

Open Class Flower Show Guidelines 2024

Enter Time: Friday, July 26th, 9:00-11:00 am

Judging Time: Friday, July 26th, 12:00 pm

Release Time: Sunday, July 28th, 4:30 pm

Rules:

1. Entries shall be accepted at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and must be in place by 11:30 a.m. and may not be removed until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Only amateurs may enter. Men or women. All ages allowed. Exhibits not limited to Hancock County.
3. No exhibitor may have more than one entry in each sub-class.
4. Exhibitors must furnish their own containers, clear glass preferred; wedging is allowed), tag his or her exhibit, **No Entry Fee. Ribbons awarded with prizes for top winners.**
5. Hancock County Fair Board will not be responsible for damages or loss of entries including containers.
6. First, Second and Third place ribbons can be awarded for each class and/or sub class. One "Best of Show: will be awarded in each section.
7. All plant material in horticulture must have been grown by the exhibitor. **Plant material in Artistic Division and Creative Design Division need not have been grown by the exhibitor.**
8. Once an entry is made in place, it cannot be removed or refunded.
9. **All entries should be named in each class IF POSSIBLE - for flowers and vegetables** - Plant Name & Cultivar: example – (Zinnia, "Crystal White"), **for plants** – Common & Scientific Name: example – (heartleaf philodendron, "philodendron condatum").
10. For more information about flower presentation go to www.extension.iastate.edu/Publication/s/4H464.pdf or search for "Preparing

Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits

11. **Iowa noxious weed law permits NO exhibits with quack grass, thistle, bindweed, horse nettle, leaf spurge, pepper grass, knapweed, buckthorn, butter print, cocklebur, wild mustard, Queen Anne's lace, sheep sorrel, dock & teasel.**

Section A: Roses (specific to class – spray (several blooms on one stem, foliage desired), bloom (only 1 bloom on 1 stem, foliage desired)

Class A: Hybrid Tea & Grandiflora, 1 bloom per stem, no side buds

- a. Single specimen
- b. Collection (3 of same variety)
- c. Collection (3 different varieties)
- d. Collection (5 different varieties)

Class B: Hybrid tea and Grandiflora, spray (more than one bloom)

- a. One spray

Class C: Floribunda – 1 bloom per stem, no side buds

- a. Single specimen
- b. Collection – 3 of same variety
- c. Collection – 3 different varieties

Class D: Miniature – 1 bloom per stem, no side buds

- a. One bloom
- b. Collection – 3 of same variety

Class E: Miniature Rose Spray – more than 1 bloom per spray

- a. One spray
- b. Collection – 3 of same variety

Class F: Other Rose

- a. Single specimen
- b. One spray
- c. Collection – 3 of same variety

Section B: Annuals

Class A: Asters – 1 bloom (any color)

Class B: Celosia -1 stem

- a. Crested –any color
- b. Plumed – any color

Class C: Coleus – 1 stem

Class D: Cosmos – 1 stem

Class E: Daisy – 1 bloom

- a. Gloriosa (any color)
- b. Gerbera (any color)
- c. Any other annual daisy

Class F: Geraniums (1 stem of blooms & 1 leaf)

Class G: Impatiens - 1 stem (any color)

- a. Single
- b. Double
- c. New Guinea

Class H: Marigolds

- a. Large (1 stem)
 1. Yellow
 2. Orange
 3. Any other color
- b. Dwarf (1 spray)
 1. Yellow
 2. Orange
 3. Red
 4. Any other color

Class I: Pansy – 3 blooms

Class J: Petunia (any color)

- a. Single – 1 spray
 1. Red
 2. Pink
 3. Purple
 4. Any other color
- b. Double – 1 spray
 1. Red
 2. Pink
 3. Purple
 4. Any other color
- c. Ruffled – 1 spray

Class K: Salvia - 1 spike, any color

Class L: Snapdragon (any color)

- a. Large (Rocket) – 1 spike
- b. Dwarf – 1 spike

Class M: Vinca - (any color) – 1 stem

Class N: Viola – (any color) - 1 spray

Class O: Zinnias – 3 blooms, no buds, any color

- a. Large – blooms larger than 3 inches
- b. Small – blooms 3 inches or under

Class P: Any other annual

- a. If large, 1 specimen
- b. If small, 3 specimens

Section C: Bulbs&RelatedStructures

Class A: Dahlia – 1 bloom

- a. Large bloom – bloom larger than 3 inches
- b. Small bloom –bloom 3 inches and under

Class B: Daylily (Hemerocallis) – 1 stem
(LEAVE ANTHERS ON)

- a. Yellow
- b. Orange
- c. Red
- d. Any other color

Class C: Gladiolus (1 spike)

- a. Standard
- b. Miniature

Class D: Lily (LEAVE ANTHERS ON)

- a. Asiatic - 1 stem
- b. Calla – 1 stem
- c. Oriental – 1 stem
- d. Tiger – 1 stem

Class E: Tuberous Begonia - 1 leaf & 1 bloom in shallow dish

Class G: Any other bulb or related structure

Section D: Perennials

Class A: Achillea (yarrow) – 1 stem

Class B: Chrysanthemum

- a. Cushion – 1 spray
- b. Daisy mum – 1 spray
- c. Any other mum – 1 spray

Class C: Clematis – 1 spray**Class D: Cleome – 1 stem****Class E: Coreopsis – 1 bloom****Class F: Daisy – 1 bloom**

