



# Department 115 Flowers & Houseplants

Entries due	May 25	
Entries checked in	Tuesday of Fair	Noon – 6 pm
Judging	Tuesday of Fair	Noon – 6 pm
Judging Type	Face-to-Face	
Exhibits released	Sunday of Fair	5 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: \$3.00 - \$2.75 - \$2.50 - \$2.25

### 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
2. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
3. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
4. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
5. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
6. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
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15. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
16. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
17. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
18. Any cut flower – identify on entry tag
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 (Pincushion)
Dahlia, small	Snapdragon
Daisies	Sweet Peas
Echinacea (Purple Coneflower)	Sweet Williams
Gaillardia	Verbena
Gladiola	Yarrow
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)	Zinnia
Marigold	

#### Flowers exhibited with **2 stems**:

Hosta Leaves

#### Flowers exhibited with **1 stem/stalk**:

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

*\*\*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

- 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 managed and cared for by the exhibitor.
- All entries must be started no later than April 1 of the current exhibit year.
- Plants should be exhibited in 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 or date acquired, printed on a 3"x5" index card.
- 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.
- Please include a card that lists the following information:
  - Common Name
  - Scientific Name
  - Sunlight required

Lot numbers

- 200. African Violet
- 201. Baby Tears
- 202. Begonia
- 203. Cactus
- 204. Cactus (different species from lot 203)
- 205. Coleus
- 206. Croton
- 207. Dumbcane
- 208. Geranium
- 209. Hoya plant
- 210. Ivy – English
- 211. Ivy – German
- 212. Ivy – Swedish
- 213. Jade plant
- 214. Mosquito plant
- 215. Nerve plant
- 216. Peace Lily
- 217. Peperomia (crinkled leaf)
- 218. Peperomia (smooth leaf)
- 219. Philodendron
- 220. Piggy Back plant
- 221. Pilea
- 222. Pothos (Devil's Ivy)
- 223. Prayer plant
- 224. Sansevieria (snake plant)
- 225. Schefflera
- 226. Spider plant
- 227. Succulent, other than cactus
- 228. Succulent (different species from Lot 227)
- 229. Wandering Jew (all varieties)
  
- 230. Any other foliage plant not listed
- 231. Any other foliage plant not listed
- 232. Any other flowering plant not listed
- 233. Any other flowering plant not listed
- 234. Educational display related to houseplants (scrapbook, poster, etc.)



**Houseplants started/propagated by exhibitor since last year's fair**

- Include date propagated on the index card
  - You may enter a species of houseplant only one time.  
Example: if you enter a spider plant in Lot 235, you may not enter a spider plant in Lots 236-239
- 235. Any houseplant propagated/started by exhibitor - A
  - 236. Any houseplant propagated/started by exhibitor - B
  - 237. Any houseplant propagated/started by exhibitor - C
  - 238. Any houseplant propagated/started by exhibitor - D
  - 239. Any houseplant propagated/started by exhibitor - E

**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 April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 zip-lock 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. Collection of 10 dried and pressed wildflowers and/or flowers, labeling each
502. Composting exhibit
503. Exhibit of landscaping plan that you completed with photos (before, during, and after)
504. Exhibit on landscaping plants telling whether it should be planted in sun or shade (at least 10 plants each)
505. Exhibit on methods used in seeding or reseeding lawn, kind of grass sown, care given to lawn, etc.
506. Exhibit showing a planting plan for a flower garden
507. Exhibit showing characteristics of at least 10 trees and/or shrubs used in landscaping
508. Hanging planter of annuals – 3 or more varieties
509. Landscape enrichment including but not limited to landscape stones, sculptures created by exhibitor, etc.
510. Landscape plan – poster
511. Lawn care exhibit (picture of lawn, tell about maintenance, mowing schedule, fertilizer, weed control, etc.)
512. Plan of flower border
513. Planting plan drawn to scale on poster board
514. Poster on benefits of mulching
515. Poster on horticulture careers
516. Poster showing tools used for landscaping – explain how they are used
517. Summer planter of annuals – 3 or more varieties
518. Any other exhibit relating to home grounds/landscaping
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