



FLORAL DESIGN

COMPETITION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ENTRY INFORMATION

Deadline: The entry deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024.

How to Enter: Entries can be delivered, mailed or emailed to the following address: info@ymbbl.org

YMBL - South Texas State Fair
Floral Design Competition
7250 Wespark Circle
Beaumont, Texas 77705

- Incorrect or incomplete information on the entry form may result in disqualification of the entry or a delay in issuing awards.
- Each entry must include the Competitors mailing address, phone number, and email address. Please refrain from using a teacher or advisors contact information.
- Submission of an entry form means you agree that the decision of the judges is final, and you agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the YMBL South Texas State Fair (the "Show") Horticulture Competition.
- Include FFA/4-H or Career and Technical Education advisor's contact information.
- It is the responsibility of the contestant/advisor to confirm that the entry has been received.

Division Criteria: Competitors competing in the Floral Design Competition must meet the following criteria:

- Competitors must be a member of an FFA/4-H Chapter or CTE Program in either Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Liberty, Jasper, Tyler, Newton or Chambers counties or the High Island School District.
- Entries are limited to one Entry per Competitor and 5 Competitors per FFA/4-H Chapter or CTE Program.
- Entries must be submitted by individual Competitors only; team entries are not permitted.

Entry Fees: There is an entry fee of \$25.00 to enter the Floral Design Competition.

Entry Limit: Competitors competing in the Floral Design Competition may enter only one entry.

- The Show has the right to limit entries to facilities available. Entries will be dated as received and entries received first will have priority. All entries are considered accepted unless the Competitor is notified otherwise.
- A maximum of 50 Competitors may participate in the Floral Design Competition. Entries will be accepted on a first received basis.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Please read all guidelines carefully. Direct any questions to Patrick Anderson (415) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343 Floral Design Competition Chairpersons.

- The Show has the right to refuse any entry that has a serious disease or insect problem.
- No entries with copyright or licensing infringement will be accepted. If there is any reproduction, in whole or in part, of a registered trademark or work of another individual, the Show reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
- The Show is a family-oriented event. The South Texas State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in the Show's sole judgement, is deemed inappropriate for family viewing, controversial, or in poor taste prior to judging and display.
- The Show will not be liable for entries made in error and will not re-open judging to accommodate such entries.
- All entries must be the work product of the individual listed as the Competitor on the Entry Form.
- **The Show 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.**
- Any entry that does not comply with all competition rules will be disqualified.

Show Admission:

- Competitors will receive free Fair Admission allowing competitor to access the fairgrounds on the competition date. A Parking Pass and ticket for an accompanying adult will also be provided.

Consent:

Competitors agree to the following rules to participate in the Floral Design Competition:

1. The competitor, teacher and parent/guardian understand, that as a condition of participation in the Floral Design Competition, they are granting the YMBL - South Texas State Fair permission to display the competitor's entry; to photograph, film, or otherwise record the competitor's entry; and, to reproduce the competitor's entry in whole, in part, or composite. The competitor and parent/guardian waive and release all rights to inspect/approve the final product, and they release discharge, and hold harmless the YMBL-South Texas State Fair from any liability by virtue of the use of the competitor's entry or images.
2. While the Show takes every precaution to ensure the integrity of the entries, the YMBL - South Texas State Fair and the Floral Design Competition Committee are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of entries. Damaged entries will not be repaired.

DELIVERY

Entries must be delivered to the Fair Exhibit Hall, 5115 IH-10 South, Beaumont on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Competitors are to deliver their entry to the rear of the Exhibit Hall on the Northeast side. **(See attached map)**

- Competitors will be met by a Floral Design Competition committee volunteer; the volunteer will assist the competitor with unloading the entry and delivering entry to the check in table. Entry must be setup by 12:15 p.m.

FLORAL DESIGN

Competitors are required to design a floral arrangement for a table that embodies the theme “Celebrating Easter in Texas”. Floral Arrangements can be for a dining table, buffet table, coffee table, a guest book sign in table, etc.)

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Competitors should review the design guidelines prior to preparing their entry. Questions may be directed to Patrick Anderson (409) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343 Floral Design Competition Chairpersons.

