

2018 OHIO STATE FAIR
HORTICULTURE-FLORICULTURE
General Rules and Regulations

Terms & conditions are subject to change, including, but not limited to premiums

1. You will be able to enter online by going to www.ohiostatefair.com. Online entries will be accepted until midnight July 1. Entry tags will not be mailed, you must pick up your entry tags from the Department Management at the time of check-in. All entries must be made using the 2018 Ohio State Fair Agriculture/Horticulture/Floriculture Entry Form. This form should be mailed to the Ohio State Fair or you may enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com
2. Entries are open to both Ohio residents or residents outside of Ohio. Entry Deadline for all divisions is July 1. A ten-dollar (\$10.00) processing fee will be required per exhibitor. Payment must be made at time of entry. No refunds will be made.
3. Entries received after July 1 will be charged a late fee of \$35.00, plus \$10 processing fee.
4. Each exhibitor is offered the opportunity to purchase discount tickets for the Fair. The purchase of these tickets is optional. A 6-day punch ticket - \$28, permit 3 people 2 admissions, and single day admission- \$6. You may order as many tickets as you wish.
5. Each exhibitor will be given a Gate 7 load/unload permit. This permit will allow you to enter the fairgrounds to load/unload. If you park in the designated area you will be charged the \$5 fee indicated on the second part of the pass. Each exhibitor, however, will need admission passes. Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing one 6- day parking permit - \$50. Additional 6-day parking permits may be purchased at \$75 each. The parking permit will allow the exhibitor to enter a specific gate and park in a preferred parking space for exhibitors on a first-come, first served basis.
6. Arrival times, release times, and judging schedules vary by division and class. Specific dates/times are listed in each division/section area.
7. You must pick up your entry tags from the department management at time of check-in. Entry tags will not be mailed. A completed, official entry tag must accompany each exhibit. The exhibitor name and other personal information must remain concealed until all division judging has been completed. Ohio State Fair Management reserves the right to move any entry to the appropriate class and to divide classes if numbers merit.
8. Exhibits are displayed on an honorary basis. It is the Ohio State Fair Management's desire to have all products to be current year's growth, except those not mature at time of the Fair. If the present season's growth is not mature, products of the season immediately prior to current season may be used.
9. All exhibits to have been produced by the exhibitor and the qualities, quantities and/or limitations of the various classes must be compliant with all rules and regulations.
10. An individual item may not be entered in more than one class.
11. Do not make entries in Championship Classes, Special Award Classes, Best of Show or Sweepstakes Classes.
12. Once the entry placement deadline has passed, entries may not be handled, rearranged or changed without permission of the management.
13. Exhibitors may make up to two entries in any class, and receive premiums on both entries, unless otherwise noted in division rules.
14. Exhibits not removed by the end of the stated release time will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management. Exhibits removed prior to release time will result in forfeiture of all premiums and may cause the exhibitor to be barred from exhibiting at the 2019 Ohio State Fair. The Agriculture Horticulture Building will close promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5.
15. All awards must be picked up at the Fair. None will be mailed.
16. Unworthy entries will not be placed by the judge.

17. The decision of the judges shall be final, except where a mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is apparent. In such cases the General Manager may make a decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Ohio Expositions Commission, from whose decision there can be no appeal. In case of a protest and appeal where an entry is disqualified, all other placings shall move up.

18. Judges will not be permitted to show in classes they are judging.

19. Management may remove any item from any exhibition, if it detracts from the exhibit, affects public safety, and appears spoiled, diseased and/or unwholesome.

20. Ohio State Fair Management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management cannot assume responsibility for any injury or loss.

21. Premiums will be paid at the conclusion of the fair. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the entry book properly signed by the judge and clerk. Any exhibitor who has not received all monies due them from the Ohio State Fair, by October 31, 2018, should immediately notify the Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211, e-mail b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or phone 614/644-4052 or s.french@expo.ohio.gov, 614-644-4049. All Ohio State Fair checks are void ninety (90) days after they are issued.

22. Protests (accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00) must be made in writing, signed and sworn to by party or parties making protest, and filed with the Manager by noon of the day following an award. The Ohio Expositions Commission will retain the \$100.00 fee if the protest is not sustained. The Manager shall hear protests with the Director of the department involved. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Manager of the Ohio State Fair and all parties interested will be notified.

