



# FLORICULTURE

## KEY DATES

### Entries Close Date

- Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
Container Grown Plants,  
Bouquets to Art,  
Amateur Gardens (Adult & Youth)  
and Wheelbarrow Planting
- Monday, June 10, 2024; 5:00 pm  
Arrangements and Cut Flowers

### Entry Delivery Dates

- Arrangements, Cut Flowers,  
Container Grown Plants,  
Bouquets to Art  
Wednesday, June 12 from  
9:00 am to Noon  
at McCormack Hall

### Entry Delivery Dates

- Amateur Gardens (Adult & Youth) and  
Wheelbarrow Planting  
Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11  
from 9 am to 5 pm; and Wednesday, June  
12 from 9 am to Noon  
Livestock area

### Pick Up Dates

- Arrangements, Cut Flowers, Container  
Grown Plants  
Monday, June 17, Noon to 7 pm
- Amateur Gardens & Wheelbarrows  
Sunday, June 16, 6:00 pm and  
Monday, June 17, Noon to 7 pm

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Exhibits in most Floriculture departments must be grown by the exhibitor within the county, except in classes for Arrangements, Amateur Gardens and Wheelbarrow Planting.

All classes are limited to residents of Solano County and the neighboring counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, Sonoma and Yolo unless specified in an individual division or class.

There are **NO** limits on the number of items an exhibitor may enter per class.

No exhibitor shall receive more than two cash awards in any one class using the American judging system.

## PEOPLES CHOICE OVERALL BEST OF SHOW

**Best of Show**  
Rosette & \$150 Award

**Reserve Best of Show**  
Rosette & \$50 Award

## CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS DEPT. 300

**Entries Close:** Wednesday, May 22

**Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry per class

**Delivery Day:** Wednesday, June 12

**Delivery Time:** 9 am to Noon

**Delivery Location:** McCormack Hall

**Pick-Up:** Monday, June 17,  
Noon – 7 pm

### Judging System: American

Cash prizes and ribbons per class

1st	\$5.00
2nd	\$4.00
3rd	\$3.00

### SPECIAL AWARDS

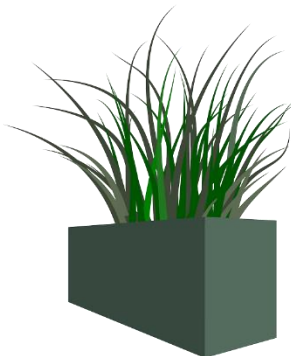
**Best of Show**  
Rosette & \$25 Award  
**Reserve Best of Show**  
Rosette & \$15 Award

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. All plant material must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. Potted plants and hanging baskets must be in the exhibitor's possession not less than 3 months.
3. All specimens should be correctly labeled. Specimen plants must be of show quality in regards to maturity or show size, and in relation to their type.
4. Flowers and plant material should be well hardened and groomed.
5. Fair staff will give daily care to plants:
  - Plant saucers are appreciated.
  - All trailing plants must be equipped with hangers and entered in the Flowering Plants or Hanging Foliage classes.
  - No accessories including artificial flowers, fillers, wiring or dressing are permitted.
6. Use of tin cans or aluminum foil wrapped containers is not acceptable.
7. Plants with insects or disease will be disqualified and sent home.

### Score Card for Judging Container Grown Plants

Cultural Perfection	30%
Size – according to variety	30%
Grooming	10%
Color, form, substance, or texture of bloom & or foliage	15%
Nomenclature botanic and common name identification	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>



### DIVISION 301 – CONTAINER PLANTS

#### Class

1. Flowering Plants (Must be in bloom)
2. Topiary
3. Foliage
4. Hanging Foliage
5. Ferns & Ornamental Asparagus
6. Produce Plants (Vegetables)
7. Cacti
8. Succulents
9. Any Other Not Listed

### RULES FOR PLANTERS

1. Species **must be growing in planters**, not in pots set in planters. Entries must be accompanied by a water catch if there are drainage holes in the planter.
2. Each planter must contain three or more different varieties of plants.
3. No figurines or ceramic animals allowed.
4. Planters will be judged on their design, condition, and the compatibility of plants with the light and moisture requirements.

