



ANNUAL HORTICULTURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

FLOWERS BRING HARMONY TO LIFE



Adults and Youth, welcome!

Youth Section Y:

Add a "Y" to the Class number.



**What lovely things are growing in
your garden?**



Do you enjoy a bit of friendly competition?



We do!

**Come join us for the annual
Horticulture and
Photography Show**

Free!

Open to the Public!



**480 Ravenna Road
Kent/Streetsboro**

Saturday, August 15, 2026

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

<https://gardenclubofkent.org/>

Photo Entries accepted till 10:00 am

Plant entries accepted

8:00 am to 10:30 am

Judging: 10:30;-1:00 pm

Awards 2:00

Professional judges from the
Gardeners of Greater Youngstown
share their time to judge who amongst us has grown this
year's best produce and flowers.

DIVISION I: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

SECTION A: LEAFY/COLE VEGETABLES

Leafy vegetables may be displayed in water in a clear container.

- Class A 1: Broccoli-1 head
- Class A 2: Cauliflower-1 head, trimmed; w/1/2" stem
- Class A 3: Cabbage, green-1 head, trimmed; w/1/2" stem
- Class A 4: Cabbage, red-1 head, trimmed; w/1/2" stem
- Class A 5: Chard-3 leaves
- Class A 6: Leaf Lettuce-3 plants
- Class A 7: Mustard greens-3 plants
- Class A 8: Rhubarb-3 stalks; trim; keep some leaf
- Class A 9: Kale-3 leaves
- Class A 99: Any other leafy vegetable

SECTION B: ROOT CROPS

Similar in size and shape. With 1/2" stems unless noted.

- Class B 1: Beets-3
- Class B 2: Carrots-3
- Class B 3: Onions-green, shallots, leeks, **6" stems**-3
- Class B 4: Onions, dry, unpeeled-3
- Class B 5: Potatoes, red, no stems-3
- Class B 6: Potatoes, white, no stems-3
- Class B 7: Potatoes, sweet, no stems-3
- Class B 8: Garlic-3
- Class B 99: Any other root vegetable-3

SECTION C: FRUITING VEGETABLES

Similar in size and shape. With 1/2" stems unless noted.

- Class C 1: Beans, snap, green-6 pods
- Class C 2: Beans, snap, yellow-6 pods
- Class C 3: Corn, sweet, no stems-3 ears
- Class C 4: Cucumbers-3
- Class C 5: Eggplant-1
- Class C 6: Peas-6 pods
- Class C 7: Pepper, sweet banana-3
- Class C 8: Pepper, sweet Bell, any color-3
- Class C 9: Pepper, jalapeno-3
- Class C 10: Pepper, any other hot-3
- Class C 11: Pumpkin, small, sugar-type-1
- Class C 12: Squash, acorn-1
- Class C 13: Squash, butternut-1
- Class C 14: Squash, straight or crookneck-1
- Class C 15: Squash, scallop-1
- Class C 16: Squash, zucchini-2
- Class C 99: Any other fruiting vegetable.



SECTION D: TOMATOES

Stems attached. Stems up on plate. Uniform sizes. All colors except D7. Progressive ripening okay.

- Class D 1: Tomato, cherry or grape-type-1 spray
- Class D 2: Tomato, pear type-3 or spray
- Class D 3: Tomato, paste or plum-3 or spray
- Class D 4: Tomato, salad or wedging-3 or spray
- Class D 5: Tomato, slicing-2
- Class D 6: Tomato, heirloom, **provide variety name**-3
- Class D 7: Tomato, **green variety**-3
- Class D 99: Tomato, any other tomato.

SECTION E: ORNAMENTAL VEGETABLES

With 1/2" stems unless noted. Stem not included in measurement. **Judges measure.**

- Class E 1: Gourd, large; 6" or over-1
- Class E 2: Gourd, small; under 6"-3 on plate
- Class E 3: Corn, ornamental-husk optional
- Class E 99: Any specimen not listed

SECTION F: DISPLAY ON A PLATTER

Trim as required in individual classes. Provide variety names. **Multiple species and varieties required. See last page for examples.* ALL MUST BE grown by exhibitor.**

- Class F 1: Vegetables-6 different vegetables.
- Class F 2: Staple crops - 5 or more different species.



SECTION G: FRUITS

With stems unless noted.

