

Department 115 – Flowers & Houseplants

Face-to-Face Judging on Tuesday Noon – 6 PM

Entry information

- Open to youth enrolled in the 4-H Horticulture project or youth of other groups doing equivalent work.
- Maximum of 30 entries in Department 115. 1 per lot.

Exhibit information

- A minimum of 3 stems per container (entry) unless other instructions are listed.
- Flowers and foliage must be grown by exhibitor.
- All entries should have containers that are heavy enough to support the entry. All containers should be clean and unbroken. (Aluminum can covered with foil is acceptable)
- NO INVASIVE species allowed in this department.
- Do not include goldenrod, ragweed, or state protected wildflowers in bouquets or arrangements.
- Educational exhibit includes scrapbook, poster, display, etc.
- Premiums: \$2.00 - \$1.75 - \$1.50 - \$1.25

CLASS A – Flowers

Lot Numbers

1. Ageratum – 1 head
2. Aster
3. Astilbe – 1 panicle
4. Bachelor Buttons
5. Calendula
6. Calla Lily – 1 stem
7. Candy Tuft
8. Carnations
9. Coral Bells
10. Coreopsis – 1 spray
11. Cosmos
12. Dahlia – large decorative, 1 bloom
13. Dahlia – small
14. Daisies, Gloriosa
15. Daisies, Shasta
16. Daisies, any other
17. Day Lily – 1 stem
18. Delphinium – 1-3 stems
19. Echinacea
20. Gaillardia
21. Gladiola
22. Gypsophila
23. Hosta – 2 leaves over 4"
24. Hosta – 2 leaves under 4"
25. Hydrangea
26. Lilies (no Day lilies) – 1 stem
27. Marigold
28. Monarda
29. Nasturtiums
30. Pansies



31. Petunia (double)
32. Petunia (single)
33. Phlox (annual) – 1 stalk
34. Phlox (perennial) – 1 stalk
35. Pinks – Dianthus
36. Roses, tea – 1-3 stems
37. Rosses, other – 1-3 stems
38. Salvia
39. Scabiosa
40. Snapdragon
41. Sweet Peas (annual)
42. Sweet Peas (perennial)
43. Sweet Williams
44. Verbena
45. Yarrow
46. Zinnia
47. Any other cut flower – identify on entry tag
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50. Any educational exhibit relating to flowers
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CLASS B – Bouquets and Arrangements

- All flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- Use of floral foam and oasis blocks is encouraged.
- Arrangements may include foliage (plant leaves, twigs, boughs), bows, ribbons, and picks.
- Bouquets & arrangements are to be viewed from all sides.

Lot numbers

100. FIRST year exhibitors - Simple bouquet using 3 or more annuals and/or perennials
101. Arrangement of annuals, using at least 3 varieties of annuals with a total of at least 5 spikes or blooms
102. Arrangement of perennials, using at least 3 varieties of perennials with a total of at least 5 spikes or blooms
103. Arrangement using a basket and flowers
104. Arrangement using a candle and flowers
105. Arrangement using an old kitchen utensil as a container
106. Arrangement using any one type of flower, any container
107. Bouquet of cut flowers
108. Centerpiece to be used on a dining room table with a harmonizing mat
109. Miniature arrangement (not to exceed 6" in height)
110. Mug arrangement, fresh flowers
111. Single color floral arrangement (foliage can be of any color)

112. Any other bouquet or arrangement

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CLASS C – Houseplants

- All houseplants must have been propagated and grown by the exhibitor.
- All entries must be started no later than May 1 of the current exhibit year.
- Plants should be exhibited in unbreakable containers with saucer or foil underneath, preferably attached.
- Plants should be set in the center of the pot.
 - All plant foliage should be clean; dead or dying leaves or flowers should be removed prior to entry.
 - No plant polish can be used.
 - Exhibit may be multiple cuttings of the same variety to make a fuller pot.
- Plant exhibits must have the name of plant, date propagated, and method used printed on back of entry tag.
- All exhibits must be prepared for display prior to arriving at the fair.
- Plants and pots must be clean and free from insects and disease. Unhealthy plants will be disqualified and removed from display.
- See poster rules, if applicable.