### DIVISION 310 – PLANTERS

#### Class

1. Dish Garden (*uncovered*) not to exceed 10" in diameter
2. Terrarium (*covered*) not to exceed 10" in diameter
3. Bonsai (*Small - Six (6) to eighteen (18) inches high or wide*)
4. Bonsai (*Large - Over (18) inches high or wide*)
5. Window Boxes (*Not to exceed – Length – 24 inches, width – 8 inches and height – 7 inches*)

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## ARRANGEMENTS

DEPT. 301

New  
2024

### PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED

**Entries Close:** Monday, June 10; 5pm

#### Entry Fee:

See fee below, per entry per class

**Delivery Day:** Wednesday, June 12

**Delivery Time:** 9 am to Noon

**Delivery Location:** McCormack Hall

**Pick-Up:** Monday, June 17,  
Noon – 7 pm

Judging System: American				
Entry Fee	Category	Cash Prizes Per Class		
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$1.00	Novice/ Amateur	\$5	\$4	\$3
\$2.00	Advanced	\$10	\$8	\$6
\$4.00	Masters	\$20	\$15	\$10
\$5.00	Professional Florist	\$25	\$20	\$15
\$1.00	Open Class Miniatures	\$5	\$4	\$3
\$5.00	Designer's Challenge	\$25	\$20	\$10

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Best of Show

Rosette & \$25 Award

#### Reserve Best of Show

Rosette & \$15 Award

### DIVISION CATEGORIES

- **NOVICE:** Person who has won not more than 10 blue ribbons in any organized flower show. **A novice may enter Novice, Amateur, or Advanced divisions.**
- **AMATEUR:** Person who has won 10 to 15 blue ribbons in any organized flower show, and is not, or has not been engaged in flower arranging as a teacher or lecturer, or operated as a commercial enterprise. **An amateur may enter Amateur or Advanced divisions.**

- **ADVANCED:** An amateur who has won more than 15 blue ribbons may enter Advanced or Masters Divisions.
- **MASTER'S DIVISION:** Open to advanced arrangers, student judges, accredited judges, instructors and lecturers.
- **PROFESSIONAL FLORIST:** Open to persons or organizations conducting an established business or allied with a florist.
- **DESIGNER'S CHALLENGE:** Open to all. The purpose of this division is to challenge the designer to reach new heights in design, and to show versatility of an art form that we all enjoy.

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Material used need not be grown by exhibitor.
2. All Local and State rules are applicable.
3. Bases and mats permitted with all exhibits and accessories permitted in all classes unless otherwise stated.
4. Plant material on the State Conservation list may not be exhibited.
5. All entries must contain fresh plant material, unless otherwise specified. Fresh plant material includes flowers, foliage, branches, fruits, vegetables and succulents.
  - Fresh plant material must not be sprayed, dyed, painted, etc.
  - Fruits and vegetables must not be cut open.
6. Dried materials may be treated (e.g., sprayed, waxed, painted, dyed, etc.) **Imitation or artificial plant materials (including silk flowers) will not be permitted unless otherwise specified.**
7. In Advanced and Masters Divisions, exhibitors desiring special background must provide support for same.

8. No arrangements to occupy more than approximately 2 feet of table space, except horizontal classes.
9. Flowers and plant materials should be well conditioned and groomed.
10. Exhibitors must complete and clean area after each arrangement is placed and must freshen displays as often as necessary. Awards will be withheld if exhibits are not kept in first-class condition.
11. Few requirements are given in order to allow full scope of imagination.
12. Titles for each class are simply to stimulate your imagination and should not be taken literally.
13. Use of clay or other sticky materials to anchor any portion of a design to shelves or table shall cancel any award made. **All constructions and backgrounds must be self-supporting.**

### DIVISION 315 – NOVICE / AMATEUR

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Expressive design, very bold and strong, designer's complete choice on materials and accessories.
2. **Designer Choice** – Create something spectacular.

### DIVISION 316 – ADVANCED

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Expressive design, very bold and strong, designer's complete choice on materials and accessories.
2. **Designer Choice** – Create something spectacular.

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## DIVISION 317 – MASTERS

### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Expressive design, very bold and strong, designer's complete choice on materials and accessories.
2. **Designer Choice** – Create something spectacular.

## DIVISION 318 – PROFESSIONAL FLORIST

### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Expressive design, very bold and strong, designer's complete choice on materials and accessories.

## DIVISION 319 – OPEN CLASS MINIATURES

### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – A miniature not to exceed 5 inches in height or width for plant material and a smaller vase.

## DIVISION 320 – DESIGNER'S CHALLENGE

### Class

1. **Spectacular** - Complete choice and freedom of materials and accessories – 5 inches or taller.



