



Exhibitor Handbook



Floriculture &
Horticulture
Department

Plants, Herbs & Florals

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September 20th-October 27th, 2024
Closed Monday – Wednesday

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<u>Entry Fees:</u>	\$1 per entry
<u>Premiums:</u>	1st Place: \$5; 2nd Place: \$3; 3rd Place: \$2
<u>Entry deadline:</u>	Friday, August 30, 2024, at 10:59pm <u>(ALL entries, including mailed in paper entries MUST be received in office by the deadline. NO LATE entries)</u>
<u>Receiving:</u>	Tuesday, September 17, 2024, from 9:00am to 5:00 pm
<u>Release:</u>	Friday, November 1, 2024, from 9:00am to 6:00pm Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm
<u>Contact:</u>	For questions regarding entering your projects in the fair, please contact marysim@msn.com or by calling 602-257-7130.

Floriculture/Horticulture EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In this department we have the following:

Youth: age 12 and under

Teen: age 13 – 18

Adult: age 19 +

Professional (Receives payment for Floral/Horticultural work)

Person(s) with Disabilities

Be sure to indicate the correct division on your entry form. If exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, include your age and your parent signature where indicated. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of the entry.

Special Rules and Regulations for Floriculture - Horticulture

(See General Rules for further instruction)

1. When fruits, vegetables and/or plants become wilted, they will be discarded without prior notification.
2. Unlimited Entries are allowed for all classes unless specified. Premiums are limited to the top 2 per class per exhibitor.
3. All entries may not be displayed based on variety and space available. Coordinator will make final decision regarding placement.
4. The exhibitor must have grown or produced entries. Proof of ownership/production must be produced if requested by the Coordinator or Judge.
5. If more than three entries of the same variety are entered in "Any other" class, a new class may be created so that they can be judged in their own category.
6. It shall be at the sole discretion of the judges whether the entries are awarded First, Second, Third or Honorable Mention and corresponding premium money. At the discretion of the judges and Coordinator, classes may be combined where closely related, provided an insufficient number of entries in any one class do not provide adequate competition. No division or class may be reopened after the judging is finished.
7. All picked produce becomes property of State Fair once entered will be discarded without prior notification at close of the Fair.
8. All Horticulture entries will become property of the Fair and will not be returned to exhibitors, with the exception of potted plants and arrangement display material.
9. Only the judges' books will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons or tags are not accepted as proof of results.
10. Judging is closed to the public.
11. The decision of the judges shall in all cases be final.
12. Judging is based on conformance, design, distinction, artistic concept, and expression.
13. Honey may be listed for sale on entry form. The Arizona State Fair will take 10% commission on all sales.

DIVISION 205: A Scarecrow Scare – Youth
DIVISION 206: A Scarecrow Scare – Teen
DIVISION 207: A Scarecrow Scare – Adult
DIVISION 208: A Scarecrow Scare – Professional
DIVISION 209: A Scarecrow Scare – Person(s) with Disabilities
DIVISION 210: A Scarecrow Scare – Classroom / Youth Group

Scarecrow must have been made between October 2023 to September 2024. Scarecrows **MUST** be firmly attached to a stake in a bucket. Height 4-5 feet (without stake); Width 2-4 feet

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Non-Traditional: made of paper mache, plastic, tubing, etc.
101	Traditional: Farm or garden scarecrow made from straw
102	Fair Themed: Birthday Party

DIVISION 211: Apiary – Youth
DIVISION 212: Apiary – Teen
DIVISION 213: Apiary – Adult
DIVISION 214: Apiary – Professional
DIVISION 215: Apiary – Person(s) with Disabilities

All honey and pollen must be displayed in three industry standard glass or plastic 1 to 2 lb. jars. All honey and pollen must be marketable and free of foreign matter. Pollen pellets must be dried, not flattened, powdery or uniform in shape. Combs must be new combs wrapped in heavy cellophane or be in a single frame observation hive. No labels on jar, No pads on combs. All apiary exhibits must have been produced within the last twelve months.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	3 section of comb honey – packed in undecorated cellophane
101	3 containers of cut comb honey – packed in any suitable leak-proof transparent container
102	Carved Beeswax
103	Molded Beeswax
104	Pollen – 3 jars
105	Candied honey – 1 lb. each
106	Creamed honey – 1 lb. each
107	Molded beeswax candles
108	Dipped beeswax candles
109	Liquid Honey
110	Others not listed. Example- lip balm, lotion- label required.