- Class G 1: Apple-3
- Class G 2: Apple, crab-8-12
- Class G 3: Berries, no stems-8-10
- Class G 4: Cantaloupe-1
- Class G 5: Grapes-1 bunch
- Class G 6: Peach-3
- Class G 7: Plum-4
- Class G 8: Watermelon-1
- Class G 99: Any other fruit-1

SECTION H: FUN AND SPECIALTY ITEMS

Stem not included in measurement. **Judges measure.**
Not eligible for Best in Division

- Class H 1: Beet, heaviest
- Class H 2: Cabbage, heaviest
- Class H 3: Corn, longest ear—not including stem or husk
- Class H 4: Onion, heaviest
- Class H 5: Pepper, Bell shape,-largest by girth at shoulder
- Class H 6: Pepper, banana shape—longest
- Class H 7: Pumpkin—heaviest
- Class H 8: Squash, zucchini—heaviest
- Class H 9: Squash, not zucchini—**Judges' choice**
- Class H 10: Sunflower—largest head diameter
- Class H 11: Tomato, heaviest
- Class H 99: Any other specialty item

SECTION I: HERBS

Cut or potted. Clear glass vase. No leaves in water.

- Class I 1: Culinary
- Class I 2: Medicinal
- Class I 99: Any other herb

DIVISION II: FLOWERS

SECTION J: ANNUAL FLOWERS: **NON-NATIVE**

CUT FLOWERS; Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase

- Class J 1: Annual Aster (*Callistephus chinensis*)—3 blooms
- Class J 2: Celosia, crested—3
- Class J 3: Celosia, plumed or feathered—3
- Class J 4: Coleus, branches of one kind—3
- Class J 5: Cosmos—3
- Class J 6: ***Pelargonium*** (aka “geranium”)—1 cluster*
- Class J 7: Impatiens—2-3 stems
- Class J 8: Marigold, large,-diameter 3” and over—1
- Class J 9: Marigold, medium, diameter under 3”—2
- Class J 10: Marigold, dwarf—3 stems
- Class J 11: Petunia, single flower type—1 stem
- Class J 12: Petunia, double flower type—1 stem
- Class J 13: *Salvia* (variety required)— 3 spikes
- Class J 14: Snapdragon—3 spikes
- Class J 15: Sunflower, decorative, head 6” and over—1
- Class J 16: Sunflower, decorative, head under 6”—1
- Class J 17: Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia citriodora*)—3 stems
- Class J 18: Zinnia, large or medium—1 bloom
- Class J 19: Zinnia, mini/button size—4 blooms
- Class J 99: Any other annual flower



SECTION K1: PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS:

NON-NATIVE CUT FLOWERS; Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase. ****** provide cultivar name.

- Class K1 1: Shasta Daisy: *Leucanthemum* ******- 3 blooms
- Class K1 2: Rose of Sharon: *Hibiscus syriacus*—stalk w/flower and leaf—1
- Class K1 3: Hollyhock: *Alcea* ******—stalk w/4+ blooms-1
- Class K1 4: Hosta, may include flower—1 leaf
- Class K1 5: *Hydrangea paniculata*—1 bloom
- Class K1 6: Mum, garden type—1 stem; multiple blooms
- Class K1 7: Dried flowers 1-3 stems
- Class K1 8: Wild flowers (ex: Queen Anne’s lace)—1-3 stems
- Class K1 9: Tree or shrub; w/flower or fruit-1 **branch** (ex: *Hydrangea macrophylla* or *paniculata*)
- Class K1 99: Any other non-native perennial or biennial

SECTION K2: PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS:

NATIVE. Plants native to northeastern Ohio. Straight species preferred or provide cultivar name.
CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; leaves (optional) above rim of vase.

