

# HORTICULTURE DIVISION



Grand Champion Horticulture Exhibit Laurabella Sanchez – Sullivan 4-H

**ENTRY DEADLINE** – January 14, 2022

**ENTRY FEE** - \$10 per entry

**CHECK-IN/ CLASSIFYING** – 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**JUDGING** – 9 a.m., Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

**JUDGING FOR GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS** – 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

**AUCTION OF PROJECTS** – 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

**RELEASE OF PROJECTS** – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon), Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

## REGULATIONS

1. All plants entered in the Horticulture Division must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 10, 2021, and must not have been rooted and seeded before the previous year's Livestock Show. Exception: Class seven
2. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school. Exhibitors must be residents of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy counties.
3. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or nine years old but under 20 as of January 1, 2022.
4. Plants must be wiped clean. No plant shine or wax may be used to gloss the foliage other than soap and water.
5. All plants must be watered prior to entry. Exhibitors must water their own plants during the show.

6. Plants should be insect and disease free. Any infested plants will be subject to removal from the show.
7. All plants must be living
8. Each exhibitor will be permitted to enter 3 plants, but bring only 1 to the show for judging
9. No entry may be re-potted within 60 days of the Show. Pots showing evidence of this will be subject to removal from the show. All pots are subject to re-potting test. Pots will not be sold after January, 7, 2022.
10. Deadline for entries will be January 14, 2022. Each entry will consist of the following
  - a. \$10 entry fee
  - b. A total of 2 photos must be submitted along with each entry.
    - i. First photo needs to be taken on or before December 10, 2021
    - ii. Second photo need to be taken within one week of the entry deadline- January 7, 2022
  - c. All plants should be in the official show pots by the January photo, with the exception of bulbs
  - d. No student, student name, school name or club name will be allowed in the photo
  - e. Photos must be attached to the RGVLS Horticulture Worksheet. These can be found on the website, [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com) under "Exhibitor Forms".
    - i. These same photos will need to be in the exhibitor's record book as well, so duplicate copies are recommended
  - f. Plants only
11. An entry identification card must be attached to each project at check-in time
12. Horticulture Record Books- Each exhibitor shall prepare a written record book of his/her entry to be submitted with each entry at check-in time.
  - a. Horticulture Records Books may be typed, printed or neatly written by the exhibitor
  - b. Horticulture Record Book worksheets can be obtained from the Livestock Show Office or online at [www.rgvls.com](http://www.rgvls.com)
  - c. Record book is used for validation and any information needed by the judge to break a class tie
  - d. At least 3 photos of the plant project must be submitted in the Record Book.
    - i. First photo should be taken before December 10, 2021
    - ii. Second photo by January 7, 2022
    - iii. Third photo to be taken at least 2 weeks prior to the March show
  - e. Committee will meet to review and validate or sift entries and corresponding pictures within a week after the January 14, 2022 entry deadline
13. Check-in time will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022. Judging of Horticulture entries will begin at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 12, 2022. Judging for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon at the Greenhouse.
14. Exhibitors must be present with their plant entries and record book during judging. If any exhibitor cannot be present during this time, substitution rulings will apply.

15. Entries will be classified upon arrival at the Show. The Horticulture Co-Chairmen will resolve any questions regarding classification of entries. Entries that meet all rules and regulations will be placed in one of the 10 Divisions
16. All project must be grown in a home or school facility under the supervision of an AST or 4-H leader
17. No accessories on the outside or inside of the pots or special stands will be allowed in the greenhouse except for the trellises bought from the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. No rocks or aggregates in any pots larger than sand. No decorative bark on top of potting soil except for succulent division. Aggregates no larger than 2 cm in diameter will be allowed. Gravel larger than 2 cm will be disqualified at the judge's discretion. See Show Container section of this book for more details.
18. Exhibitors must be responsible for getting their plants from greenhouse to judging area and back to the greenhouse if they have a division winner
19. All contestants need to be prepared, if necessary, to answer questions from the judge about planting dates, watering, fertilizing and/or other care and management questions about their projects at entry time
20. After judging, all plants may be tagged for sale in the Greenhouse area. Plants will be released to students or buyers on Sunday, March 20, 2022, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon). Any plants not picked up by this time will become property of the Show.
21. Violation or failure to comply with any of these rules could cause a project to be sifted. The committee has the right to enforce that any sifted project must be immediately removed from the Show grounds
22. Plants will be judged according to the ideal standards for that species, taking these things into mind in general
  - a. Maturity Stage
  - b. New Growth
  - c. Symmetry, Fullness and Balance
  - d. Insect Damage
  - e. Disease
  - f. Leaf Color
  - g. General appearance and size for age
  - h. Record Book, if good, could improve placing

### **SHOW CONTAINERS/TERRARIUMS/TRELLIS/TOMATO CAGES**

All containers, terrariums, trellises and tomato cages will be provided and sold by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. Entries that arrive at the Show in anything other than the official show containers, terrariums, trellises or tomato cages will not be accepted. Containers, terrariums, trellises and tomato cages must be paid for by the exhibitor, 4-H club manager or AST when they are picked up at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Office. Containers, terrarium, trellis and tomato cage prices will be based on the actual cost of the containers when they are purchased by the Show.

## **CONTAINER AND SUPPLIES PRICES**

Containers will not be sold after January 7, 2022

10" Hanging Basket - \$2.00

10" Round Pot - \$3.00

14" Round Pots (edible plants only) - \$7.00

Tomato Cage - \$1.00

16" Oval Planter - \$4.00

Trellis - \$8.00

Terrarium - \$15.00

## **PLANT DIVISIONS**

Division 1 – Foliage Plants

Division 2 – Succulents – none older than 3 years- judge's discretion – three or more varieties

Division 3 – Trailers and Vines

Division 4 – Flowering Plants

Division 5 – Ferns

Division 6 – Bulbs – Corn, Rhizome, Tubers and Pseudo Bulbs

Division 7 – Terrariums – All terrariums must have a lid which can be removed. No colored sand

Division 8 – Collection of Herbs – three or more varieties

Division 9 – Combination Plants – must contain 2 or more different plant species.

Division 10 – Edible plants – only one vegetable in a pot at a time.

## **AWARDS**

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be given the opportunity to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. Details of the Sale of Champions, including but not limited to, date, time, participating place levels and eligibility of exhibitor is subject to change at the sole discretion of the board of directors of The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

Grand Champion – Buckle and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle and Banner

Class Champion – Rosette

Reserve Class Champion – Rosette

3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded ribbons

## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> place - \$22
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$21
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply