

TVE HORTICULTURE CONTEST RULES

Entry Deadline - May 31, 2024 by midnight - **all entries are online @ tve.fairwire.com**

Pick-up Date - TBA @ Liberty High School Ag Department 4-6pm

Check In - Monday, October 14th, 12-12:30pm **Judging** - Monday, October 14th, 12:30pm

Youth Auction - Friday October 18th, 12:00pm

DIVISIONS:

- 1 COLOR PLANTS
- 2 FOLIAGE PLANTS
- 3 MIXTURE of PLANTS (color and foliage)

The Horticulture Division is subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Trinity Valley Exposition along with the following division rules:

1. Entry fees are due by midnight on May 31, 2024.
 - No refunds for entries will be made once they are submitted.
2. **Each Exhibitor may only enter 1 division of the Horticulture Show.**
3. Flat(s) of plants not picked up during the designated pick-up day and time forfeit their entry and will not receive the plants.
 - **Someone can pick it up for the exhibitor, during pick-up time.**
4. Eligibility is subject to General Rule I.
5. Horticulture projects must be raised at the exhibitor's residence.
6. A representative of T. V. E. can visit the exhibitor's residence to ensure the exhibitor is growing the project at their home.
7. Exhibitors must submit the final project with plants that were grown from the flat(s) of plants acquired from the entry of this year's project.
 - No Decorations of any kind are allowed in/on the container for show.
8. Projects must have an established root system and be shown in the pot given by T.V.E. at the time of the exhibition.
9. An entry constitutes a minimum of 1 flat of plants.
 - a. Exhibitors will be provided with a container for their entry
 - b. You may not decorate the container in any way
 - c. **The project must be exhibited in the container provided**
10. **Entries will NOT be re-categorized if your plants die out**

PLACING:

- a. Exhibitors will be placed in their respective entry classes.
- b. Exhibits will be given critique sheets if the judge chooses to leave one
- c. The Grand Champion from each division will be sold in the Premium Auction.

RECORD BOOK:

RECORD BOOKS WILL SCORE A ZERO IF THEY CONTAIN THE STUDENT'S NAME, CHAPTER/CLUB NAME, OR PHOTOS THAT IDENTIFY THE STUDENT / EXHIBITOR OF THE PROJECT IN ANY WAY.

- a. Your records must be on 8 1/2 X 11-inch paper
- b. Pages should consist of :
 - o Cover Page (1-page maximum)
 - o Introduction to your project (2 pages maximum)
 - o Weekly Report: images and description (2 pages maximum per week)
 - o Project Conclusion Summary (4 pages maximum)
 - o Cost Analysis Sheet (1-page maximum)
- c. Your record book should include:
 - o Images of the plant's growth every week
 - o A detailed description of plant care and conditioning
 - *Any inappropriate items in your pictures will be assessed a penalty which will affect your overall score (i.e.tobacco products, adult beverage containers, etc.)*

SHOW DAY:

- a. Bring your Plant and Record Book to the check-in table
- b. A Committee Representative will place your plant in the exhibit area
 - o *this area will be closed during check-in and while the judging of the horticulture projects is taking place*
- c. Judging will be 80% plant and 20% record book
- d. Contestants must complete award sponsor Thank You cards before receiving their awards.
- e. Precaution will be taken to protect every project, during the show. In no case will the Trinity Valley Exposition or Volunteers be held responsible for loss, theft, breakage, or damage. You are responsible for the plant after the show.
- f. [*You must have arrangements to pick up your plant immediately following the show!*](#)

The following is MANDATORY: Youth Auction participants MUST attend the Auction Meeting to be held Friday before the Auction. Thank You cards must be submitted for buyers and award donations before receiving your award or check.

All plants must be picked up after the show and the AUCTION projects must be returned by the exhibitor on the Friday of the live auction.

If an exhibitor violates any of the rules the exhibitor and any exhibitors within the same household will be ineligible to participate in the Horticulture Contest for the current year as well as the year immediately following.

Questions? Contact Brittany Purswell @ blpurswell@libertyisd.net