23. In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Ohio State Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the committee members of the Ohio Expositions Commission that are appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the case and recommendations are presented by the Fair officials they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Commission. In the decision of a case being brought before the Commission, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case. Upon hearing the case, the Ohio Expositions Commission will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Ohio State Fair Management that any of the rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future Ohio State Fair. The minimum number of years for barment is three (3) years before the right to a review. The Ohio State Fair Management will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards and ribbons under such violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

Questions regarding entry fees, entry tags, and admission tickets

Contact the Entry Department

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Questions regarding classes, contact:

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**DIVISION 2002
FLORICULTURE/HORTICULTURE
Floriculture/Horticulture Rules**

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1. General Agriculture/Horticulture Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Entries must be postmarked on or before July 1. Online entries will be accepted until midnight July 1. A \$35 late fee will apply to entries received after July 1. This fee is in addition to the normal processing fee.
3. An entry tag must accompany all exhibits. No exhibit will be considered for placing without an entry tag.
4. Entries are open to all amateurs that wish to exhibit. An amateur is defined as a person who does not earn a majority of their income from the sale of flowers, bulbs, floral/landscape services, etc. and is not an immediate member of a professional family.
5. All floral arrangements must be made by the exhibitor. All specimen exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor. Exhibitor need not grow plant material used in arrangement classes, unless otherwise noted.
6. Fair management will furnish containers for specimen gladiolus only. Exhibitor must provide others. All containers, including hanging baskets, must be self contained and/or must have water catching tray or device or they will be disqualified. No water should run from the bottom of any container. This will be strictly enforced.
7. Exhibit will be judged and checked for proper entry as soon after staging deadline as possible. Ohio State Fair officials and/or judges may move entries within classes or divide classes, as appropriate.
8. All plant material must be identified with common name including variety/cultivator. This information should be listed on 3" x 5" index card, unless otherwise directed.
9. An award may be withheld at the discretion of the judge(s). Exhibits not meeting the specifications of the schedule will be automatically disqualified.
10. Due caution will be exercised in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management cannot assume responsibility for any injury or loss.
11. The decision of the judge(s) on awards will be final.
12. Make all entries on Agriculture/Horticulture/Floriculture entry form or online at www.ohiostatefair.com

AMATEUR FLORAL ARTS

This schedule is meant to bring out exhibits of beauty that are suggestive of the titles listed. All entries are to be artistic arrangements as known to flower arrangers, that is, a contemporary interpretation. Accessory materials may be used to help depict classification, as long as they are well secured to the mechanics and are within the arrangement itself, rather than being used to create a composition in its broadest sense. Fabrics may be used as part of the design itself. Free standing or unattached figurines and accessories are not to be used due to the hazards involved in staging and loss by theft.

Exhibitors are urged to use adequate plant materials so that the show will have good horticultural value in addition to the sentimental appeal. Flowers and foliage may be obtained from any source, except where noted.

1. Foliage and flowers are permitted in all classes unless otherwise stated.
2. Painted materials may be used in creative designs.
3. No painted material in traditional designs.
4. Painted fresh plant material is not permitted.
5. Show personnel have the right to move any exhibit.
6. No artificial plant material is permitted.
7. Backgrounds are permitted. Backgrounds must not exceed 30-inches in width.
8. Classes will be judged by an accredited Ohio Association of Garden Club's judge.
9. Classes will be placed following the OAGC scorecard.

AMATEUR FLORAL DESIGN EXHIBITION NICHES

The following educational feature will be a part of the Ohio State Fair Flower Show presented by the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. A wall of eight (8) niches will be filled by members of OAGC at a premium of \$10.00 per niche. Make no entries. Entries will be assigned. Niche dimensions are 40 inches high, 30 inches wide and 18 inches deep.

Niches are to be in place by 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: Thursday, July 26; Monday, July 30; and Thursday, August 2. Niches are not to be removed until 8:00 p.m. the day before the next niche exhibits are to arrive. The final niche to be removed 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5.

A rosette will be presented by the Ag/Hort Director to the outstanding niche of each session.

AMATEUR FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES

Score Card (each total 100 points)

Traditional Arrangements

Color Combination	25
Proportion & Balance	25
Suitability of materials & of container	20
Distinction & Originality	20
Condition	10

Modern Arrangements

Design, all elements and principles	40
Creative Expression	25
Distinction	20
Relationship of Materials	15

Five premium awards will be available in each class
First - \$12; Second - \$9; Third - \$7; Fourth - \$5; and Fifth - \$3

AMATEUR FLORAL DESIGN THEME

First Session

To be staged 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 27 (release time subject to change).

CLASS

- 1 – Picnic in the Park – Functional Table, Alfresco
- 2 – State Fair – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 3 – Plant a Flower Garden – Traditional Mass
- 4 – Barefoot in the Grass – Green Monochromatic
- 5 – Water Fight – Showing Water
- 6 – Farmers Market – Incorporate Vegetables and Flowers
- 7 – Parade – Stretch
- 8 – Treehouse – Must Incorporate Wood
- 9 – Bike Ride – Kinetic, Implied Movement
- 10 – Best of Show (1 - 4) – **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 11 – Judges Award of Distinction – (*Do not make entry into this class*)

Second Session

To be staged 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 30. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1 (release time subject to change).