DIVISION 216: Artistic Display – Youth
DIVISION 217: Artistic Display – Teen
DIVISION 218: Artistic Display – Adult
DIVISION 219: Artistic Display – Professional
DIVISION 220: Artistic Display – Person(s) with Disabilities

An artful arrangement of each class. Can use a vase, basket, or other container to arrange items. An example would be a galvanized trough turned vegetable garden.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Display of at least 3 different varieties of <u>VEGETABLES</u> grown by one exhibitor
101	Display of at least 3 different varieties of <u>FRUIT</u> grown by one exhibitor

DIVISION 290: Bonsai – Youth
DIVISION 291: Bonsai – Teen
DIVISION 292: Bonsai – Adult
DIVISION 293: Bonsai – Professional
DIVISION 294: Bonsai – Person(s) with Disabilities

Judging Criteria – Branches and Trunk Taper, Overall Plant Health and Pruning, Foliage Health, Root Structure, Container size and color, Silhouette, Well Proportioned – Balanced, Overall design and presentation.

Labeling – each entry should be identified by a waterproof label, which contains scientific and/or common name of tree and approximate age. Exhibitor's name to be put on the bottom of container.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Small – individual bonsai specimen of less than 12" height above container rim.
101	Medium – individual bonsai specimen between 12" and 24" height above container rim.
102	Large – individual bonsai specimen larger than 24" height above container rim.
103	Forest – planting of several or many trees of one species, typically an odd, in a bonsai pot.

DIVISION 221: Compost – Youth
DIVISION 222: Compost – Teen
DIVISION 223: Compost – Adult
DIVISION 224: Compost – Professional
DIVISION 225: Compost – Person(s) with Disabilities

Compost must be presented in 1-gallon jar (glass or plastic) made from your household and yard waste. Submit a photo of your compost with a brief description of your composting technique(s). Also list what kind of household and yard waste was used.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Traditional Compost

DIVISION 226: Container Garden – Youth
DIVISION 227: Container Garden – Teen
DIVISION 228: Container Garden – Adult
DIVISION 229: Container Garden – Professional
DIVISION 230: Container Garden – Person(s) with Disabilities

Display of at least 3 different varieties of plants. Container choice and display of plants will be part of judging criteria. Show us your talent in displaying like-minded plants in a fun container.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Cactus Garden
101	Succulent Garden
102	Fairy Garden
103	Terrarium – Covered
104	Water bottle Container
105	Odd Container
106	Candy Themed Container Garden
107	Fair Themed – Birthday Party

All produce must be washed, not trimmed, and be market size for show.

VEGETABLE, FRUIT & HERB SCORE:

Condition and maturity	35%
Shape, color, texture, size according to variety ...	20%
Freshness	20%
Bug damage, weather imperfections, etc.	10%
Grooming	10%
Correct labeling	5%
Total	100%

DIVISION 231: Fruit and Vegetable – Youth

DIVISION 232: Fruit and Vegetable – Teen

DIVISION 233: Fruit and Vegetable – Adult

DIVISION 234: Fruit and Vegetable – Professional

DIVISION 235: Fruit and Vegetable – Person(s) with Disabilities

Quantity listed after each class.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Apples, 3	124	Macadamia Nuts, 5
101	Apricot, 3	125	Melon, 1
102	Artichokes, 3	126	Nectarines, 3
103	Avocados, 3	127	Onions, 3
104	Bananas, 1 bunch	128	Oranges, 3
105	Beans, 8 pods	129	Peaches, 3
106	Beets, 3	130	Pears, 3
107	Berries, 8	131	Peppers, 3 labeled
108	Brussel Sprouts, 8 attached to stem	132	Plums, 3
109	Cabbage, 1 head	133	Pomegranates, 3
110	Carrots, 3	134	Potatoes, 3
111	Celery, 1 bunch	135	Pumpkins, 1
112	Chard, 3	136	Radishes, 3
113	Corn, 3 ears	137	Rhubarb, 3 stalks
114	Cucumbers, 3	138	Squash, 2 (not zucchini or pumpkin)
115	Eggplant, 1	139	Tangerines, 3
116	Figs, 3	140	Tangelos, 3
117	Garlic, 3	141	Tomatoes, Cherry, 5
118	Grapefruit, 2	142	Tomatoes, 3
119	Grapes, 1 bunch	143	Turnips, 3
120	Kumquats, 5	144	Zucchini, 2
121	Lemons, 3	145	Variety, potted and labeled
122	Lettuce, started from seed	146	Any Other Not Listed, 2
123	Limes, 3		

