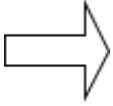


FLORAL DESIGN COMPETITION

The Floral Design Competition is open to Juniors (3-8 grade) and Seniors (9-12 grade). The format allows single entry or teams of 2 exhibitors each to compete on Thursday, October 3, 2024. A maximum of 20 Teams/Single Exhibitors. **Entries will be accepted online with payment on the Austin County Fair website.** This will be considered an Austin County Fair project. Questions may be emailed directly to austincofloraldesign@gmail.com. **Entry fees are nonrefundable and non-transferable.**



Please check online for Theme, updated information on schedule, rules, entry date deadline and fee!! Join the ACF Floral Design Facebook page!

Competition Format: Each individual/team will compete in the design and execution of a fresh floral arrangement centerpiece and table design, which may include but is not limited to such items as dishes, napkins, additional table coverings, etc. Exhibitors must be in the same age category.

Design Guidelines: Each individual/team should review the design guidelines prior to the Floral Design competition. Exhibitors will have one hour to execute their design.

- **All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the contest theme. This year's theme will be announced on the Austin County Fair website. Please go to <https://austincountyfair.com/floral-design> for the theme for this year's contest.**
- Entries are arrangements of fresh floral cut materials and design elements that fit the theme and your design concept.
- All cut materials and table design elements will be provided by the Exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor will be furnished with a workstation, table and tablecloth.
- Entries will be displayed on a 36" round table with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design on the table. Exhibitors are required to use the table covering provided by the Show.
- Entry should be designed to be VIEWED FROM ALL SIDES.
- Each exhibitor must bring their own tools and flowers. Tools/Flowers cannot be shared by exhibitors/teams.
- No Advance preparation. Foam will be soaked during orientation.
- Fresh flowers only. Small dry accents can be used (ex. wheat, lotus pods, and cotton)
- Exhibitors are required to bring two (2) copies of their Record book in a folder day of competition. This form can be found online on the floral design page on the ACF website.

Permissible tools include:

Floral Glue(s)	Scissors	Wire cutters	Knife
Floral Tape(s)	Measuring stick	Floral cutters	Wrapped Wires
Wired Wood Picks	Floral Wire		

JUDGING: The show will select qualified judges for each competitive event. Any questions about the judging criteria may be directed to a committee member.

Judging will be based on the following seven categories:

- Design Aesthetics – Line/Form, Color, and Space
- Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, and Unity
- Mechanics – Creative Engineering of Mechanics Proper Coverage of Foam, and Sturdiness of Design
- Execution – Neatness and Cleanliness of overall Design,
- Creativity – Uniqueness of Design, Use of Theme
- Teamwork
- Record Book

Only judges and Committee members will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in progress.

No cell phones, watches, earbuds or any type of communication devices are permitted during the competition. Any exhibitor found communicating with anyone outside of the competition could result in immediate disqualification.

Talking or gestures from outside the barrier will not be tolerated and result in immediate disqualification.

Judges' decisions are final.

Winning entries will be announced on Thursday, October 3, 2024, after the competition is complete.

Floral Design entries will not be included in the Youth Supreme & Country Auction.

Additional Opportunity: Any Floral Design pieces placing 3rd on may be entered into the 4H/FFA/FCCLA Junior or Senior Flower Show. Entry cards are available at the Expo Center on the day of entry. There is a powerpoint online under Home Economics to help explain the entry procedure. There is a charge of \$1.00 per entry. Team pieces will be entered by a designated exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to exhibit in the 4H/FFA/FCCLA/Open Flower Show using any additional product they may have left over Exhibits must not exceed 30" W x 30" D. These arrangements will not be eligible for the Youth Supreme and Country Auction sale.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

Senior Division Grand Champion – Buckle
Senior Division Reserve Champion – Buckle
Junior Division Grand Champion – Buckle
Junior Division Reserve Champion – Buckle
Placing Ribbons – 3rd thru 10th

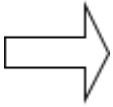
Grand and Reserve Entries must remain on display until Sunday, October 13, 2024. Grand and Reserve winners will be asked to freshen their arrangements on Friday morning before the Youth Auction Sale.