- Competitors must describe the use and purpose of their floral arrangement entry for the judges on a **5 x 7 card**.
- All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the theme “Celebrating Easter in Texas”.
- Entry should be designed to be viewed from all sides.
- Accessories may be used in the floral arrangement entry; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of fresh cut materials to represent the theme rather than of accessories to create a scene.
- Artificial floral, plant and foliage may not be used in the entry.
- Flowers and foliage on the entry should be free of blemishes, insects, and disease. Flowers and foliage must be able to stay alive for at least 3 days from time of entry delivery.
- Entries will be displayed on a 36” round cocktail table with a black table covering. The Competitor is responsible for positioning their design on the table covering. Competitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show. The table and table covering provided are for display purposes only and will not be considered in the judging.
- Accessories may not be added to the table setting (including, but not limited to, silverware, decorative items, place mats, books, glassware).
- If the Competitor is unable to deliver their entry, they may have a designee place their entry on the table. Entry will be disqualified if, at the sole discretion of the show, it is determined that the designee has altered the design in any manner.

JUDGING

Judging will be performed by two judges familiar with this type of competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to Patrick Anderson (409) 318-0762 or Chase Kiker (409) 656-7343 Floral Design Competition Chairpersons.

- All entries will be judged on a 100-point system and receive a score sheet.
- Judging will be based on the following five categories:
 - Up to 25 points for Design Aesthetics – Line/form, Color, and Greenery vs. Flowers
 - Up to 25 points for Design Principles – Balance, Focal Point, Proportion, and Unity
 - Up to 25 points for Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and cleanliness of design, proper coverage of foam, sturdiness of design.
 - Up to 25 points for Creativity.
- Judging will take place **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m.
- Only Competitors and designees are allowed in the competition area prior to judging.
- No electronic devices are allowed during the competition.
- Only judges and Floral Design Competition committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.
- Judge's decisions are final. Protests will not be considered.
- Winning entries will be announced at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, and winning Competitors will be recognized. Awards may be picked up at this time. Winning competitors are required to be present to receive their cash award.
- Final results will be sent to your FFA/4-H or CTE advisors on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**.

AWARDS

The Show will host Awards Ceremonies as follows:

- Awards will be given out on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. in Northeast corner of the Exhibit Hall.
- Competitors attending the Awards Ceremony can park in the designated area on the provided parking pass and will use the Fair pass provided to enter the Fair.
- Competitors placing 1st through 5th will be recognized.
- Ribbons will be awarded to those Competitors that place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place.
- Awards will be as follows:
 - 1st Place: \$40.00 (Ribbon and Buckle)
 - 2nd Place: \$30.00 (Ribbon and Buckle)
 - 3rd Place: \$20.00 (Ribbon)
 - 4th Place: \$15.00 (Ribbon)
 - 5th Place: \$10.00 (Ribbon)

SILENT AUCTION

All Competitors will be given the option to participate in a silent auction.

- The Silent Auction will begin after the awards presentation on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 and end on **Thursday, March 28, 2024** at 9:00 p.m.
- Competitors will be notified on **Friday, March 29, 2024** by 12:00 noon if their exhibit was sold or needs to be picked up.
- Auction proceeds will be mailed to Competitors within 60 days of the close of the 2024 South Texas State Fair.

PICK UP

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024**, Competitors may pickup their entry if they choose not to participate in the Silent Auction.

- Competitors choosing to pick up their exhibits at the conclusion of the awards ceremony, will be allowed to bring their car to the back of the Exhibit Hall.
- Entries that do not sale in the Silent Auction, can be picked up at the YMBL Office on **Friday, March 29, 2024 between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.**
- Silent Auction winning bidders will have until Friday, March 29, 2024 between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to pick up their purchased arrangements at the YMBL Office.
- All entries not picked up by Friday at 3:00 p.m. will be discarded.

CONTACTS

The following chairpersons are available to answer any questions about the Floral Design Competition. Should a competitor require any accommodations due to personal health or medical conditions please inform chairpersons at least one (1) week prior to the competition date.

Patrick Anderson
Floral Design Competition Chairman
(415) 318-0762

Chase Kiker
Floral Design Competition Chairman
(409) 656-7343