## BOUQUETS TO ART

### DEPT. 302

**Entries Close:** Wednesday, May 22

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per entry per class

**Delivery Day:** Wednesday, June 12

**Delivery Time:** 9 am to Noon

**Delivery Location:** McCormack Hall

**Pick-Up:** Monday, June 17,  
Noon – 7 pm

### Judging System: American

Cash prizes and ribbons per class

1st	\$50.00
2nd	\$25.00
3rd	\$15.00

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Create an arrangement to complement an art piece.
2. Artwork must be in a table top stand frame, no larger than 8 ½" x 11".
3. Artwork may be a photo of a master artist's work or an original.
4. The arrangement should complement the art piece.
5. Fresh flowers, foliage, fruit, dry materials and prop accessories may be used. No artificial or silk flowers or foliage.
6. Arrangements will be displayed next to artwork and will be judged on the artistic and creative relationship of the Bouquet to Art.
7. Refer to DeYoung Museum "Bouquets to Art" for Inspiration.

## DIVISION 321 – BOUQUETS TO ART

### Class

1. **Bouquets to Art**

## CUT FLOWERS

### DEPT. 303

New  
2024

### PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED

**Entries Close:** Monday, June 10; 5pm

**Entry Fee:** \$1.00 per entry per class

**Delivery Day:** Wednesday, June 12

**Delivery Time:** 9 am to Noon

**Delivery Location:** McCormack Hall

**Pick-Up:** Monday, June 17,  
Noon – 7 pm

### Judging System: American

Cash prizes and ribbons per class

1st	\$4.00
2nd	\$3.00
3rd	\$2.00

### SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Best of Show

Rosette & \$25 Award

#### Reserve Best of Show

Rosette & \$15 Award

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. All plant material must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. Management reserves the right to remove and discard all cut flowers at the close of Fair.
3. All materials exhibited must be labeled by variety whenever possible.
4. Flowers and plant material should be well hardened and groomed.
5. Leaves which will be below water must be removed.
6. Containers will be furnished by the management for cut flowers. Use of bottles, fruit jars, tin cans, or aluminum foil wrapped containers are forbidden.
7. Only one person in a household may enter any class.
8. Specimens with aphids, etc. will be disqualified.

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## Glossary

**ANNUAL** – A plant that completes its outdoor cycle of growth in one year.

**BIENNIAL** – A plant that normally completes its outdoor cycle of growth in two years.

**PERENNIAL** – A plant that lives, blooms, and seeds for more than two years. Trees and shrubs are hard wooded perennials.

**HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS** – A plant that lives longer than two years but which in colder climates dies back to the ground each winter.

**SPIKE** – A flower structure with flowers, no stem or very short stemmed, on a common lengthened stalk. Example: Gladiolus.

**SPRAY** – Portion of a plant with a number of flowers on one stem. Example: Cosmos and Salpiglossis.

**STEM** – The main ascending part of a plant. Example: Tea Rose, Carnation.

**STALK** – A stiff stem which may or may not branch, and with one or more flowers and buds. Example: Tall Bearded Iris.

**BLOOM** – Individual flowers, one blossom on a stem. Example: Exhibition Dahlias, Carnations, Roses (all disbudded).

**SPECIMEN** – A single plant, bloom, spike, spray, stalk or stem.

## DIVISION 335 – ANNUALS

### Class

1. Asters – 1 spray
2. Impatiens – 3 sprays
3. Love in the Mist, Color – 3 spikes, Nigella Damascena
4. Pansies, Any Variety – 5 blooms
5. Any Other Annual (*identify*)

## DIVISION 336 – PERENNIALS

### Class

1. Daisy – 3 stems
2. Dianthus – any 3 stems
3. Geranium, Any Color – 3 stems
4. Hydrangea
5. Any Other Perennial (*identify*)

## DIVISION 337 – MINIATURE ROSES

1 stem/spray

Should not be shown disbudded

### Class

1. Single Bloom Miniature Rose
2. Multi Bloom/Sprays Miniature Rose

## DIVISION 338 – ROSES

Should not be shown disbudded

### Class

1. Climber and Rambler Rose
2. Floribunda Rose
3. Grandiflora Rose
4. Hybrid Tea Rose
5. Old Garden Rose

## DIVISION 339 – HERBS

All must be named

### Class

1. Herbs – 1 spray each

## DIVISION 340 – BULBS, CORMS, TUBERS

### Class

1. Agapanthus – 1 stalk
2. Canna – 1 spike
3. Dahlia - 3 blooms
4. Day Lily – 1 stalk
5. Any Other (*identify*)

## DIVISION 341 – FLOWERING SHRUBS & VINES

All must be named

### Class

1. Shrub, Tree or Vine – one branch in bloom, not over 20 inches

## Score Card for Judging Cut Flowers

Cultural Perfection	30%
Form, color substance, abundance of bloom	20%
Size, according to species/variety	10%
Foliage and Stem	10%
Condition	15%
Distinction of species/variety	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>