- a. Shasta
- b. Brown Eyed Susan
- c. Any other variety

Class G: Delphinium – 1 spike**Class H: Gaillardia – 1 bloom****Class I: Hosta – 3 leaves (& bloom if possible)****Class J: Hydrangea - 1 bloom****Class K: Liatris – 1 spike****Class L: Monarda (Bee Balm) – 1 stem****Class M: Phlox – 1 stem****Class N: Sedum – 1 stem****Class O: Any other perennial**

- a. Large – 1 specimen
- b. Small – 1 specimen

Section E: Container Grown Plants**Class A: African violet (1 plant, any type)****Class B: Begonia (1 plant, any type)****Class C: Cacti**

- a. 1 plant, any type
- b. 2 or more plants, any type

Class D: Geranium (potted)

- a. Standard
- b. Ivy

Class E: Impatiens – potted

- a. Single
- b. Double
- c. New Guinea

- d. Mix of 2 or more

Class F: Indoor Planter – Mixture of at least 2 plant varieties created for indoor use only

Class G: Potted Plant – grown for foliage only

Class H: Potted Plant – flowering

Class I: Potted Plant – vining

- a. Ivy
- b. Pothos or Philodendron
- c. Any other vining plant

Class J: Outdoor Planter – Mixture of at least 2 plant varieties in container, created for outdoor use only

- a. Small (15” and under container)
- b. Large (over 15” container)

Class K: Hanging Basket – any variety (for indoor or outdoor use)

Class L: Succulents

- a. 1 plant, any type
- b. 2 or more plants, any type

Class M: Terrariums – any

Class N: Fairy Garden – any

Section F: Artistic Design (fresh flowers only) – need not be grown by exhibitor

Class A: “Feathered Friends” – any arrangement using bird theme

Class B: “Once Upon a Time” - any arrangement using fairy tale theme

Class C: “Riding the Rails” - any arrangement using hobo/train theme

Class D: “Holiday Greetings” – arrangement created for ANY holiday

Section G: Creative Design (some natural materials must be used – need not be grown by exhibitor)

Class A: Collage

Class B: Wreath

Class C: Wall Hanging

Class D: All Dried Flower Arrangement

Class E: Other

Class E: Table Scape (create a dinner setting for **ONE**, using your own dinnerware with a floral centerpiece, not necessary to bring silverware, must bring own card table)

- a. "Sunshine and Lemonade"
- b. "Into the Woods"
- c. "Happy Holiday" – any holiday
- d. "Guess My Theme" – any theme

Section H: Vegetables

Class A: Beans – 6 pods

- a. Snap green
- b. Snap yellow wax
- c. Other

Class B: Beets – any variety – 3 specimens

Class C: Berries – 1 plate of 6 specimens (same variety)

Class D: Broccoli – 1 head

Class E: Brussel Sprouts – 4 specimen

Class F: Cabbage – 1 head (any variety)

Class G: Carrots for table use – 3 specimens

Class H: Cauliflower – 1 head

Class I: Cucumbers

- a. Pickling – 3 specimens
- b. Slicing – 2 specimens (6"-8")

Class J: Eggplant – 1 specimen

Class K: Herbs – 1 specimen

Class L: Kohlrabi – 2 specimens

Class M: Onions – 3 specimens of 1 variety (red, white & yellow)

Class N: Parsley – 5 stems in container of water

Class O: Peas – 6 pods

Class P: Peppers

- a. Bell – 2 specimens
- b. Hot - 3 specimens
- c. Any other pepper – 3 specimens

Class Q: Potatoes - 3 specimens

- a. Red or pink
- b. White
- c. Russet
- d. Other

Class R: Radishes – 3 specimens

Class S: Sweet Corn

- a. Any variety, 2 ears in plastic wrapper without shucks
- b. Any variety, 2 ears with shucks

Class T: Summer Squash – 2 specimens

Class U: Tomatoes

- a. Cherry – 10 specimens (yellow or red)
- b. Standard – 3 specimens of 1 variety (no green)

Class V: Zucchini – 2 specimens

Class W: Any other Vegetable – 1-3 specimens

Section I: Junior Category (16 years and under)

Class A: Rose - any rose 1 spray or 1 bloom

Class B: Annuals – any annual (1 spray or 1 bloom)

Class C: Bulb & Related Structures - any bulb or related structure displayed using senior class rules

Class D: Perennials – any perennial (1 spray or 1 bloom)

Class E: Container Grown Plants – any container grown plant for indoor or outdoor

Class F: Artistic Design – (fresh flowers only – need not be grown by exhibitor) –

- a. Any arrangement using "School Days" theme
- b. Any arrangement using theme of choice

Class G: (Junior Class) - Creative Design (some natural materials must be used – need not be grown by exhibitor) – any entry displayed using senior class rules

Class H : Vegetables (Junior Classes)

- a. Beans (6 pods)
- b. Beets (3 specimens)
- c. Berries (6 specimens)
- d. Broccoli (1 head)
- e. Brussel Sprouts (4 specimens)
- f. Cabbage (1 head)
- g. Carrots (3 specimens)
- h. Cauliflower – 1 head
- i. Cucumbers – 3 specimens
- j. Eggplant – 1 specimen
- k. Herbs – 1 specimen
- l. Kohlrabi – 1 specimen
- m. Onions – 3 specimen of 1 variety
- n. Parsley - 5 stems in container of water
- o. Peas – 6 pods
- p. Peppers – 2 specimens
- q. Potatoes – 3 specimens
- r. Radishes -3 specimens
- s. Sweet Corn – 2 ears in plastic wrappers without shucks
- t. Summer Squash – 2 specimens
- u. Tomatoes –
 1. Cherry (10 specimens – yellow or red)
 2. Standard (3 specimens of 1 variety)
- v. Zucchini – 2 specimens
- w. Any other vegetable (1-3 specimens)