CLASS

- 12 – Catching Fireflies – Illuminary
- 13 – Berry Picking – Monochromatic – Any Berry Color
- 14 – Corn on the Cob – Traditional Horizontal or Vertical
- 15 – Visiting Festivals – Synergistic
- 16 – Backyard BBQ – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 17 – Nap in a Hammock – A Hanging Design, Type 1
- 18 – Roller Coaster! – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 19 – Swimming Lessons – Underwater
- 20 – Flea Market – Container Must Be a “Found” Object
- 21 – Best of Show (1 - 4) – **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 22 – Judges Award of Distinction – (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 23 – Extemporaneous Design – Extemporaneous class to be staged at the conclusion of the scheduled arrangement classes. Exhibitors are to bring no material or supplies. Open to all amateurs. You do not have to enter a previous floral design class at the Ohio State Fair. All containers, plant materials, accessories, supplies and tools will be supplied. Contestant will design his/her best arrangement within a thirty-minute time limit. Designs will be crafted in the view of the judges and the public. Show management will insure like materials, flowers, product, etc. will be supplied to each contestant in the same numbers, but slight differences may occur. A panel of judges including at least one OAGC approved judge will judge exhibits. This class is not eligible for Best of Show awards, but will count for Master Design Award. No entry deadline, but limited to first twelve entries.

Third Session

To be staged 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 5:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5 (release time subject to change).

CLASS

- 24 – Popsicles – Parallel Design
- 25 – Umbrella Drinks – Small Design (more than 5-inches, but less than 12-inches in any direction)
- 26 – Fireworks – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 27 – Tubing on the River – Tubular

- 28. – Visit a Museum – Period Design
- 29. – Pool Party – Exhibition Table, Type 1
- 30. – Visit A Botanical Garden – Creative Botanic
- 31. – Go on a Hike – Must Include Natural Items Found on a Hike
- 32. – Climb Trees –Vertical
- 33. – Best of Show (1 - 4) **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 34. – Judges Award of Distinction – (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 35. – Extemporaneous Design – Extemporaneous class to be staged at the conclusion of the scheduled arrangement classes. Exhibitors are to bring no material or supplies. Open to all amateurs. You do not have to enter a previous floral design class at the Ohio State Fair. All containers, plant materials, accessories, supplies and tools will be supplied. Contestant will design his/her best arrangement within a thirty-minute time limit. Designs will be crafted in the view of the judges and the public. Show management will insure like materials, flowers, product, etc. will be supplied to each contestant in the same numbers, but slight differences may occur. A panel of judges including at least one OAGC approved judge will judge exhibits. This class is not eligible for Best of Show awards, but will count for Master Design Award. No entry deadline, but limited to first twelve entries.

AMATEUR HORTICULTURE

1. All flowers/foilage entered in the specimen classes must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. All container grown plants should have been grown by the exhibitor for a period of at least 50 days. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display
3. All containers, pots, hanging baskets, etc. must have a water collection tray, or they will be disqualified. Baskets must also have a suitable hanger for a two-inch rod. No moss or soft pots will be accepted. Total weight of hanging basket cannot exceed 50 pounds.
4. Common plant name and variety/cultivar for each plant must be named on a minimum 2"x 3.5" card for hanging baskets, 3" x 5" card for all other single entries and 8" x 11" for Backyard Best entries. This information must be included with each exhibit.
5. In specimen classes, the entry shall consist of one stem in one container, unless otherwise noted. Foliage below the neck of the flower vase should be removed. Blooms should have side shoots removed (disbudded - the practice used to encourage a superior, terminal bloom for exhibition purposes. Tiny side buds are rubbed off close to the stem.) Specimen should be hardened (to make firm, tight or compact: to make turgid. In the early morning or late afternoon, cut specimen and place stems in 3 - 4" of warm water for at least 12 hours.)
6. No additional lighting or light sources will be used or can be supplied by exhibitors.
7. All potted plants and Backyard Best entries will be watered and cared for at the discretion of the Department Director and/or Ohio State Fair Horticulture staff. If exhibitors desire a specific watering schedule, it must be submitted to the Department Director in writing, when entries are submitted.
8. All pots must not exceed 12-inches diameter, unless otherwise noted in class description.
9. Horticulture classes will be judged by the Ohio Association of Garden Club's system by an OAGC accredited judge using the following scorecards, unless otherwise noted.

SCORE CARDS (each total 100 points)

Foliage Plants

Health and vigor	25
Form and symmetry	25
Size of plants (typical for variety)	20
Foliage	15
Grooming	10
Correct labeling of plants	5

Specimen – Round Forms

Form	25
Substance	20
Stem and Foliage	20
Color	15
Size	10
Grooming and disbudding	10

Flowering Plants

Flowers, quality and quantity	25
Form and symmetry of plants	25
Size of plants (typical for variety)	20
Health and vigor of foliage	15
Grooming	10
Correct labeling of plants	5

Specimen – Spike Forms

Amount of bloom and bud	20
Substance	20
Color	15
Spacing	15
Stem length and foliage	15
Size	15

Specimen – Spray Forms

Number of blooms and buds	25
Form (grace and branching)	20
Substance	15
Color	15
Stem and foliage	15
Size	5
Grooming	5

Backyard Best

Visual appearance and total effect	35
Originality and creativity	30
Quality of plants	25
Correct labeling of plants	5
Grooming	5

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS****ALL PLANT VARIETIES MUST BE NAMED****

To be staged 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits to be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5.