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## AMATEUR MINI GARDENS

(Adult & Youth)

DEPT. 304

**Entries Close:** Wednesday, May 22

**Entry Fee: Adult & Youth - \$25.00**

**Entry Set-Up:** Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11 from 9 am – 5 pm; Wednesday, June 12 from 9 am – Noon

**Set-Up Location:** Livestock area

**Take Down:** Sunday, June 16, 6 pm and Monday, June 17, Noon – 7 pm

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Material used need not be grown by exhibitor.
2. Garden size approximately 4 feet long, by 4 feet wide by 1 foot deep planter. Visualize a plywood pallet with 1 foot sides. Exhibitors may add sides if they wish.
3. No commercial signs in booth.
4. All flowering material and shrubs must be growing; no cut material allowed.
5. Booths must be completed and ready for judging by 9am, Thursday, June 13th.
6. Open to any regular **non-commercial** individual or organization. Gardens that are built by Adult and Youth teams must be entered in the Adult division under one Adult exhibitor name. Additional names can be added to signage on the display, please let the Superintendent know if needed.
7. A junior or student organization must have at least one adult chaperone while working on the booth.
8. Children are not to be left in the work areas unattended.
9. All materials used for construction, including scraps, must be removed from work area.

10. Actual arrangement is more important than extra props used.
11. No electrical outlets will be available.
12. Think of this as part of your garden.

#### Judging System: American

##### Amateur Gardens – Adults

Cash prizes and ribbons per class

1st	\$250.00
2nd	\$200.00
3rd	\$150.00
4th	\$100.00

### DIVISION 372 – AMATEUR THEME GARDENS – ADULT

**(Adult & Youth Teams enter here)**

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Designer's Interpretation.

#### Judging System: American

##### Amateur Gardens - Youth

Cash prizes and ribbons per class

1st	\$250.00
2nd	\$200.00
3rd	\$150.00
4th	\$100.00

### DIVISION 373 – AMATEUR THEME GARDENS – YOUTH

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Designer's Interpretation.



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## WHEELBARROW PLANTING (New & Old Wheelbarrows) (Adult & Youth) DEPT. 305

**Entries Close:** Wednesday, May 22

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00

**Entry Set-Up:** Monday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 11 from 9 am – 7 pm; Wednesday, June 12 from 9 am – Noon

**Set-Up Location:** Livestock area

**Take Down:** Sunday, June 16 6pm and Monday, June 17, Noon – 7 pm

### SPECIAL RULES & INFORMATION

1. Material used need not be grown by exhibitor.
2. Exhibitor provides their own wheelbarrow.
3. No commercial signs in wheelbarrow.
4. All flowering material and shrubs must be growing; no cut material allowed.
5. Wheelbarrows must be completed and ready for judging by 9am, Thursday, June 13th.
6. Open to any regular non-commercial organization or individuals. Wheelbarrows that are built by Adult and Youth teams must be entered in the Adult division under on Adult exhibitor name. Additional names can be added to signage on the display, please let the Superintendent know if needed.
7. A junior or student organization must have at least one adult chaperone while working on the booth.
8. Children are not to be left in the work areas unattended.
9. All materials used for construction, including scraps, must be removed from work area.

10. Actual arrangement is more important than extra props used.
11. No electrical outlets will be available.

### DIVISION 374 – WHEELBARROW PLANTING (ADULT) (Adult & Youth Teams enter here)

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Designer's Interpretation.

<b>Judging System: American Wheelbarrow Planting – Adult</b>	
Cash prizes and ribbons per class	
1st	\$50.00
2nd	\$40.00
3rd	\$30.00
4th	\$20.00

### DIVISION 375 – WHEELBARROW PLANTING (YOUTH)

#### Class

1. **Diamond Jubilee** – Designer's Interpretation.

<b>Judging System: American Wheelbarrow Planting – Youth</b>	
Cash prizes and ribbons per class	
1st	\$50.00
2nd	\$40.00
3rd	\$30.00
4th	\$20.00

## YOUTH HORTICULTURE

**Youth Horticulture is located in the Youth Solano Living section of the Guidebook.**

# NOTES