

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.
- You may enter a species of flower only one time. For example, if you have marigolds for Lot 1, you may not enter marigolds in Lots 2-20.

Exhibit information

- 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

- Please see box with recommended number of stems to be exhibited.
- Annual and perennial entries will be judged on stem, foliage, and flower.
- 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)



Lot Numbers

1. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
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19. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
20. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
21. Any educational exhibit relating to flowers
22. Any educational exhibit relating to flowers

Notes for Exhibitors:

It is suggested that exhibitors cut flowers in the late afternoon or evening, when leaves contain the greatest amount of sugar. Plunge stems into warm water immediately, and place in a cool dark room overnight. Flowers will take up enough water to overcome any apparent temporary wilting.

Recommended Number of Stems to Exhibit

Flowers exhibited with 3 stems:

Aster	Monarda
Bachelor Buttons	Nasturtiums
Calendula	Pansies
Candy Tuft	Petunia
Carnations	Pinks – Dianthus
Coral Bells	Salvia
Cosmos	Scabiosa
Dahlia, small	Snapdragon
Daisies	Sweet Peas
Echinacea (purple coneflower)	Sweet Williams
Gaillardia	Verbena
Gladiola	Yarrow
Gypsophila	Zinnia
Hydrangea	
Marigold	

Flowers exhibited with 2 stems:

Hosta Leaves

Flowers exhibited with 1 stem/stalk:

Ageratum	Day Lily
Astilbe	Delphinium
Calla Lily	Lilies
Celosia	Phlox
Coreopsis	Rose
Dahlia – large	

If you have a flower not listed above, please find a similar flower to determine the number of stems to exhibit.

CLASS B – Bouquets and Arrangements

- All flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- A bouquet is a “hand full” of flowers placed randomly in a vase.
- An arrangement is a planned display of flowers usually using a base, such as a frog or foam.
- Bouquets & arrangements are to be viewed from all sides.
- Arrangements may include foliage (plant leaves, twigs, boughs), bows, ribbons, and picks.

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 a kitchen utensil as a container
106. Arrangement using any one type of flower, any container
107. Bouquet of cut flowers
108. Bouquet of wildflowers

109. Centerpiece to be used on a dining room table with a harmonizing mat
110. Miniature arrangement (not to exceed 6" in height)
111. Mug arrangement, fresh flowers
112. Single color floral arrangement (foliage can be any color)
113. Arrangement for a holiday
114. Any other bouquet or arrangement
115. Any other bouquet or arrangement
116. Any other bouquet or arrangement

CLASS C – Houseplants

- All houseplants must have been propagated and grown by the exhibitor.
- All entries must be started no later than March 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 a 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
418. Any other exhibit not listed using natural materials

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.