DIVISION 236: Herb Garden – Youth
DIVISION 237: Herb Garden – Teen
DIVISION 238: Herb Garden – Adult
DIVISION 239: Herb Garden – Professional
DIVISION 240: Herb Garden – Person(s) with Disab.

Must be labeled and description of use included. 3 plants or more must be used. Examples – Basil, Peppermint, Cilantro, Lavender, etc.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	
100	Medicinal	100
101	Culinary/Labeled	101
102	Relaxation	102
103	Products made from herbs.	

DIVISION 241: Strange and Unusual – Youth
DIVISION 242: Strange and Unusual – Teen
DIVISION 243: Strange and Unusual – Adult
DIVISION 244: Strange and Unusual – Professional
DIVISION 245: Strange and Unusual – Person(s)with Disab.

Enter your most random looking plant. Largest, spikiest, oddest, we want to see what nature has created.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Fruit
101	Vegetable
102	Other, please specify

Floral Show #1

September 20, 2024

Drop off Friday, September 20, 2024, 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair until fair is completed; pick up will be November 1-2, 2024

Division 246: Weekly Flowers 1 – Novice
Division 247: Weekly Flowers 1 – Amateur
Division 248: Weekly Flowers 1 – Professional
Division 249: Weekly Flowers 1 – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Bird of Paradise
101	Canna
102	Dahlia
103	Daisy
104	Geranium
105	Marigold
106	Ruellia
107	Shasta Daisy
108	Snapdragon
109	Sunflower
110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow bells
111	Zinnia

Coaching Tip: Spread your entries throughout the different weeks of fair.

*Mother nature is a fickle creature so bring us your blooms when they are at their best.

Rules

1. Bring down your prettiest blooming flowers. By the Stem, Bouquet or potted. Roses included.

Floral Show Week #2

September 26th, 2024

Drop off Thursday, September 26, 2024, 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed; pick up will be Nov. 1-2, 2024.

Division 252: Designer's Choice – Novice

Division 253: Designer's Choice – Amateur

Division 254: Designer's Choice – Professional

Division 255: Homecoming Team or school club

Division 256: Designer's Choice–Person(s) with Disabilities

“Interpret the theme/subject with natural materials, Show your school spirit with nods to your current school or past school. Living and/or dried” Express your club, company or school with natural materials.

Class Description

100	Arizona
101	Canvas 12 x 12 with dried material
102	Door Decoration (Fall/Halloween themed)
103	Age of Aquarius 1968
104	Masquerade – mask made of dried materials
105	Design with Rocks
106	USA
107	Thanksgiving Tabletop
108	Corsage or wrist arrangement
109	Candy Themed
110	Birthday Party Themed

Class Description

100	Animal Themed
101	School Themed
102	Halloween Themed

Rules:

1. Voted by public during fair displayed
2. 5-10 items

Division 260: Weekly Flowers 2 – Novice

Division 261: Weekly Flowers 2 – Amateur

Division 262: Weekly Flowers 2 – Professional

Division 263: Weekly Flowers 2 – Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Bird of Paradise
101	Canna
102	Dahlia
103	Daisy
104	Geranium
105	Marigold

Class Description

106	Ruellia
107	Shasta Daisy
108	Snapdragon
109	Sunflower
110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow Bells
111	Zinnia

Rules

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Floral Show Week 3

October 3rd, 2024

Drop off Thursday, October 3, 2024, 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed; pick up will be November 1-2, 2024.

