

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT GUIDELINES

General Rules:

1. Flowers exhibited are to be grown by exhibitor unless otherwise stated in specific classes for artificial arrangements.
2. Members are encouraged to exhibit in disposable containers if possible.
3. Specimen exhibit containers should not be taller than half the length of the stem of the specimen exhibits.
4. Some foliage must be left on the specimens and collections.
5. Flowers may be of different colors in exhibits.
6. Required age and previous exhibit experiences are listed in class.
7. Dish gardens, house plants, terrariums, etc. that have been made in connection with some other event will not be accepted.
8. An exhibitor may enter only one class in each section a through f.

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Learn types of flowers to be used.
2. Learn the proper sizes of containers to use according to your arrangement size.
3. Learn how to finish the arrangement.
4. Experiment with flowers and foliage.
5. Learn how to make your arrangement stand out.
6. Learn more complicated arrangements as you advance to a higher level.

Specimen

**The following are classes open to exhibitors 11 years of age and under.
(Check the current year fair book for exact class number)**

- Annual flowers (1 flower over 3 ½ " in diameter or 3 flowers under 3 ½ " in diameter)
- Perennial flowers (1 flower over 3 ½ " in diameter or 3 flowers under 3 ½ " in diameter)

**The following classes are open to exhibitors 12 years of age and over
(Check the current year fair book for exact class number)**

- Annual flowers (1 flower over 3 ½ " in diameter or 3 flowers under 3 ½ " in diameter)
- Perennial flowers (1 flower over 3 ½ " in diameter or 3 flowers under 3 ½ " in diameter)
- Rose, one specimen bloom with foliage attached
- Dahlias (1 flower over 3 ½" in diameter or 3 flowers under 3 ½" in diameter)
- Gladiolus (one spike with foliage)
- Any other tuber, bulb or corm over 3 ½" in diameter 1 flower on stalk, under 3 ½" in diameter 3 flowers on stalk

mixed bouquets

The following are classes open to exhibitors ages 12 through 15 who have previously exhibited in specimen classes (check the current year fair book for exact class number)

- Mixed bouquet of annual and/or perennial flowers, (three or more different flowers in one container)

The following are classes open to exhibitors 16 years of age and older who have not exhibited in bouquet classes (check the current year fair book for exact class number)

- Mixed bouquet of annual flowers (3 or more different flowers in one container)
- Mixed bouquet of perennial flowers (3 or more different kinds of flowers in on container)

fresh flower arrangements

The exhibitor must make live flower arrangements at time of judging. The following classes open to all exhibitors. (check the current year fair book for exact class number)

- Flower arrangement using home grown flowers
- Flower arrangement using purchased flowers
- Corsage
- Arrangements or decoration using dried natural materials
(the exhibitor will present all materials to the judge and then will be asked by the judge to arrange the flowers at a nearby table. When the exhibitor is finished they should signal the Superintendent of that station, so they may let the judge know.

dried flower arrangements

These classes are open to any exhibitor (check the current year fair book for the exact class number)

- Arrangements or decoration using dried natural materials
(the exhibitor will present all materials to the judge and then will be asked by the judge to arrange the flowers at a nearby table. When the exhibitor is finished they should signal the Superintendent of that station, so they may let the judge know.

artificial flower arrangements

Wreaths base size may be no larger than 14 inches measured from the outside edges; overall wreath size not to exceed 24 inches measured from the farthest extremities.

These classes are open to the following (check the current year fair book for exact class number)

- Beginner arrangement (ages 10 and under)
- Junior arrangement (ages 11 to 13)
- Senior arrangement (ages 14 and older)

indoor/outdoor container garden

These classes are open to any exhibitor. If the exhibit is a hanging plant, exhibitor must provide a plant hanger. (check the current year fair book for exact class number)

- House plant (one foliage)
- House plant (one flowering)
- Indoor bulbs (corms or tubers one plant)
- Dish garden (using sand—sand may be colored)
- Terrarium
- Herbs-potted (at least 3 varieties)
- Annual vegetable/floral – potted
- Perennials – potted(at least 3 varieties)

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