Floral Design pieces placing 3rd and on are encouraged to enter them into the Home Economics 4 H Junior/4 H Senior/Open Flower Show Division. Entries are not eligible for Youth Supreme Sale.

Entries must be picked-up by 2:00pm on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Fair Cup Competition

The Fair Cup competition is an individual exhibitor competition to be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024. A maximum of 40 Exhibitors, Juniors (3rd – 8th) and Seniors (9th – 12th) may participate in the Fair Cup Competition. **Entries will be accepted online with payment on the Austin County Fair website. Entry fees are nonrefundable and are non-transferable.** This will be considered an Austin County Fair project. Questions may be emailed directly to austincofloraldesign@gmail.com. **Entry fees are nonrefundable and non-transferable.**



Please check online for updated information on schedule, rules, entry date deadline and fee!! Join the ACF Floral Design Facebook page!

Competition Format: Each exhibitor will compete in the design and execution of a floral arrangement.

Design Guidelines: Each exhibitor should review the design guidelines prior to the competition. Exhibitors will also have an opportunity to ask questions at the mandatory pre-event meeting.

- Exhibitors will have one hour to plan and execute their design.
- All materials will be provided by the Fair.
- Exhibitors **MUST** utilize items provided. Each exhibitor will be furnished with materials, including fresh flowers, foliage, container, and decorative elements. The flowers, foliage, and supplies will be the same for each exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor will receive the same type of decorative elements, but the design of each element can be different amongst exhibitors. The exhibitor is responsible for determining which materials they will use in the design of their entry.
- Entries will be displayed on eight-foot tables with a black table covering. The exhibitor is responsible for positioning all elements of their design in the required location on the table. No outside adornments are allowed.
- All elements of the entry should reflect or enhance the theme which will be revealed prior to the fair. Each exhibitor's design will be a sole effort with no assistance from anyone in any manner.
- **No cell phones, watches or other communication devices are allowed in the competition area during the competition.**
- **Any communication with another person outside the barrier will not be tolerated and may result in immediate disqualification from competition.**
- Entry should be designed to be VIEWED FROM ALL SIDES.
- No paints, ribbons, or decorative accessories of any kind may be supplied by the exhibitor. Only the materials supplied by the fair will be allowed.
- Each exhibitor must bring their own tools. Tools cannot be shared by exhibitors.
- **Permissible tools include:**

Floral Glue(s)	Scissors	Wire cutters
Knife	Floral Tape(s)	Measuring stick
Floral cutters		Wrapped Wires
Wired Wood Picks		Floral Wire
- Participants in the Fair Cup competition must check in on and attend the mandatory meeting held prior to the competition; competition will begin immediately after the meeting.
- Judging will begin during the competition as well as immediately after all exhibitors have completed their design and will be based on the following four categories:
 - Design Aesthetics, Line/Form, Color, and Space.
 - Design Principles – Balance, Proportion, and Unity.
 - Mechanics/Execution – Neatness and cleanliness of design, proper coverage of foam and sturdiness of design.
 - Creativity – inspiration with theme and container as well as usage of materials.

- Each exhibitor may receive a copy of their score sheet following the competition.
- Only Fair Cup Floral Design Competition judges, and Committee members, will be allowed inside the competition area while judging is in process.
- **Judges' decisions are final.**
- Buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion exhibitors immediately following the conclusion of judging.

SUPREME FAIR CUP

Exhibitors placing Supreme Champion will have the option to create a silk arrangement to enter into the Youth Supreme & Country Auction to be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

The Floral Design Committee will provide all of the materials for this entry. The committee will coordinate with the exhibitor to complete the entry and have it on display the week of the fair in the Youth Supreme designated area.

Supreme Champions will receive the auction price minus the reserve to cover the materials and the administrative fee from the fair. See the Youth Supreme & Country Auction section of this book for a full set of rules pertaining to the auction.

Buyers will pick up their purchase at the conclusion of the auction.