Lot numbers

200. African Violet

201. Baby Tears

202. Begonia (must be started by leaf, not tubers)

203. Cactus

204. Coleus

205. Croton

206. Dumbcane

207. Geranium

208. Hoya plant

209. Ivy – English

210. Ivy – German

211. Ivy – Swedish

212. Jade plant

213. Mosquito plant

214. Nerve plant

215. Peperomia (crinkled leaf)

216. Peperomia (smooth leaf)

217. Philodendron

218. Piggy Back plant

219. Pilea

220. Pothos (Devil's ivy)

221. Prayer plant

222. Sansevieria (snake plant)

223. Scheffelara

224. Spider plant

225. Succulent, other than cactus

226. Tahitian Bridal Veil



227. Velvet or purple passion plant (Gynura)

228. Wandering Jew (all varieties)

229. Any other foliage plant not listed

230. Any other foliage plant not listed

231. Any other flowering plant not listed

232. Any other flowering plant not listed

233. Educational display related to houseplants (scrapbook, poster, etc.)

CLASS D – Creative Houseplant Gardens

- On a 3x5 card, each exhibit must have date started and 2-3 sentences about why plants/objects were used together.
- All plants must have been acquired prior to June 1st of exhibit year.
- May contain purchased plants.
- Dish gardens must be exhibited in an uncovered dish.
- Dish garden size is not to exceed 14" diameter or 10 pounds in weight.

300. Dish garden – up to 3 succulent or cacti plants

301. Dish garden – 4 or more succulent or cacti plants

302. Dish garden of up to 3 foliage plants

303. Dish garden of 4 or more foliage plants

304. Fairy garden (no larger than 20"x20"x20")

305. Terrarium – uncovered

306. Any other creative houseplant garden

CLASS E – Plant Crafts

- Exhibits must include natural materials
- No silk flowers allowed
- All containers must be unbreakable.

Lot numbers

400. Arrangement of dried flowers

401. Arrangement of dried flowers using an unusual container or accessory

402. Arrangement of dried flowers arranged for a wall hanging

403. Arrangement of dried flowers in a basket

404. Arrangement of pressed flowers

405. Arrangement of wildflowers

406. Boutonniere using fresh flowers

407. Corsage using fresh flowers

408. Decorated bird house gourd

409. Decorated/painted flower pot

410. Exhibit showing process of drying flowers

411. Herbal vinegar

412. Potpourri – contents identified and in ziplock bag

413. Wall hanging or swag

414. Wreath, grapevine (made and decorated)

415. Wreath, Holiday

416. Wreath, any other decorative

- 417. Any other exhibit not listed using natural materials
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CLASS F – Home Grounds

Lot numbers

- 500. Collection of 10 dried and pressed leaves of shrubs and/or trees, labeling each
- 501. Composting exhibit
- 502. Exhibit of landscaping plan that you completed with photos (before, during, and after)
- 503. Exhibit on landscaping plants telling whether it should be planted in sun or shade (at least 10 plants each)
- 504. Exhibit on methods used in seeding or reseeding lawn, kind of grass sown, care given to lawn, etc.
- 505. Exhibit showing a planting plan for a flower garden
- 506. Exhibit showing characteristics of at least 10 trees and/or shrubs used in landscaping
- 507. Hanging planter of annuals – 3 or more varieties
- 508. Landscape enrichment including but not limited to landscape stones, sculptures created by exhibitor, etc.
- 509. Landscape plan – poster
- 510. Lawn care exhibit (picture of lawn, tell about maintenance, mowing schedule, fertilizer, weed control, etc.)
- 511. Plan of flower border
- 512. Planting plan drawn to scale on poster board
- 513. Poster on benefits of mulching
- 514. Poster on horticulture careers
- 515. Poster showing tools used for landscaping – explain how they are used
- 516. Summer planter of annuals – 3 or more varieties
- 517. Any other exhibit relating to home grounds/landscaping
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Posters - ALL Departments

1. Posters must be designed on or affixed to standard poster board.
2. Size - 14x22 or 22x28
3. Posters may use any medium - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, computer generated, collage, etc.
4. Staple entry tag to the top right-hand corner.
5. Posters should be dated on back with current fair year.