

2025 Horticulture Show-Information and Rules

Adult and Youth Plant Divisions

This Horticulture Show of the Sumter County Fair is open to adults of any age, and youth 18 years and younger. Come join in the fun by entering your favorite plants or dish gardens in the 2025 UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Master Gardener Volunteer Horticulture Show. The Horticulture Show is part of the Sumter County Fair, an event that is enjoyed by thousands of fairgoers every year. Enter Expo 6 through large roll up door at back of Building E at 7620 SR 471, Bushnell, FL 33513. For questions, please contact Lisa Sanderson at 352-569-6867.

The theme of the Fair this year is **Diamond Jubilee – 70-Year Celebration at the Sumter County Fair**. Enter your Adult or Youth plant(s) and/or your Adult home-grown crop(s). Your entry could be the one to win the Best in Class Ribbon and could win the BEST OF SHOW ribbon!

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE – EXPO 6 – 10-Day Fair		
Check-In:	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	9 am to 4 pm
	Thursday, February 27, 2025	9 am to 4 pm
Judging:	Friday, February 28, 2025	9 am to 2 pm
Fair Open:	Friday February 8 thru March 9, 2025	
Check out:	Monday, March 10, 2025	9 am to 4 pm

1. Competition is open to all residents and amateur gardeners of Sumter County.
2. There also is a Youth Division for gardeners aged 18 years and younger.
3. Only one (1) plant per container is permitted (Exceptions: dish gardens and collections).
4. Exhibitors must have grown the plant for at least two months.
5. Dish gardens and youth entries must have been grown for one month.
6. Entries must be in clean containers.
7. Exhibits must have plant name, along with exhibitor's name, address, and phone number.
8. Plant must be clean and free of pests, insects, diseases, and weeds.
9. Plants must remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair
10. The management will exercise all possible care but cannot be responsible for damage or loss.
11. The Classification Committee:
 - Checks and approves plants.
 - May create a new division or class.

Plant Show Judging

Judging will be completed the morning of Friday, February 28, just before the Fair opens. Entries must remain on display through Sunday, March 9. Please follow the list of Horticulture Show Rules listed below when entering your plant exhibits. Entries may be picked up in Expo 6 on Monday, March 10, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Exhibits are judged for perfection according to the Scale of Points listed below:

Scale of Points

Cultural Perfection	40
Color	20
Conditioning & Grooming	20
Form	10
Size	<u>10</u>
	100

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2025 Home-Grown – Information and Rules

Adult Division

The Home-Grown Show is part of the Sumter County Fair, an event that is enjoyed by thousands of fairgoers every year. Enter Expo 6 through large roll up door at back of Building E at 7620 SR 471, Bushnell, FL 33513. The theme of the Fair this year is **Diamond Jubilee – 70-Year Celebration at the Sumter County Fair**. Enter your Adult home-grown crop(s). Youth Home-Grown entries are submitted through the Family Living Exhibits Your entry could be the one to win the Best in Class Ribbon and could win the BEST OF SHOW ribbon! Read below for Home Grown Entry Rules for Adult entries. For questions, please contact Lisa Sanderson at 352-569-6867.

Vegetable, fruit or egg entries must be produced and harvested by the Exhibitor. Purchased items, including vegetables, fruits or eggs are not eligible for entry in the Home-Grown Adult Division.

Home-Grown entries that do not maintain freshness during the Sumter County Fair may be removed.

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1. Entries of fruits and vegetables should be **clean** consist of an appropriate number of the **same variety** in a container.
2. Egg entries are judged based on how they are displayed.
3. Adults may enter up to **5 different entries** in each ENTRY category.

ENTRY CATEGORIES-ADULT

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Eggs (in basket/container)
- Other

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Horticulture Show 2025 Divisions, Classes and Entries

DIVISION. ADULT

CLASS A. AFRICAN VIOLETS

1. Single flower single crown
2. Double flower single crown
3. Miniature single crown
4. Other

CLASS B. BROMELIADS (blooming and non-blooming)

5. Potted
6. Mounted
7. Other

CLASS C. CACTI

8. All varieties

CLASS D. FLOWERING PLANTS

9. Begonia
10. Bulbs
11. Geranium
12. Impatiens
13. Kalanchoe
14. Oxalis
15. Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum)
16. Petunia
17. Iris
18. Other

CLASS E. FOLIAGE PLANTS

19. Begonia
20. Croton
21. Dracaena
22. Schefflera
23. Snake Plant
24. Philodendron
25. Other

CLASS F. HANGING BASKETS

26. Philodendron
27. Pothos
28. Spider Plant
29. Asparagus Fern
30. Ivy
31. Other

CLASS G. FERNS

32. Bird's Nest
33. Boston
34. Elkhorn
35. Fishtail
36. Leatherleaf
37. Staghorn

38. Rabbit's Foot (Davallia)

39. Other

CLASS H. ORCHID

40. Jewel
41. Cattleya
42. Dendrobium
43. Phalaenopsis
44. Vanda
45. Cymbidium
46. Phaius (nun)
47. Other

CLASS I. SUCCULENTS

48. All Varieties of Succulents

CLASS J. EUPHORBIA

49. All Varieties of Euphorbia

CLASS K. EDIBLE PLANTS

50. Vegetable Plants
51. Herb Plants
52. Other

CLASS L. COLLECTIONS

53. All Entries (3 of the same family, different varieties)

CLASS M. DISH GARDENS

54. All Dish Garden Entries

CLASS N. SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

55. Ficus
56. Ming Aralia
57. Norfolk Island Pine
58. Ponytail Palm
59. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
60. Other

CLASS O. OTHER CLASSES

61. Entries from Other Families

CLASS P. DECORATIVE POTS

62. All Entries of Decorative Pots

DIVISION: ADULT

CLASS Q. HOME-GROWN

63. Vegetables
64. Fruits
65. Eggs (in a basket/container)
66. Other

DIVISION: YOUTH

CLASS A. YOUTH PLANTS

67. All Youth Plants