**Open Class Flower Show Guidelines 2025**

**Enter Time: Friday, July 25th, 9:00-11:00 am**

**Judging Time: Friday, July 25th, 12:00 pm**

**Release Time: Sunday, July 27th, 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/Publications/4H464.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/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**

1. Single specimen
2. Collection (3 of same variety)
3. Collection (3 different varieties)
4. Collection (5 different varieties)

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

1. One spray

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

1. Single specimen
2. Collection – 3 of same variety
3. Collection – 3 different varieties

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

1. One bloom
2. Collection – 3 of same variety

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

1. One spray
2. Collection – 3 of same variety

**Class F: Other Rose**

1. Single specimen
2. One spray
3. Collection – 3 of same variety

**Section B: Annuals**

**Class A: Asters** – 1 bloom (any color)

**Class B: Celosia** -1 stem

1. Crested –any color
2. Plumed – any color

**Class C: Coleus** – 1 stem

**Class D: Cosmos** – 1 stem

**Class E: Daisy** – 1 bloom

1. Gloriosa (any color)
2. Gerbera (any color)
3. Any other **annual** daisy

**Class F: Geraniums** 1 stem of blooms & 1 leaf attached

**Class G: Impatiens** - 1 stem (any color)

1. Single
2. Double
3. New Guinea

**Class H: Marigolds**

1. Large (1 stem)
2. Yellow
3. Orange
4. Any other color
5. Dwarf (1 spray)
6. Yellow
7. Orange
8. Red
9. Any other color

**Class I: Pansy** – 3 blooms

**Class J: Petunia** (any color)

1. Single – 1 spray
2. Red
3. Pink
4. Purple
5. Any other color
6. Double – 1 spray
7. Red
8. Pink
9. Purple
10. Any other color
11. Ruffled – 1 spray

**Class K: Salvia** - 1 spike, any color

**Class L: Snapdragon** (any color)

1. Large (Rocket) – 1 spike
2. 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

1. Large – blooms larger than 3 inches
2. Small – blooms 3 inches or under

**Class P: Any other annual**

1. If large, 1 specimen
2. If small, 3 specimens

**Section C: Bulbs&RelatedStructures**

**Class A: Dahlia** – 1 bloom (disbud)

1. Large bloom – bloom larger than 3 inches
2. Small bloom –bloom 3 inches and under

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

1. Yellow
2. Orange
3. Red
4. Any other color

**Class C: Gladiolus** (1 spike)

1. Standard
2. Miniature

**Class D: Lily** (**LEAVE ANTHERS ON**)

1. Asiatic - 1 stem
2. Calla – 1 stem
3. Oriental – 1 stem
4. 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**

1. Cushion – 1 spray
2. Daisy mum – 1 spray
3. Any other mum – 1 spray

**Class C: Clematis** – 1 spray

**Class D: Cleome** – 1 stem

**Class E: Coreopsis** – 1 spray

**Class F: Daisy** – 1 bloom

1. Shasta
2. Brown Eyed Susan
3. Any other variety

**Class G: Delphinium** – 1 spike

**Class H: Gaillardia** – 1 bloom

**Class I: Hosta –** 3 leaves (& bloom if possible)

**Class J: Hibiscus –** 1 bloom (1 leaf if possible)

**Class K: Hydrangea**  - 1 bloom

**Class L: Liatris** – 1 spike

**Class M: Monarda (Bee Balm)** – 1 stem

**Class N: Phlox –** 1 stem

**Class O: Sedum** – 1 stem

**Class P:** ~~Any~~ **other perennial**

1. Large – 1 specimen
2. 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**

1. 1 plant, any type
2. 2 or more plants, any type

**Class D: Geranium (potted**)

1. Standard
2. Ivy

**Class E: Impatiens – potted**

1. Single
2. Double
3. New Guinea
4. 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

1. Ivy
2. Pothos or Philodendron
3. Any other vining plant

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

1. Small (15” in height and under container)
2. Large (over 15” in height container)

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

**Class L: Succulents**

1. 1 plant, any type
2. 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: “Bicycling the Iowa Back Roads”** – any arrangement using a bicycling theme

**Class B: “Antique Avenue”** - any arrangement using an antique theme

**Class C: “Guess where I vacationed” -** any arrangement using a vacation 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)

1. **“Tea Time” – exhibitor’s interpretation**
2. **“Patriotic” - exhibitor’s interpretation**
3. **“Happy Holiday” – any holiday**
4. **“Guess My Theme” – any theme**

**Section H: Vegetables**

**Class A: Beans** – 6 pods

1. Snap green
2. Snap yellow wax
3. 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**

1. Pickling – 3 specimens
2. 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**

1. Bell – 2 specimens
2. Hot - 3 specimens
3. Any other pepper – 3 specimens

**Class Q: Potatoes** - 3 specimens

1. Red or pink
2. White
3. Russet
4. Other

**Class R: Radishes** – 3 specimens

**Class S: Sweet Corn**

1. Any variety, 2 ears in plastic wrapper without shucks
2. Any variety, 2 ears with shucks

**Class T: Summer Squash** – 2 specimens

**Class U: Tomatoes**

1. Cherry – 10 specimens (yellow or red)
2. 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) –

1. Any arrangement using “Days of Summer” theme
2. 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)**

1. Beans (6 pods)
2. Beets (3 specimens)
3. Berries (6 specimens)
4. Broccoli (1 head)
5. Brussel Sprouts (4 specimens)
6. Cabbage (1 head)
7. Carrots (3 specimens)
8. Cauliflower – 1 head
9. Cucumbers – 3 specimens
10. Eggplant – 1 specimen
11. Herbs – 1 specimen
12. Kohlrabi – 1 specimen
13. Onions – 3 specimen of 1 variety
14. Parsley - 5 stems in container of water
15. Peas – 6 pods
16. Peppers – 2 specimens
17. Potatoes – 3 specimens
18. Radishes -3 specimens
19. Sweet Corn – 2 ears in plastic wrappers without shucks
20. Summer Squash – 2 specimens
21. Tomatoes –
22. Cherry (10 specimens – yellow or red)
23. Standard (3 specimens of 1 variety)
24. Zucchini – 2 specimens
25. Any other vegetable (1-3 specimens)