- Class K2 1: *Asclepias syriaca* (common milkweed)
- Class K2 2: *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed)
- Class K2 3: *Delphinium exaltatum* (tall larkspur)
- Class K2 4: *Echinacea purpurea* (purple cone flower)
- Class K2 5: *Eutrochium purpureum* (Joe Pye)
- Class K2 6: *Glandularia canadensis* (rose verbena)
- Class K2 7: *Lobelia cardinalis* (cardinal flower)
- Class K2 8: *Liatris spicata* (blazing star)
- Class K2 9: *Monarda didyma* (bee balm)
- Class K2 10: *Monarda fistulosa* (wild bergamot)
- Class K2 11: *Phlox paniculata* (garden phlox)
- Class K2 12: *Physostegia virginiana* ‘[cultivar]’ (obedient plant)
- Class K2 13: *Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed Susan)
- Class K2 14: *Rudbeckia triloba* (brown-eyed Susan)
- Class K2 15: *Solidago* [variety] (goldenrod)
- Class K2 16: *Symphotrichum leave* (smooth aster)
- Class K2 17: *Symphotrichum novae-angliae* (NE aster)
- Class K2 18: *Verbena hastata* (blue vervain)
- Class K2 19: *Verbena stricta* (hoary vervain)
- Class K2 20: *Viola sororia* (common blue violet)
- Class K2 22: Tree or shrub; w/flower or fruit-1branch (ex: *Hydrangea arborescens*)
- Class K2 99: Any other native perennial or biennial



SECTION L: DAHLIA (Specimen)

Clear glass vase; no leaves under water; at least one pair of leaves showing above rim of vase.

- Class L 1: Dahlia, decorative—1 bloom over 9”
- Class L 2: Dahlia, decorative—1 bloom 5”-9”
- Class L 3: Dahlia, decorative—1 bloom under 5”
- Class L 4: Dahlia, cactus—1 bloom over 5”
- Class L 5: Dahlia, cactus—1 bloom under 5”
- Class L 6: Dahlia, ball—1 bloom over 3”
- Class L 7: Dahlia, ball—1 bloom under 3”
- Class L 8: Dahlia, water lily—1-2 blooms
- Class L 9: Dahlia, pompom—1 bloom over 3”
- Class L 10: Dahlia, pompom—3 blooms 2-3”
- Class L 11: Dahlia, pompom—3 blooms under 2”
- Class L 99: Dahlia, miscellaneous—1-2 blooms

SECTION M: BULBS, TUBERS, CORMS,

RHIZOMES CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; Leaves (optional) above rim of vase. Multiple entries permitted but each entry must be of a different variety.

- Class M 1: **Calla lily**, one variety—2 blooms (native)
- Class M 2: Canna lily—1 flower w/stem
- Class M 3: Gladiolus—1 spike w/5-7 flowers
- Class M 4: Lily, day—1 spike, 1 or more flowers
- Class M 5: Lily, not day—1 spike, 1 or more flowers
- Class M 99: Any other bulb, tuber, corm, rhizome

**SECTION N: ROSES**

CUT FLOWERS: Clear glass vase; One set of leaves showing above rim of vase. Stem supports encouraged.

- Class N 1: Rose, hybrid tea,—1 bloom
- Class N 2: Rose, floribunda—1 spray
- Class N 3: Rose, miniature—1 spray
- Class N 99: Any other rose

SECTION O: POTTED PLANT

Exhibitor must have owned plant for 6 months.
Pot diameter not to exceed 18” or 24” for natives.

- Class O 1: Any blooming plant, in bloom
- Class O 2: Any foliage plant
- Class O 3: Any cactus
- Class O 4: Any succulent
- Class O 5: Any bonsai
Bonsai must be at least 3 years old and the exhibitor must have trained the bonsai for at least two years.
- Class O 6: Any non-native shrub (example: Rose of Sharon *Hibiscus syriacus*)
- Class O 7: Any non-native tree (example: Satsuma orange *Citrus unshiu*)
- Class O 8: Any native shrub (example: New Jersey Tea *Ceanothus americanus*)
- Class O 9: Any native tree (Eastern redbud *Cercis canadensis*)
- Class O 99: Any other potted plant (example: patio planter)

DIVISION III: ARRANGEMENTS

Both natives and non-natives are acceptable in all Design classes.

Mark your entries CLEARLY if native

SECTION P: VEGETABLE BASKET DISPLAY

Must be grown by exhibitor. No artificial props.

- Class P 1: Basket of vegetables
At least 10 different vegetables artfully arranged in a basket.

SECTION Q: SHAPED DESIGNS

- Class Q 1: Horizontal arrangement
- Class Q 2: Vertical arrangement
- Class Q 3: L-shaped arrangement

SECTION R: ALL AROUND DESIGN

To be viewed from all sides.

- Class R 1: Centerpiece
- Class R 2: Basket

SECTION S: SPECIALTY DESIGNS

S6 species can be mixed or single.

