

FLORICULTURE

ENTRY FORMS DUE

August 1, 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEES

Arrangements, Cut Flowers, and Potted Plants – \$2.00 per Item
Decorative Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels – \$5.00 per Item

EXHIBITS RECEIVED

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, ~ 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Salinas Room (enter through Gate 2)

EXHIBITS RELEASED

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, ~ 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The American system of judging will be applied in Divisions. American - The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second, etc.
2. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except in the Arrangements Division. Florists and nurseries may exhibit plants, plant material and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow.
3. Exhibits should be adequately and correctly labeled. Entries not labeled correctly may be disqualified.
4. This department is open to all exhibitors showing flowers and plants grown in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties, unless otherwise stated.
5. Exhibitors are required to keep their flowers in good condition for the duration of the Fair or forfeit their prizes. Flowers and gardens must be changed and/or watered as needed.
6. All materials and decorations must be made from a flame-proof material or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition.
7. **LIABILITY:** Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in Local and State Rules.
8. Awards will be presented to outstanding educational exhibits. These awards are designed to encourage excellence in design and superior horticulture. All exhibits entered in the Floriculture Department are eligible. All winners will be re-judged for this award.

SPECIAL RIBBONS

Best of Show – Arrangements

Best of Show – Cut Flowers

Best of Show – Potted Plants

Best of Show – Decorative Displays, Table Settings, & Mantels

SPECIAL AWARDS

Excellence In Floral Design – \$25.00

Excellence In Cut Flower – \$25.00

Excellence In Horticulture – \$25.00

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

ARRANGEMENTS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Arrangements must be completed by the Exhibitor at home. Minimal Fair workspace is available for last-minute details only. Exhibitors will be allowed to set their own completed arrangements in place in the exhibit area.
2. Owner's name on bottom of container is recommended.
3. Fresh Arrangements are not to exceed 10% of dry materials, unless otherwise stated.
4. The use of artificial flowers and materials will not be permitted unless specifically stated in Division or Class descriptions.
5. Small or valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements unless securely attached to base.
6. The attendants in charge will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage. Natural plant materials may be dyed or sprayed.

DEFINITIONS AND RULES

Novice: One who has won from 0 to 5 blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Intermediate: One who has won 6 to 10 blue ribbons in a flower arranging competition.

Advance: One who has won 11 to 30 blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Master: Arrangement Lectures, Floral Arrangement Teachers, Arrangement Judges, or anyone who supplements their income in the field of Floral Arranging, or who has received 31 or more blue ribbons in flower arranging competition.

Classification Rules: An Exhibitor is classified as one, and only one, of the following: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Master or Commercial. An exhibitor may compete only in those classes listed in his/her classification plus Open Classes. For example, a Novice may be exhibited only in Novice Classes and Open Classes. Supervisors and Judges may reclassify entrants into correct classes.

Exhibitor Upgrade Rule: An Exhibitor may upgrade his/her classification even though he/she has not won the appropriate number of blue ribbons, but, once having exhibited in a higher class (excluding Open), the Exhibitor can never return to a lower classification. For example, a Novice who decides to reclassify as an Intermediate and exhibits in Intermediate Classes can never go back to being a Novice even though he still has the number of blue ribbons showing that he should be a Novice.

Flower Arrangement Rules: Flowers must be arranged in a single container unless otherwise specified. Arrangement designs may be enhanced by accessories. Accessories are considered anything in a design in addition to the plant material and container. Accessories may include a mat, small object, figurines, backdrop, and/or frame.

SCORECARD FOR ARRANGEMENTS

Originality and Conformance.....	30%
Harmony of Color, Texture and Container	30%
Design (Balance and Proportion).....	25%
Condition of Material	15%
TOTAL SCORE.....	100%

DIVISION 200 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, NOVICE

DIVISION 201 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, INTER.

DIVISION 202 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, ADV.

DIVISION 203 SILK/DRY ARRANGEMENTS, MASTER

CLASS:

- 1) Summer - Arrangers Interpretation
- 2) Wedding Bouquet
- 3) Memento Mori
- 4) Happiness - Arrangers Interpretation
- 5) Wintertime - Arrangers Interpretation
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Miniature - not to exceed 4' in any dimension, including base

DIVISION 204 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, NOVICE

DIVISION 205 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, INTER.

DIVISION 206 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, ADV.

DIVISION 207 FRESH ARRANGEMENTS, MASTER

CLASS:

- 1) Famous Painting or Photograph
- 2) Harvest Festival
- 3) Monochromatic Hues
- 4) Fruits, Berries and Seedpods
- 5) 1960s Flower Power
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Say It with Flowers
- 8) Miniature - not to exceed 4' in any dimension, including base

CUT FLOWERS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Cut Flowers must be shown in containers furnished by the Floriculture Department.
2. Cut flower divisions are open to amateur and private growers.
 - **Amateur:** One who generally grows plants primarily for his/her own pleasure and who does not derive his/her livelihood therefrom.
 - **Private Grower:** A person who enjoys growing their own cut flowers and who may or may not offer them for sale.
3. **LIMIT: (4) entries per exhibitor per class.**
4. All roses must be disbudded, except when shown as sprays.
5. Annual and Perennial Blossoms cannot have buds. Submit number of stems or sprays as specified for each Class.
6. All cut flowers will be discarded at close of Fair except when prior arrangements have been made with the Floriculture department.