Three premium awards will be available in each class.

Classes 36 - 50 – Pot/Container must not exceed 12-inches, unless otherwise noted.

Potted Plants

First - \$5, Second - \$4, Third - \$3

Hanging Baskets

First - \$12, Second - \$9, Third - \$7

CLASS

- 36 – Geranium
- 37 – Begonia
- 38 – African Violets
- 39 – Coleus – Upright Form
- 40 – Coleus – Trailing Form
- 41 – Caladium
- 42 – Potted Orchid
- 43 – Potted Rose
- 44 – Potted Perennial
- 45 – Cactus, one plant, one pot
- 46 – Succulents, one plant, one pot
- 47 – Other Flowering Plant, not listed above
- 48 – Other Foliage Plant , not listed above
- 49 – Collection of Herbs, three varieties, one container or three (if using three, each must not exceed 6")
- 50 – Collection of Succulents or Cactus, three varieties, one container or three (if using three, each must not exceed 6")
- 51 – Best of Show Container Grown Plants – *(Do not make entry into this class)*
- 52 – Hanging Basket - not less than 10" or more than 18" diameter across top, must include flowering plants
- 53 – Hanging Basket - not less than 10" or more than 18" diameter across top, must be all foliage plants
- 54 – Best of Show Hanging Basket – *(Do not make entry into this class)*

SPECIMEN FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

To be staged 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m.

Exhibits to be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 30

If entries merit, Ag/Hort Director will divide classes by color, form, etc.

Three premiums will be available in each specimen class.

First - \$4, Second - \$3, Third - \$2.

CLASS

55 – Zinnia

56 – Marigold – one spray

57 – Celosia

58 – Daylily – Miniature/Small – Less than 4 1/2-inches in diameter

59 – Daylily – Large/Extra Large – 4 1/2-inches or more in diameter

60 – Dahlia

61 – Gloriosa Daisy

62 – Cone Flower

63 – Rose

64 – Snapdragon

65 – Sunflower

66 – Hydrangea

67 – Any other flower specimen not listed above

68 – Best of Show Floral Specimen - (*Do not make entry into this class*)

Rosette

69 – Ornamental Grasses – 3 stems of same variety

70 – Herb – one stem or spray

71 – Foliage Shrub – Evergreen, one stem not exceeding 24” in length

72 – Foliage Shrub – Deciduous, one stem not exceeding 24-inches in length

73 – Coleus – one stem

74 – Any other foliage specimen, not listed above

75 – Best of Show Foliage Specimen - (*Do not make entry into this class*)

Rosette

76 – Hosta – miniature variety

77 – Hosta – small variety

78 – Hosta – medium variety

79 – Hosta – large variety

80 – Hosta – giant variety

81 – Hosta – unnamed or unregistered variety

82 – Best of Show Hosta – (*Do not make entry into this class*)

Rosette

BACKYARD BEST - ALLITERATION CONTINUES!

This exhibit will showcase container gardening and represent a typical Ohio summer.

1. Open to all amateur horticulturalists; except as noted. Agriculture Horticulture general rules apply to this section.
2. Entries must be comprised of live, planted material. Emphasis on annuals and perennials. No cut or dried flowers will be permitted. Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to move entries into the proper class. Exhibit may be one or multiple containers, unless defined differently in class description. Overall exhibit cannot exceed 40 inches square, unless otherwise directed.
3. All containers must have water-catching tray or be self-contained; or they will be disqualified.
4. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display.

6. Common plant name and variety/cultivar for each plant must be named on a minimum 8 1/2" x 11" card. This information must be included and staged with each exhibit.
7. The Ohio State Fair and their agents will care for the plants for the duration of the fair, but will not be held responsible for loss. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to replace plant material as needed to provide for integrity of the exhibit.
8. Exhibitor to provide all containers, plant materials, and ancillary items. Exhibitors should note when selecting plant material that the exhibits will be maintained inside the Ag/Hort building. Water features requiring electricity should be noted on the entry form and exhibitor must supply a minimum 12-foot extension cord. All electrical features must be properly grounded or they will be disqualified. Ohio State Fair and its agents will not be responsible for loss of any material.
9. Best of Show, Most Unusual/Creative Use of a Container, etc. are not premium classes or designations. They will receive ribbon/rosette awards only.

To be staged 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24. To be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5
 Four premiums are available for each class, unless noted.
 First - \$50, Second - \$40, Third - \$30, Fourth - \$20.