- Class S 1: Foliage arrangement
- Class S 2: Driftwood arrangement
- Class S 3: Flowers with Fruits and Vegetables
- Class S 4: **Show Theme:**
Flowers Bring Harmony to Life
- Class S 5: Fairy Garden
- Class S 6: Native (only) flower arrangement
- Class S 99: Free Form: anything goes

SECTION T: BOUQUETS

Clear glass vase; may use foliage; leaves above rim of vase. Both native and non-native flowers are acceptable in Bouquet classes. **Mark your entries CLEARLY if native.**

Class T 1: Dahlias (dahlias only)

Class T 2: Roses (roses only)

Class T 3: Marigolds (marigolds only)

Class T 4: Gladioli (gladioli only)

Class T 5: Any other bouquet (**all one species**)

Class T 6: Any other bouquet (**different species**)



SECTION U: MINIATURE ARRANGEMENTS

Container and arrangement not to exceed 7" tall or wide

Class U 1: Miniature arrangement

Class U 2: Native miniature arrangement

SECTION Y: YOUTH



Youth may enter any Class by adding "Y" to the entry.

Youth entries must meet all requirements.

Youth entries will be separate from adult entries.

EACH Youth will receive a ribbon.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

SECTION F: Multiple species and varieties required.

Class F 1: Vegetable display—6 different vegetables.

Ex: 1 each: corn, beans (fresh or dry), winter squash, carrot, onion, potato, turnip.

Class F 2: Staple crops display – 5 or more different species.

Ex: Potato, sweet potato, carrot, turnip, rutabaga, tomato, pumpkin, apple, rice, wheat, oats.

Tips

Read and follow the rules.

Success in horticulture display depends on the quality of your specimen and exhibiting your specimen in its best **natural** state, while following the rules.

Arrive early for registration.

Use name and address labels for easy entry.

An entry is the quantity noted in the Class.

Each entry goes on a separate paper plate.

Each entry is judged on its own merit.

Enter exactly what the schedule calls for in number and trim of specimens.

Grooming to remove damaged leaves or other non-favorable traits is encouraged.

Fruits and Vegetables

Select specimens that are uniform in size, shape, color, and maturity; **clean**, free from disease or damage.

Uniformity is key in showmanship: six green beans, nearly identical in length, shape, and color are more attractive than 6 beans of the same variety with obvious differences in appearance.

Flowers

Select a flower that is true to the variety and near its peak of beauty.

Choose a container pleasing in shape and size in relation to the flower's size and stem length.

Marbles/clean pea gravel may be used for weight in the bottom the of vase.

Foliage must be above the rim of the container; no leaves in the water.

Stem support is encouraged. Use evergreen sprigs or foam wedges in the neck of the container to help hold the flower in position—face to the judges. Wire or tape is NOT permitted.

DIVISION IV: PHOTOGRAPHY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ADULT AMATEURS Only
17 years old and over

Photo entries will be accepted at the man door facing north in the front of the Ode to Joy (NOT at the big door with plant entries.)

Entry deadline: 10 am.

Photo Size: 5"x7" or 8"x10"

No frames; no mats.

Must have exhibitor name on back (address label).

Fully complete the entry card, including the category.

Multiple entries allowed but only one per class.

Out-of-focus photos will be declined.

DIVISION IV: PHOTOGRAPHY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
YOUTH Only
16 years old and younger

Photo entries will be accepted at the man door facing north in the front of the Ode to Joy (NOT at the big door with plant entries.)

Entry deadline: 10 am.

Photo Size: 5"x7" or 8"x10"

No frames; no mats.

Must have exhibitor name on back (address label).

Fully complete the entry card, including the category.

Multiple entries allowed but only one per class.

Out-of-focus photos will be declined.

SECTION V: PHOTOGRAPHY (ADULT)

Class V1: Plants: trees, shrubs, veggies, flowers, fungi

Class V2: Plants with People

Class V3: Plants with Animals

Class V4: Plants with Insects

Class V5: Plants with Structures

SECTION Y: PHOTOGRAPHY (YOUTH)

Class Y1: Plants: trees, shrubs, veggies, flowers, fungi

Class Y2: Plants with People

Class Y3: Plants with Animals

Class Y4: Plants with Insects

Class Y5: Plants with Structures



TIPS FOR TAKING GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS

Read and follow the rules carefully.
Show the judges something they haven't seen before.

Remove distractions.

Aim for simplicity.

Pay attention to framing the subject.

Step outside your comfort zone.

Seek inspiration outside the usual places.



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