SCORE CARD FOR CUT FLOWERS

- Condition** - Flowers must be at their peak, fresh and turgid (no wilting). They should be clean, free of disease, insects and mechanical injury. No brown tips or torn petals.....20 %
- Form** - The shape and symmetry of the bloom. It should be characteristic of the variety.....20 %
- Color** - Color should be clear and bright.....15%
- Stem and Foliage** - Stem should be strong, straight, and in proportion to the flower; not weak, crooked or too short. Foliage should be present if typical for the species, clean, healthy, with no leaves below the water line.....20 %
- Size** - The flower should be at the maximum size attainable for the species under good cultivation.....15%
- Uniformity** - If the class requires multiple stems, they must be identical in size, color and maturity.....10%"

DIVISION 208 CUT FLOWERS - BEGONIAS - TUBER, HYBRIDS

CLASS:

- 1) Best One Bloom - Camellia or Rose Type, Smooth Petal Edge
- 2) Best One Bloom - Carnation or Ruffles Type, Ruffled Petal Edge
- 3) Best One Bloom - Picotte, Any Form
- 4) Any Other Form, such as Crispa Marginata, Narcissiflora, or Single Form

DIVISION 209 CUT FLOWERS - DAHLIAS

CLASS

- 1) Stellar, Orchid, Water lily or Anemone
- 2) Ball or Pompom
- 3) Cactus, Incurved or Straight
- 4) Cactus, Semi
- 5) Cactus, Decorative Informal
- 6) Collarette, Single (Daisy Form), Mignon
- 7) Decorative Formal

- 8) Largest (diameter and depth), any type
- 9) Miniature, Under 4" Cactus or Decorative

DIVISION 210 CUT FLOWERS - ROSES

CLASS

- 1) Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, any color
- 2) Floribunda
- 3) Miniature, any color
- 4) Climber, any color, one spray
- 5) Fully Open, any color, stamens must show

DIVISION 211 CUT FLOWERS - ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

CLASS:

- 1) Agapanthus, Blue or White - 1 stem
- 2) Amaryllis, African/Dutch - 1 stem
- 3) Alstroemeria - 1 spray
- 4) Begonia, Tuberous - 1 bloom
- 5) Bougainvillea- (12" to 30" long) - 1 branch
- 6) Bachelor Buttons - 3 stems
- 7) Canna
- 8) Chrysanthemum (florist's Mum) disbudded - 3 stems
- 9) Chrysanthemum (small, cluster type) - 1 spray
- 10) Cosmos (single or double) - 3 stems
- 11) Dianthus (Sweet William) - 3 stems
- 12) Fuchsia (single or double) - 1 stem
- 13) Gladiola - 1 stem
- 14) Hollyhock (single or double) - 1 stem
- 15) Hydrangea, any color - 1 branch
- 16) Marigold, any variety - 3 stems
- 17) Money Plant (peeled or unpeeled) - 1 branch
- 18) Nasturtium, any variety, must have leaves & flowers - 1 vine
- 19) Pelargonium, any Geranium, must have leaves & flowers - 2 stems
- 20) Scabiosa, any variety - 3 stems
- 21) Sunflower, any variety - 1 stem
- 22) Sweet Peas - 3 stems
- 23) Zinnia, Dwarf - 3 stems
- 24) Zinnia, Giant - 1 stem
- 25) Any Annual not listed, same color - 2 stems
- 26) Any Perennial not listed, same color - 2 stems
- 27) Any Bulb, Corm, Tuber - 1 stem
- 28) Any Shrub or Vine not listed (12" to 30" long) - 1 branch
- 29) Grower's Bunch, any variety, any color - 12 to 20 stems

DIVISION 212 CUT HERBS

CLASS:

Any Herb, please specify

POTTED PLANTS

DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Plants must be in exhibitor's possession at least 90 days prior to showing at Monterey County Fair.
2. All plants must be free of pests and disease.
3. **Dish Garden:** Must include 3-5 plants spaced 12" or less, planted in one pot or individually.
4. **LIMIT: (4) entries per exhibitor per class**

SCORECARD FOR POTTED PLANTS

Cultural Perfection, Health & Vigor:..... 30 points
Form/Shape/Symmetry..... 30 points
Size/Maturity..... 15 points
Flower Quantity/Color..... 15 points
Container Suitability/Grooming..... 10 points

DIVISION 213 SAINT/PAULIA - AFRICAN VIOLET

CLASS:

- 1) Standard, Single or Semi-double Blossom, Single Crown
- 2) Standard, Double Blossoms, Single Crown
- 3) Gesneriad other than African Violet

DIVISION 214 POTTED PLANTS

CLASS:

- 1) Adiantum, all varieties (i.e., Five Fingered Fern)
- 2) Asplenium, all varieties (i.e., Bird Nest Fern)
- 3) Bromeliad, no bloom required, any type
- 4) Coleus
- 5) Croton
- 6) Dracaena
- 7) Fern, any
- 8) Ficus Benjamina
- 9) Philodendron
- 10) Pothos
- 11) Rubber Plant
- 12) Any Other Indoor Foliage Plant

DIVISION 215 POTTED SHADE PLANTS IN BLOOM

CLASS:

- 1) Begonia, Tuberous, Upright, any variety
- 2) