

# OPEN -FLORICULTURE / HORTICULTURE- OFH



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**Entry Fees:** \$1 per entry / NO ONSITE ENTRY  
**Entry Deadline:** All entries must be completed online or received in office no later than 4:59 p.m., March 15, 2024  
**Receiving:** Wednesday, April 3rd, 10:00am – 3:00pm Use McDowell & 17th Avenue entrance.  
**Location:** Commercial Exhibits Building (yellow building)  
**Release:** Monday, April 15, 2024, 8:00am - 3:00pm  
**Credential Policy:** Refer to 2024 Credentials Policy for Fair Pass information

Rules: Exhibitors entering this department must abide by the following: **General Rules and Regulations, Department Rules.** Please read and understand all rules before entering this department

## Department Rules

**ENTRIES:** All entries must be received online or in the Fair Office no later than March 15, 2024, before 4:59pm. Enter online or mail/delivery entries with checks payable to:

Maricopa County Fair  
1826 W. McDowell Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**JUDGING:** Thursday, April 4, 2024

## HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

Entries: Youth: age 5 – 12, Teen: age 13-18, Adult: age 19 + and Person(s) with Disabilities. **Be sure to indicate your age group on the entry form.** If the 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 entry disqualification of the entry.

Read instructions carefully:

1. The exhibitor must grow **all** exhibits, unless otherwise specified. Exceptions will be noted before each class.
2. The exhibitor for **ALL** Divisions must furnish containers for arrangements. All plant entries must be labeled with the common plant name and/or variety.
3. Premiums will be mailed to the address on the entry form, after the Fair.
4. Exhibitors are allowed to enter an unlimited number of entries per class as long as each is paid with a \$1 entry fee prior to deadline day.

**Premiums: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00**

**\*\*A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid\*\***

## RULES FOR DIVISION #'s 1400 - 1406:

More than two entries can be made, in designated Class, only if each variety "of kind" is very different and named. If three or more entries of the same variety or kind are in any one of these Classes, a new Class will be added. 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 1400: Vegetables – Youth****Division 1401: Vegetables – Teen****Division 1402: Vegetables – Adult****Division 1403: Vegetables – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Chili Peppers: 3 loose	104	Spinach: 3 plants w/ roots in plastic bag
101	Cilantro	105	Tomatoes: 5 loose
102	Onions: 5 dry bulbs	106	Other, please describe
103	Onions: 5 tied green w/ roots and tops on		

**Division 1404: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Youth****Division 1405: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Teen****Division 1406: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Adult****Division 1407: Fruits & Other Horticulture Crops – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Lemons: 3 with stems	103	Nuts: pint
101	Oranges: 3 with stems	104	Other, please describe
102	Grapefruit: 3 with stems		

**GARDEN FLOWERS**

1. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per Class. Each entry must be a different color and/or variety.
2. Classes will be subdivided regarding variety and/or color.
3. Potted plants, dish gardens, scenic gardens and bottled gardens must have been cared for, by the exhibitor, for at least 60 days prior to fair. Terrariums must be cared for 30 days prior to fair.

**FLOWER SCORE:**

Form or symmetry, according to variety	20%
Foliage: condition, shape, color, texture, size, according to variety	20%
Maturity and condition of blossom(s)	20%
Bug damage, weather imperfections	10%
Proportion to container	10%
Grooming	15%
Correct labeling	5%
Total	100%

**Division 1412: Garden Flowers – Youth****Division 1413: Garden Flowers – Teen****Division 1414: Garden Flowers – Adult****Division 1415: Garden Flowers – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Carnations: 1 bloom	106	Marigolds: Small head, 3 stems, 1 blossom
101	Carnations-mini: 3 stems	107	Nasturtium: 3 blooms, same color
102	Daisy: 3 stems	108	Pansy - 3 blooms, same color
103	Gazania: 3 stems	109	Petunia: 1 stem
104	Geranium: 1 stalk	110	Roses (any variety)
105	Marigolds: Large head, 3 stems, 1 blossom	111	Other, please describe

**Division 1424: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Youth (Please bring these items, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm)****Division 1425: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Teen (Please bring these items, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm)****Division 1426: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Adult (Please bring these items, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm)****Division 1427: Flowering or Fruited Branches – Person(s) with Disabilities (Please bring these items, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm)**

One stem - 12"-24" in length - can branch. Name must be attached.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Bougainvillea - red	107	Pomegranate
101	Bougainvillea - any other color	108	Poinciana Pulcherima (Red Mexican Bird of Paradise)
102	Grapefruit	109	Flowering branch - any not listed
103	Lantana - orange or red	110	Citrus - any not listed
104	Lantana - yellow	111	Fruited branches - any not listed
105	Oleander - any color	112	Flowering vine - any not listed
106	Orange	113	Yellow Mexican Bird of Paradise

## PLANTS

List entries by common name and variety/varieties. Potted plants, dish gardens, scenic gardens, bottled gardens, terrariums, and cactus gardens must have been cared for, by the exhibitor, at least 60 days prior to the fair.

