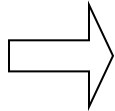


FLORAL DESIGN COMPETITION

The Floral Design Competition is open to Juniors and Seniors. The format allows single entry or teams of 2 exhibitors each to compete on Thursday, October 6, 2022. A maximum of 20 Teams/Single Exhibitors, Juniors and Seniors may participate in the Floral Design Competition. **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 rules, entry date deadline and fee!!

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 Austin County fair 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. 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
- Team Work
- Record Book

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

No cell phones, watches, ear buds 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 6, 2022 after competition is complete.

Additional Opportunity: Any Container Plant placing 11th 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 power point online under Home Economics to help explain the entry procedure. There is a charge on \$1.00 per entry. Exhibits must not exceed 30” W x 30” D.

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 16, 2022. Grand and Reserve winners will be asked to freshen their arrangements on Friday morning before the Youth Auction Sale. Entries must be picked-up by 3:00pm on Sunday, October 16, 2022.