ribbons will be given to 1st through 3rd place in all three classes. Rosettes for Best of Show will be awarded in each class to be designated by the Superintendent. These awards are given at the discretion of the judges for entries which illustrate outstanding merit.

Class No.

1. Youth Floral Arrangement-Theme: Celebrate the Season! Container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
2. Adult Floral Arrangement-Theme: Celebrate the Season! Container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
3. Youth Floral Arrangement-Theme: Whimsical, container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
4. Adult Floral Arrangement-Theme: Whimsical, container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
5. Youth Floral Arrangement-Theme: Other, plants must be locally grown, container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
6. Adult Floral Arrangement-Theme: Other, plants must be locally grown, container and plant species used at discretion of exhibitor
7. Youth- Single stem Iris
8. Adult- Single stem Iris
9. Youth- Single stem Day Lily
10. Adult- Single stem Day Lily
11. Youth- Single stem other
12. Adult- Single stem other

Classes 13-16 are for Floribunda, Grandiflora, Hybrid Tea and Landscape (Knockout type) Roses

13. Youth- Single stem with one Flower
14. Adult- Single stem with one Flower
15. Youth- Spray of Roses (multi flowers, single stem)
16. Adult- Spray of Roses (multi flowers, single stem)

Classes 17-20 are for Miniature Roses

17. Youth- Single stem with one flower
18. Adult- Single stem with one flower
19. Youth- Spray of Roses (multi flower, single stem)
20. Adult- Spray of Roses (multi flower, single stem)
21. Youth- Mass Arrangement Roses (10 or more blooms)
22. Adult- Mass Arrangement Roses (10 or more blooms)
23. Youth- Any other shrub in bloom, 1 spray
24. Adult- Any other shrub in bloom, 1 spray
25. Youth- Any other vine in bloom, 1 spray
26. Adult- Any other vine in bloom, 1 spray
27. Youth- Any native plant in bloom, 1 spray
28. Adult- Any native plant in bloom, 1 spray

Division 2- Container Plants

Premium money in Division 2 will be: 1st- \$15.00, 2nd- \$10.00, 3rd- \$5.00

All entries must be grown in South Plains and the variety must be indicated on each entry card. Entries should be well watered before arriving to the Fair. All entries should be show ready and able to sit on a table. Leaf polishes or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted. Rosettes for Best of Show will be awarded in each class to be designated by the superintendent. These awards are given at the discretion of the judges for entries which illustrate outstanding merit.

Class No.

29. Youth- Creative Plant Display- See further details below*
30. Adult- Creative Plant Display- See further details below*
31. Youth Indoor Plant- Orchid
32. Adult Indoor Plant- Orchid
33. Youth Indoor Plant- Bonsai
34. Adult Container Plant- Bonsai
35. Youth Indoor Plant - Philodendron
36. Adult Indoor Plant – Philodendron
37. Youth Indoor Plant Ivy
38. Adult Indoor Plant Ivy
39. Youth Indoor Plant - Other
40. Adult Indoor Plant - Other
41. Youth Carnivorous Plant
42. Adult Carnivorous Plant
43. Youth Fairy Garden
44. Adult Fairy Garden
45. Youth Terrarium
46. Adult Terrarium
47. Youth Succulent
48. Adult Succulent
49. Youth Cactus
50. Adult Cactus

***Class 29 & 30: CREATIVE PLANT DISPLAY**

Exhibitors will plant and cultivate 3 or more different examples of plant species in an appropriate container.

General Guidelines:

- Entries must have owned and grown by the exhibitor starting on or before August 19, 2024.
 - Plants should have evidence of being grown in a container, such as being securely rooted in soil.
 - If plants found to have been freshly potted or do not stand up during the Fair because they were not potted soon enough, the award will be withheld.
- Entries should complete upon arrival to the Fair.
- Entries should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Entries should feature 3 or more different plant species per container

- Plant selection is at the exhibitor's discretion.
- Plants may belong to any species.
- Plants must be healthy, free of disease, and bug free.
- Plants are the only living items that may included with the entry – no living items are permitted. (e.g., animals, reptiles, bugs).
- Vivarium's are excluded from the competition.
- Plants should be creatively and attractively potted in a container that is suitable for a tabletop display.
 - Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry.
 - If submitting a container grown plant, double potting is permitted, provided natural top dressing is used and the inside of the container is not visible. Top dressing must not float when watered.
 - If submitting a terrarium, double potting is not permitted.
 - If submitting a terrarium, the container may be opened or closed.
- Leaf polishes or other commercial foliage enhancers are not permitted.
- Accessories are permitted however emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, fresh planted materials rather than of accessories to create a scene.
- Containers must fit the display table.
 - Entries must not exceed a size of 30" wide x 30" deep.
 - Entries may not exceed 50 lbs.