### PLANT SCORE

Form or symmetry according to variety	30%
Foliage: shape, color, texture & size according to variety	20%
Condition of plant	20%
Grooming	15%
Proportion to container	10%
Correct Labeling	5%
Total	100%

### Division 1428 Potted Plant – Youth

### Division 1429: Potted Plant – Teen

### Division 1430: Potted Plant – Adult

### Division 1431: Potted Plant – Person(s) with Disabilities

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Foliage Plant: fern	104	Succulents
101	Foliage Plant: other	105	Tree
102	Flowering Plant: in bloom	106	Two or more plants in container
103	Cactus		

### Division 1432: Propagated Plants – Youth

### Division 1433: Propagated Plants – Teen

### Division 1434: Propagated Plants – Adult

### Division 1435: Propagated Plants – Person(s) with Disabilities

Entries can be any assortment of six cuttings, at least, in a tray 4"x8" or larger.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Flower: propagated in container	103	Propagation tray: indoor or outdoor plants
101	Propagated tree or shrub: established plant in a one-gallon container	104	Bird seed: your choice of container and size
102	Foliage plant: one plant in container	105	Other, please describe

### Division 1436: Dish Garden – Youth

### Division 1437: Dish Garden – Teen

### Division 1438: Dish Garden – Adult

### Division 1439: Dish Garden – Person(s) with Disabilities

No less than two varieties and not less than three plants in each dish.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Cactus Garden	103	Scenic Garden
101	Succulent Garden	104	Terrarium: covered
102	Dish Garden	105	Other, please describe

### Division 1440: Mini Garden – Youth

### Division 1441: Mini Garden – Teen

### Division 1442: Mini Garden – Adult

### Division 1443: Mini Garden – Person(s) with Disabilities

Enter one or more varieties, in soil, started from seed or cuttings. Container should be a one-gallon size or larger.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Vegetable
101	Herbs
102	Flowers
103	Other, please describe

## Artistic Arrangement

Arrangement is fresh cut plant material in container with base, if desired. Composition includes accessories. Six- or eight-inch wreaths can be vine or straw bases. Materials are to be dried and/or natural. Fabric ribbon and/or raffia bows allowed. All entries must be prepared, at home, by exhibitor. Repair areas will be provided.

### Artistic Arrangement Score

Originality of design	20%
Color harmony	20%
Balance of design	20%
Proportion: design to container	10%
Condition of flowers & foliage	10%
<u>Suitability of materials, accessories, container, etc.</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

**Division 1449: Artistic Arrangement – Youth**

**Division 1450: Artistic Arrangement – Teen**

**Division 1451: Artistic Arrangement – Adult**

**Division 1452: Artistic Arrangement – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Spring Bloom: all fresh material in arrangement	105	Festive Wreath: dried, artificial, or mixed
101	Woodland: all dried native material composition	106	Wreath: made with recycled materials
102	Grand Canyon: fresh and/or dried material composition – wood, rocks permitted	107	Wheelbarrow Garden: fresh material arrangement with Fairy/Gnome design within if desired.
103	Joys of Summer: basket arrangement, fresh and/or dried produce predominant	108	Recyclable Container Garden: fresh material arrangement with Fairy/Gnome design within if desired.
104	County Fair: miniature composition. Less than 8" should be fresh material. Less than 5" should be dried material.	109	“Odd” Container Garden: fresh material arrangement in an item that is typically not used for gardening.

## EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

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Educational Message	30%
Accuracy of information	25%
Originality of entry	25%
Presentation: cleanliness, spelling, grammar, and printing, etc.	10%
<u>Use of color, graphics, and design</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

**Division 1453: Educational Exhibit – Youth**

**Division 1454: Educational Exhibit – Teen**

**Division 1455: Educational Exhibit – Adult**

**Division 1456: Educational Exhibit – Person(s) with Disabilities**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
100	Plant family collection poster	106	Research project
101	Plant propagation poster	107	Group poster display (two or more posters required)
102	Landscape design	108	School plant science project
103	Irrigation design	109	Recyclable landscaping poster
104	Horticulture career poster		
105	Miscellaneous, i.e. birds, etc.		