

CHRISTMAS TREE

SUPERINTENDENT	John Coward Southwick, Massachusetts
JUDGE	TBA
ARRIVAL	Thursday, September 14, 2023 9am to 1 noon
JUDGING	Thursday, September 14, 2023
RELEASE	Sunday, October 1, 2023 8pm

SHOW PREMIUMS

CHRISTMAS TREE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$100	85	70	60	50	50	50

DECORATED WREATH

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
\$75	65	60	55	50	45	45

UNDECORATED WREATH

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$75	65	60	55

ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 12 NOON

SPECIAL RULES

READ GENERAL RULES. All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

All New England growers are eligible and are invited to enter trees to be judged in competition at Eastern States Exposition. The tree classes are all Pines, all Spruces and all Fir species.

A premium of \$300 for the Grand Champion and \$200 for Reserve Grand Champion, will be offered, all three classes competing. A Rosette will be provided for the Reserve Grand Champion and for the highest placing tree from each state.

CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST RULES

1. Each farm may enter three trees but no more than one tree in each class. Flocked, sprayed or colored trees will be disqualified. Tree handles must be properly trimmed and 6 to 9 inches in length.
2. Trees entered for prize money must have TWO waterproof shipping tags attached to the butt with the name and address of the entrant thereon.
3. Trees entered for prize money must be from six to nine feet in overall length from tip of leader to the bottom of butt and must be fresh and of marketable quality. Trees not meeting these minimum standards will be disqualified.
4. Tip lengths of trees must be appropriate to the tree taper.
5. All entries MUST be on the site of The Big E Christmas Tree display by no later than noon Thursday, September 14. Trees may NOT be handled by the contestants after 10am or judging begins, whichever is later.
6. Judging is expected to begin about 10am or as soon as sufficient entries have been received. Judges have the right to restrict entrance to judging area.

SCORING SHEETS

Completed scoring sheets will be available at the end of the judging contest and will be

kept at the booth for the duration of the Fair. Entrants may pick up their sheets at the Fair or they may leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope at the registration desk and their sheets will be mailed. Any sheets left after the close of the Fair will be sent to the state associations for distribution. Ribbons will be sent to the state associations for presentation. Prize money checks will be mailed to you.

WREATH CONTEST RULES

The Wreath Contest is open to all New England wreath makers and/or decorators.

There will be one class for undecorated wreaths and one for decorated entries.

Ribbons will also be awarded to the winners. Rosettes will be awarded to the champion in each division.

RULES FOR THE WREATH CONTEST:

1. All wreaths should be made of natural conifer greens, and may include Holly and/or Laurel. They should be constructed on either a 10" or 12" ring. Any combination of tree greens is permitted.
2. Each contestant may enter two wreaths, but no more than one wreath in each class.
3. Securely attach your name and address to the wreath.
4. Undecorated wreaths will be judged for their construction. Decorated wreaths will be additionally judged for the type of decorations and arrangement.

The committee welcomes and would appreciate additional wreaths or other Christmas greenery to be used as display. Please attach a weatherproof tag with your name and address and the words "Display Only."

WREATHS FOR COMPETITION OR DISPLAY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR CARRIER. All wreaths should arrive prior to September 14. If you would like your wreath returned to you, please include a prepaid shipping label for return. Mailed items will be sent by the end of the week following the Exposition. Please send to: Eastern States Exposition, Ag/Ed Dept., 1305 Memorial Avenue, W. Springfield, MA 01089.

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