Judging:

- There will be two rounds of judging.
- All entries will be judged in the first round of judging, and the top 10 entries determined at the judge's discretion will advance to the second round of judging.
- In the second round of judging, only the advancing entries will be judged on a 100 – point system.
 - Up to 30 points may be awarded for plant health
 - Up to 30 points may be awarded for variety of plants used.
 - Up to 40 points may be awarded for display creativity and detail.

Division 3 – Plant Collections

Premium money in Division 2 will be: 1st- \$15.00, 2nd- \$10.00, 3rd- \$5.00

All entries must be collected on the South Plains. All entries should be organized in a way single place and legibly labeled. All entries should be show ready and able to sit on a table. Ribbons will be given to first through third place in all classes. Rosettes for Best of Show will be awarded in each class to be designated by the Superintendent. These awards are given at the discretion of the judges for entries which illustrate outstanding merit.

Class No.

51. Youth Pressed Flowers
52. Adult Pressed Flowers
53. Youth Herbarium – Texas Native Plants
54. Adult Herbarium – Texas Native Plants
55. Youth Herbarium – Historically Significant Plants
56. Adult Herbarium – Historically Significant Plants
57. Youth Herbarium – Other
58. Adult Herbarium – Other

- 59. Youth Insect Box – Pollinators
- 60. Adult Insect Box – Pollinators
- 61. Youth Insect Box – Other
- 62. Adult Insect Box – Other
- 63. Youth Garden Journal
- 64. Adult Garden Journal

Division 4 – Design & Innovation

Premium money in Division 2 will be: 1st- \$15.00, 2nd- \$10.00, 3rd- \$5.00

All entries must be produced on the South Plains. All entries should be able to sit on a table or stand alone. Ribbons will be given to first through third place in all classes. Rosettes for Best of Show will be awarded in each class to be designated by the Superintendent. These awards are given at the discretion of the judges for entries which illustrate outstanding merit.

Class No.

- 65. Youth Landscape Design – Paper, hand-drawn
- 66. Adult Landscape Design – Paper, hand-drawn
- 67. Youth Landscape Design – Paper, computer aided
- 68. Adult Landscape Design – Paper, computer aided
- 69. Youth Landscape Design – 3D Model
- 70. Adult Landscape Design – 3D Model
- 71. Youth New Innovation Concept – See details below*
- 72. Adult New Innovation Concept – See details below*

***Class 67 & 68: New Innovation Concept**

No idea is too big or too small! Share your ideas with us and cultivate your creativity! Exhibitors will put together a visual sales pitch for a new product relevant to the horticulture industry. All exhibitors must enter their own ideas. **Plagiarism will not be accepted and immediately disqualified.**

General Guidelines:

- Entries should be completed upon arrival to the Fair.
- Entries should be designed to be viewed by the general public and easily understandable. Things to be considered and answered in the visual/written sales pitch:
 - A. What problem or task does this innovation solve/produce?
 - B. What impact would this innovation make on the horticulture industry?
 - C. Who would use this innovation?
 - D. How does this innovation impact our environment?
 - E. What is stopping you from pursuing this innovation concept further?
 - Sales pitch materials should be displayed in a way that is suitable for a tabletop display. Example: tri-fold project display board.

Judging:

- There will be two rounds of judging
- All entries will be judged in the first round of judging, and the top 10 entries determined at the judge's discretion will advance to the second round of judging.
- In the second round of judging, only the advancing entries will be judged on a 100-point system.
 - Up to 30 points may be awarded for creativity of innovation.
 - Up to 30 points may be awarded for display detail and use of marketing techniques.
 - Up to 40 points may be awarded for display for impact on horticulture industry.

Pick up of Entries: *All entries will remain on display at the fair from the date of competition through September 29, 2024 of the Fair. Exhibitors MUST pick up their entries at the following time:*

- September 29, 2024 Between 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PICKING UP DURING THIS TIME WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE FAIR.**