CLASS

- 83 – Micro Garden – One container. Exhibit must not exceed 12" square and 18" in height. Special premiums for this class only: First - \$25; Second - \$20; Third - \$15; Fourth - \$10
- 84 – Miniature Landscape – Exhibit should be landscaped, reflecting an overall design. Overall appearance of the garden is stressed. Exhibit not to exceed 28" square.
- 85 – Window Box and Hanging Basket Combination – Includes one standard window box and a coordinating hanging basket. Window box container dimension must not exceed 36" long, 8" deep, and 10" tall. No hay basket, moss, fiber, pressboard, etc. containers will be permitted. Hanging basket must not exceed 12" in diameter and must contain a water catching device. No moss, fiber, pressboard, etc. baskets will be permitted. A window facade and mechanics for the window box and hanging basket will be provided.
- 86 – Just a Bucket – Everyone has room for one bucket! Single container, which must be one five-gallon bucket. No brand names on buckets.
- 87 – Plant Nerd Collection – A collection of five cultivars or varieties of the same basic plant. One or multiple containers. For example – Heucheras, Ferns, Impatiens, etc. Must be creatively staged.
- 88 – Flea Market – Container must be a "found" object.
- 89 – Shade Challenge – This is your challenge, should you choose to accept it. One or multiple containers for a shady location. Must include at least one of the each of the following – Fern, Hosta, Begonia, and Coleus. Other plant material permitted.
- 90 – Sun Challenge – This is your challenge, should you choose to accept it. One or multiple containers for a sunny location. Must include at least one of the each of the following – Geranium, Tomato, Canna, and Ornamental Pepper. Other plant material permitted.
- 91 – Barefoot in the Grass – Green Monochromatic. One or multiple containers. **All** plant material must be green.
- 92 – Tough and Tender – Exhibitor interpretation. One or multiple containers.
- 93 – Unconventional Trellis – Exhibit must feature an unconventional trellis. The idea is to use something as a trellis that is not normally used as a trellis. One or multiple containers. Exhibit must not exceed 8-feet in height.
- 94 – Go on a Hike – Must include Ohio native plants. One or more containers. Other plant material permitted.
- 95 – Most Unusual Or Creative Use Of A Container – One individual container. May be one container in a grouping of containers. To be selected from all Back Yard Best entries. **Do not make entries for this class.** All entries are automatically eligible. **Rosettes** to winners.
- 96 – Best of Show – (1 - 4) **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (Do not make entry into this class)

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

Vegetables & Fruits Rules

1. Open to all amateur gardeners. All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor. Entry deadline is July 1. Use the official Ohio State Fair Agriculture entry form and mail to the Ohio State Fair or enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. All Agriculture – Horticulture – Floriculture general rules and regulations will apply.
2. Each exhibitor will be given a Gate 7 load/unload permit. This permit will allow you to enter the fairgrounds to load/unload. If you park in the designated area you will be charged the \$5 fee indicated on the second part of your pass. Each exhibitor, however, will need admission passes. Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing one 6- day parking permit - \$50. Additional 6-day parking permits may be purchased at \$75 each. The parking permit will allow the exhibitor to enter a specific gate and park in a preferred parking space for exhibitors on a first-come, first served basis.
3. In addition to the official entry tag, each item must be identified with common name and variety/cultivar. The exhibitor must furnish all items, materials, and accessories. Ohio State Fair will not be responsible for the loss of any material(s). Each item must be in or on a container, unless otherwise noted.
4. Judging criteria: Quality and type of produce displayed with an emphasis on originality and artistic component of exhibit and consumer educational features. Produce must be trimmed for market. Specific class criteria may apply in addition to these general criteria.
5. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for several days. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. No refrigeration is available in the Agriculture/Horticulture building. For example, bramble fruits (raspberry, blackberry, etc.) peaches, etc. do not hold well. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any item(s) that become unwholesome and detract from the exhibit.
6. Produce must be trimmed for market.

BACKYARD VEGETABLES/FRUIT

Exhibits will be staged 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25. Exhibits will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 30.

Four premiums are available in each class. First - \$30, Second - \$25, Third - \$18, and Fourth - \$15.

CLASS

- 97 – Best exhibit of one type of fruit or vegetable. Must include at least three varieties of the same vegetable. Creatively display vegetables/fruits in basket(s), on plates, etc. Total exhibit area must not exceed 18" x 18".
- 98 – Potted vegetables/fruits. Display of three potted (patio) vegetables and/or fruits. Any variety, maximum 12-inch pots. Pots must have water-catching trays. Pots and plants should be clean, groomed and ready for exhibition.

LARGEST AND SPECIALITY EXHIBITS

Exhibits to be staged 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1. All entries will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5

Judging criteria: Largest exhibits - Size (weight) and quality. Odd Natural Growth - most unusual shape and quality. Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to remove exhibits that are unwholesome or not in good taste.

