

Horticulture Show-Information and Rules

Come join in the fun by entering your favorite plants or dish gardens, and now home grown crops, in the 2020 UF/IFAS Extension Sumter County Master Gardener Volunteer Horticulture Show. The Horticulture Show is part of the Sumter County Fair, an event that is enjoyed by thousands of fairgoers every year.

The theme of the Fair this year is *Memories Made No Matter the Decade at the Sumter County Fair*. Enter your plant or home grown crop and it could be the one to win the BEST OF SHOW ribbon. Read below for Home Grown Entry Rules Adult entries and Youth entries.

Both Plant and Home Grown entry check-in is Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring your plant and vegetable entries to the 4-H Building at the Sumter County Fair Grounds, 7620 State Road 471, Bushnell, FL 33513.

Judging will be completed the morning of Friday, March 6 just before the Fair opens. Plants and vegetables MUST remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair which runs through March 14. Please follow the list of Horticulture Show Rules listed below when entering your plant exhibits.

Plant Show for Adult and Youth - Rules

1. Competition is open to all residents and amateur gardeners of Sumter County.
2. There also is a Youth Division for gardeners age 18 years and younger.
3. Only one (1) plant per container is permitted (Exceptions: dish gardens and collections).
4. Exhibitors must have grown the plant for at least two months.
5. Dish gardens and youth entries must have been grown for one month.
6. Entries must be in clean containers.
7. Exhibits must have plant name, along with exhibitor's name, address, and phone number.
8. Plant must be clean and free of pests, insects, diseases, and weeds.
9. The Classification Committee:
 - Checks and approves plants.
 - May create a new division or class.

The management will exercise all possible care but cannot be responsible for damage or loss.

1. Exhibits are judged for perfection according to the Scale of Points listed below:

<u>Scale of Points</u>	
Cultural Perfection	40
Color	20
Conditioning & Grooming	20
Form	10
Size	<u>10</u>
	100

2. Plants must remain on exhibit for the duration of the Fair.

Home Grown Entries for Adult – Information and Rules

Home Grown entry check-in is Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring entries as noted below to the 4-H Building at the Sumter County Fair Grounds, 7620 State Road 471, Bushnell, FL 33513.

You should have grown and harvested your vegetables or fruits or collected your eggs for your display.

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Home Grown entries that do not maintain freshness during the Sumter County Fair may be removed.

1. Entries should be **clean** and consist of an appropriate number of same variety in a container.
2. Egg entries are judged based on how they are displayed and decorated.
3. Adults may enter up to **5 different** varieties in each ENTRY category.

ENTRY CATEGORIES-ADULT

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Eggs (in basket/container)
- Other

Home Grown Entries for Youth – Information and Rules

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Home Grown entries that do not maintain freshness during the Sumter County Fair may be removed.

1. Entries should be **clean** and consist of an appropriate number of same variety in a container.
2. Egg entries are judged based on how they are displayed and decorated.
3. Youth may enter up to **5 different** varieties in each ENTRY category.

ENTRY CATEGORIES-YOUTH

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Eggs (in basket/container)
- Other
- Cloverbud Entry (max 5 entries)