Division 264: Potted Plants – Novice

Division 265: Potted Plants – Amateur

Division 266: Potted Plants – Professional

Division 267: Potted Plants – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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100	Cacti – individually potted and labeled
101	Succulent – individually potted and labeled
102	Trailing Plant – individually potted and labeled
103	Tropical- individually potted and labeled
104	Potted Vegetable – individually potted and labeled
105	Potted Fruit – individually potted and labeled

Division 272: Weekly Flowers 3 – Novice

Division 273: Weekly Flowers 3 – Amateur

Division 274: Weekly Flowers 3 – Professional

Division 275: Weekly Flowers 3 – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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100	Bird of Paradise
101	Canna
102	Dahlia
103	Daisy
104	Geranium
105	Marigold

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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106	Ruellia
107	Shasta Daisy
108	Snapdragon
109	Sunflower
110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow Bells
111	Zinnia

Rules

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Floral Show Week 4

October 10th, 2024

Drop off Thursday, October 10, 2024, 8 am to 11 am, pick up will be November 1-2, 2024

Division 276: Roses – Novice

Division 277: Roses – Amateur

Division 278: Roses – Professional

Division 279: Roses – Person(s) with Disabilities

Must be grown by exhibitor and labeled.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
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100	Rose Display arrangement (min. 3)
101	Grandiflora Roses One Bloom
102	Floribunda Roses One Spray
103	Floribunda Roses One Bloom
104	Hybrid Tea One Bloom
105	Miniature Roses & Miniature Flora Roses Single Bloom
106	Miniature Roses & Miniature Flora Roses One Spray
107	Other than listed.

Division 280: Sprouted Vegetables – Youth (12 and under)

Division 281: Sprouted Fruit – Youth (12 and under)

“Did you get your avocado pit to sprout? Or did your potato sprout a stem? Show us your green thumb.

Division 283: Weekly Flowers 4 – Novice

Division 284: Weekly Flowers 4 – Amateur

Division 285: Weekly Flowers 4 – Professional

Division 286: Weekly Flowers 4 – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Bird of Paradise	106	Ruellia
101	Canna	107	Shasta Daisy
102	Dahlia	108	Snapdragon
103	Daisy	109	Sunflower
104	Geranium	110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow Bells
105	Marigold	111	Zinnia

Rules

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Floral Show Week 5

October 17, 2024

Drop off Thursday, October 17, 2024, 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed;
pick up will be Nov. 1-2, 2024.

Division 252: Bridal Bouquet – Novice

Division 253: Bridal Bouquet – Amateur

Division 254: Bridal Bouquet – Professional

Division 255: Bridal Bouquet – Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Summer
101	Winter
102	Spring
103	Fall
104	Miscellaneous

Division 260: Weekly Flowers 5 – Novice

Division 261: Weekly Flowers 5 – Amateur

Division 262: Weekly Flowers 5 – Professional

Division 263: Weekly Flowers 5 – Person(s) with Disabilities

Class Description

100	Bird of Paradise
101	Canna
102	Dahlia
103	Daisy
104	Geranium
105	Marigold

Class Description

106	Ruellia
107	Shasta Daisy
108	Snapdragon
109	Sunflower
110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow Bells
111	Zinnia

Rules

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Floral Show Week 6

October 24, 2024

Drop off Thursday, October 24, 2024, 8 am to 11 am. Item will stay displayed at fair till fair is completed; pick up will be November 1-2, 2024.

Division 272: Centerpiece – Novice

Division 273: Centerpiece – Amateur

Division 274: Centerpiece – Professional

Division 275: Centerpiece – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Christmas
101	Halloween
102	Thanksgiving
103	Valentine
104	Fair Themed – Happy Birthday
105	Other

Division 280: Weekly Flowers 6 – Novice

Division 281: Weekly Flowers 6 – Amateur

Division 282: Weekly Flowers 6 – Professional

Division 283: Weekly Flowers 6 – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Description</u>
100	Bird of Paradise	106	Ruellia
101	Canna	107	Shasta Daisy
102	Dahlia	108	Snapdragon
103	Daisy	109	Sunflower
104	Geranium	110	Tecoma Stans – Yellow Bells
105	Marigold	111	Zinnia

Rules

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