Four premiums are available in each class. First - \$20, Second - \$15, Third - \$10, and Fourth - \$5. Each class winner will receive a rosette.

CLASS

- 99 – Largest and Best Watermelon
- 100 – Largest and Best Cabbage
- 101 – Largest and Best Field Pumpkin
- 102 – Largest and Best Tomato
- 103 – Largest and Best Zucchini Squash
- 104 – Largest and Best Cucumber
- 105 – Longest and Best Green Bean
- 106 – Odd and Natural Growth, must be naturally occurring

GARDEN DISPLAY TABLES

An excellent opportunity to showcase your garden and what grows best. Designed for a neighborhood or group of friends or community gardens. Share the visual bounty of your garden(s). In addition to Ohio State Fair Agriculture and Horticulture general rules and regulations, and general fruit and vegetable rules, the following rules apply to all classes:

1. The exhibit must include produce, fruit and/or flowers grown by the individual or groups of individuals.
2. All produce, fruit and/or flowers must be named with at least common variety name.
3. Each exhibit will be staged on a 8-foot standard display table (28" wide). No material can exceed more than 5-feet from the surface of the table in height. No material shall be placed on the ground. Other items may be used to stage the produce, fruit and/or flowers. These items should add to the beauty and integrity of the exhibit and not cause distraction. Other items may include, but not limited to vases, bowls, baskets, tablecloths, risers, etc. Photographs, garden implements, etc., are permitted to accent the exhibit. The Ohio State Fair management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management will not assume responsibility for any injury or loss.
4. Judging criteria: The goal is to provide for a diverse, quality exhibit that is educational and showcases the bounty and beauty of your garden. Judges will consider quality and type of material displayed with an emphasis on originality and artistic component of exhibit and consumer educational features.
5. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for twelve days. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. Arrangements should be made to replace produce and/or flowers so that they remain fresh and in top exhibit condition. Appropriate entry passes and parking credentials will be provided to accommodate replacements. No replacements, adjustments, or altering of the exhibit is permitted the day of judging. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any items that become unwholesome, detract from the exhibit, appear spoiled, diseased, and/or infested with pests. Premiums may be withheld if exhibit quality and wholesomeness is not maintained for the entire exhibit.

To be staged 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25. The exhibit must be removed 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5

First - \$400; Second - \$300; Third - \$200; Fourth - \$100.
Class winner will receive a banner courtesy of the Ohio State Fair.

CLASS

- 107 – Garden Display Table

SPECIALTY GLADIOLUS SHOW

In an effort to maintain a high quality floriculture exhibition, the Ohio State Fair works with representative organizations to provide for exhibition. Ohio State Fair rules and regulations will be followed and enforced. Ohio State Fair personnel will provide oversight to the competitions and will act as the official, working with the section superintendent, in all areas of the exhibit. Ohio State Fair protest and appeal procedure will be followed in all protests. Entries should be mailed to the organization addresses as indicated in each entry area. Premiums will be paid directly from the cooperating organization. Competitions are open to everyone.

Gladiolus Show

For information and entry, contact:
Doris Hartline, Show Chairperson
Northwest Ohio Gladiolus Society
7250 N. Twp. Rd. 103
Kansas, Ohio 44841
419/435-5061
Cdhartline@aol.com

Gladiolus to be staged 8:00 - 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4. To be released 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5.

NUTS

The Ohio State Fair & The Ohio Nut Growers Association

To be staged 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24. To be released 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5. All items not picked up by 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5, will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management.

Contact the Ohio Nut Growers Association (www.onga.org) for exhibition information and entry forms.

Ohio Nut Growers Association

CHRISTMAS TREES

The Ohio State Fair & The Ohio Christmas Tree Association

To be staged 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday, July 23. To be released 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5

All items not picked up by 8:00 p.m. will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management.

Contact the Ohio Christmas Tree Association for exhibition information and entry forms:

Ohio Christmas Tree Association
Valerie Graham
6870 Licking Valley Road
Frazeyburg OH 43822
740-828-3331

**DIVISION 2004
OHIO STATE FAIR GIANT PUMPKIN
WEIGH-OFF**

Exhibits to be delivered 7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 4. All entries will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5. Official inspection and weigh-off will begin at 1:00 p.m.

