

A • NURSERY & LANDSCAPING

Superintendent: Jared Sanders

Entry Deadline: August 23, 2024, by 11:55pm.

Exhibit set up: Monday & Tuesday, September 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.*Requested to Register for a Drop-off Slot*

Location: Gate 1, Barn B

Exhibit pick-up: Monday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *Requested to Register for a Pick-up Time Slot*

Competitive Exhibit Theme: “Un FAIR getable Fun”- Your garden should interpret the Competitive Exhibit Theme

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read important information on preceding pages 4, 8, and 9.

- Each garden space will be 10’ x 10’. There are a limited number of garden spaces available, and they will be issued based on entries received first.
- The gardens are to be educational as well as artistic and should be functional for the purpose designed. The physical features should serve the purpose intended (e.g., walks should have a destination or disappear with the illusion of a destination).
- Correct common names of plants must be provided. Botanical names should also be included. This information must be easily readable by the general public from outside the garden. No artificial material is allowed.
- Necessary structures and accessories such as walkways, fountains, fences, etc. are permitted as long as they adhere to the theme.
- Exhibitors are expected to clean, replace dead plant material, and water daily. If the garden is not kept attractive, it will be disqualified. Monday through Thursday gardens must be attended to by 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be handed out for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Exhibitors should place at least two spotlights or equivalent lighting in garden for night lighting. The NC Mountain State Fair will provide electricity to garden site, but no drop cords.
- Absolutely no dyed, artificial, or painted flowers or plants may be used. All plants must be live, in containers or balled and burlapped, and nursery grown. Plants may not be collected from the wild.
- Threatened or endangered species will not be permitted unless legally grown. Display should not include plants of cannabis, hemp, or invasive species.
- All material, including plant accessories, soil and mulch must be removed and the site should be cleaned and raked.

***Superintendents or their family members are not eligible to enter exhibits in the department(s) they are overseeing for competition but can be used for Display Only.**

Criteria for Judging Nursery and Landscaping

- Appropriate Plant Selection and Plant Health = 10
 - Color, Form and Texture used in the display = 15
 - Use of space = 15
 - Overall uniqueness = 15
 - Curb and / or Yard Appeal = 20
 - Overall Attractiveness = 25
- Total = 100

AWARDS

Ribbons and awards will be awarded based on the exhibitor’s adherence to the particular theme of the class.

Place	Premiums	Award Type / Color
First Place	\$250	Blue Rosette Ribbon
Second Place	\$200	Red Rosette Ribbon

Third Place	\$150	White Rosette Ribbon
Honorable Mention	\$50	Light Blue Rosette Ribbon

CLASS

- A001 – Amateur Any person or group who is involved in nursery or landscape for pleasure only.
No income is derived from his/her nursery or landscaping hobby.
- A002 - Youth Any one or group, 19 years and younger, who is interested in nursery or landscaping.
No income is derived from his/her nursery or landscaping hobby.
- A003 - Professional Any person connected with nursery and landscape as a business owner, instructor, etc.,
Who is involved in nursery and landscape for personal monetary gain.
Professional Exhibitors may tastefully display their business sign after booth has been
Judged. Maximum sign size 2' X 2'