1. Competition open to the world. The pumpkin must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
2. General Ag/Hort Ohio State Fair entry deadlines and fees apply.
3. Pumpkins must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be considered.
4. Pumpkins must be on pallets when delivered to the Ohio State Fair. Detailed delivery and parking information will be mailed upon receipt of entry. A forklift will be available to unload and load pumpkins. Only authorized Ohio State Fair personnel may operate forklifts.
5. Exhibitors permitted two entries, but only one entry will be eligible for awards.
6. Any entry from the genus Cucurbita of the family Cucurbitaceae, a group that includes pumpkins and squashes, will be considered a pumpkin.
7. Judges will inspect all entries and supervise weighing.
8. Each pumpkin must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes and/or cracks through to the interior cavity, chemical residues and serious soft spots. Cracks, holes and openings shall be free of any foreign material. The judges will probe any crack, hole or opening into the pumpkin, which visually appears to extend into the interior cavity. A 36" by 1/16th" probe will be provided to the judge to probe suspect cracks, openings or holes. An opening where the probe meets no resistance into the interior cavity will disqualify the pumpkin from the competition. The judges have the right to fully inspect each pumpkin before the official weight is announced. Refusal to allow a thorough inspection of the pumpkin will result in disqualification. The decision of the judges is final.
9. Chemical residues and soil must be cleaned from the pumpkin surface prior to arrival at the Ohio State Fair.
10. Pumpkin must clear the scale in sound condition in order for the weight to be official and the entry eligible for premiums.
11. Placings and premiums will be awarded based on the final, official weight of all pumpkins clearing inspection by the judges. The heaviest pumpkin is first, second heaviest pumpkin is second, etc. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that placing(s) under it will be combined and split equally.
12. The Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Exposition Commission, their staff and employees, will assume no liability for any injury or accident occurring in transit to or from the Ohio State Fair or while on the grounds. The Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Exposition Commission, their staff and employees, will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged goods.
13. The Ohio State Fair retains the rights to all pumpkins exhibited. If the Ohio State Fair does not want to retain rights, the pumpkins are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors must meet with the Agriculture/Horticulture Director to arrange for pick-up or disposal of entries.
14. The Ohio State Fair Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off has been approved as part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). Ohio State Fair exhibitors are eligible for extra prize money from GPC if they qualify at the end of the growing season. Refer to GPC rules for additional information.

CLASS

1 – Giant Pumpkin, largest specimen, sound specimen by weight.

Premiums - 1st place - \$1200, 2nd place - \$600, 3rd place - \$300, 4th place - \$150, 5th place - \$100, 6th place - \$75, 7th place - \$50, 8th place - \$50, 9th place - \$25, 10th place - \$25. Rosettes and ribbons courtesy of the Ohio State Fair and Great Pumpkin Commonwealth.

2 – "Howard Dill Award" – Presented to the prettiest, symmetric, orange or orange-red pumpkin. Award courtesy of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth. No entry needed.

******GIANT PUMPKIN GROWER INCENTIVE******

THE TOP TEN PUMPKINS THAT ARE JUDGED SOUND AND CLEAR THE SCALES WEIGHING MORE THAN 850 POUNDS WILL RECEIVE A \$100 BONUS. Bonus will be paid in addition to above premiums. Bonus will be combined with regular premium payment. All rules and regulations fully enforced.

**DIVISION 2005
JUNIOR HORTICULTURE/FLORICULTURE**

Terms and conditions are subject to change, including, but not limited to premiums

1. Each exhibitor should read and follow the general Agriculture/Horticulture rules and all section rules prior to completing the entry form.
2. Entries close July 1. Make entries on the official Ohio State Fair Agriculture/Horticulture/Floriculture entry form. Each exhibitor must use a separate entry blank. Be sure the form is complete. Entry forms may be duplicated. Mail form to the Ohio State Fair, Entry Department, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657 or enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com
3. Information on exhibit location and staging will be sent to exhibitors prior to the start of the fair.
4. Competition is limited to individuals only. Division and classes may be divided by age. Age will be determined as of January 1, 2018. Exhibitors may be members of any recognized youth group (4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.) as well as those in churches, schools, recreation departments, garden clubs, or individuals having gardening projects.
5. Each exhibitor may enter as many classes as he/she is eligible to compete in, however, only one entry may be made in any one class.
6. Exhibitors must pick up your entry tags from the department management at time of check-in. Entry tags will not be mailed. A completed, official entry tag must accompany each exhibit. The exhibitor name and other personal information must remain concealed until all division judging has been completed. Ohio State Fair Management reserves the right to move any entry to the appropriate class and to divide classes if numbers merit.
7. All items must have been grown by the exhibitor. Group participation is acceptable, providing the individuals and active participants.
8. No exhibit will be accepted after the stated staging period. All exhibits must be picked up during the stated release times. Removing items prior to the stated release times may result in forfeiture of premiums and exhibitor may be barred from competing in the future. All items left after the stated release times will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management. *Individuals may chose to donate potted plants and hanging baskets to local charities and nursing homes. Notify the Department Director at the time of staging. Ohio State Fair management will deliver all items to approved charities. Youth participating in this program will receive a Certificate of Community Service and Beautification. Note: No pots or containers will be returned.*
9. To provide for a quality exhibition, the Department Director reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is below exhibit standards or that does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Ohio State Fair Junior Division. The Director will disqualify diseased or pest infected exhibits. **This will be strictly enforced.**
10. Exhibits will be under the supervision of department management and every effort will be made to protect the exhibits from loss or injury. However, the Ohio State Fair Management or its agents, will not be responsible for any lost or damaged exhibits.
11. All entries must be labeled with common name and variety/cultivar. The Director and/or judge may transfer exhibits to the appropriate class.
12. Awards must be picked up when the exhibit is removed.
13. Sweepstakes winner will be awarded to the club, chapter, etc. that accumulates the most points by the following formula: One point for each eligible entry that is staged, plus the following points based on placing: First – 5 points; Second – 4 points; Third – 3 points; Fourth – 2 points; and Fifth – 1 point.
14. Junior exhibitors are permitted to participate in open class Horticulture/Floriculture competitions. Separate entries are required.

All junior horticulture entries are to be staged between 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24,
and removed 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 5.

HANGING BASKETS AND POTTED PLANTS

Hanging baskets must have a water catching tray or they will be disqualified. Baskets must also have a suitable hanger to hang from a 2" rod. No moss or soft pots will be accepted. Total weight of basket may not exceed 50 pounds. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display. Common plant name and variety/cultivar for each plant must be named on a 3" x 5" card and attached to the exhibit. Director and/or judge may transfer exhibits to the appropriate class.

Potted Plants entries must be one plant per pot, unless otherwise stated. Pot is to be no larger than 12". All pots must have a water catching tray or they will be disqualified. Plants should have been growing in the container for at least 60 days and show strong root development. Pots and plants should be clean and ready for display. Common name and cultivar/variety for each plant must be named on a 3" x 5" card and attached to the exhibit. Director and/or judge may transfer exhibits to the appropriate class.

For class 12 all containers must have a water catching tray or they will be disqualified. Multiple plants and/or multiple cultivars/varieties are acceptable and encouraged. Plants should have been growing in the container for at least two months and show strong root development. Exhibits will be judged on the following criteria: plant quality, design distinction, originality, attractiveness and appropriate number and kinds of plants used. Pots and plants should be clean and ready for display. Common names and variety/cultivar for each type of plant used must be named and included with the exhibit.

Premiums will be awarded as follows:

First - \$25; Second - \$20; Third - \$15; Fourth - \$10; and Fifth - \$5

The department management will care for the plants for the duration of the exhibit, but will not be held responsible for loss.

JUNIOR – Ages 6 -13

CLASS

- 1 - Flowering Annual
- 2 - Foliage (coleus, fern, ivy, etc.)
- 3 - Houseplant
- 4 - Potted Vegetable
- 5 - Hanging Basket

SENIOR – Ages 14 – 19

CLASS

- 6 - Flowering Annual
- 7 - Coleus
- 8 - Foliage (fern, ivy, etc.)
- 9 - Houseplant
- 10 - Potted Vegetable
- 11 - Hanging Basket
- 12 - Combination Container – must contain at least three different varieties of plants, may be foliage or flowering or a combination of both. One pot, not less than 8", and not more than 16" diameter.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry due date of July 1 means the entry blank and money must be postmarked, not received by this date. Metered mail is not acceptable. Checks should be made payable to: Ohio State Fair. It's permissible to pay for multiple family members with only one check, provided all entries are sent in the same envelope.

You must pick up your entry tags from the department management at time of check-in. Entry tags will not be mailed. A completed, official entry tag must accompany each exhibit. The exhibitor name and other personal information must remain concealed until all division judging has been completed. Ohio State Fair Management reserves the right to move any entry to the appropriate class and to divide classes if numbers merit.

ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION

You may enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (username/password). Online entries will be accepted until midnight July 1.

LATE ENTRY

Any entry made after July 1, will require a \$35.00 late fee per exhibitor, plus \$10 processing fee. If wanting to enter both Junior and Open, then it would be \$35 late fee for junior entry and \$35 late fee for open entry, plus processing fee.

TICKET INFORMATION

Participants may purchase tickets, throughout the fair, at the prices listed:

Admission Passes

\$28.00 - 6 day punch ticket (multi person use - example: 3 people, 2 admissions)

\$ 6.00 - one day ticket (one individual use)

Parking Permits

Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing one 6- day parking permit - \$50. Additional 6-day parking permits may be purchased at \$75 each. You must be entered in the open show to purchase parking passes.

PREMIUMS

Premiums (amount listed after the class information) is processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31, 2018, should notify the Entry Department at 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Oh 43211, phone 614-644-4052; e-mail b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4049, or s.french@expo.ohio.gov, 614-644-4049.

IMPORTANT

If you receive premiums of \$499 and over, the State of Ohio **now** requires **you** to register as a "new supplier" at www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov. This **MUST** be done before any payment will be processed. Please be aware you will be asked for banking information, as your **payment** will be **direct deposit**. You may use either a checking or savings account.

If you have won \$499 and over in the past, you do not need to register. However, **you are responsible** to make any address or name changes, by going to www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov and update you information.

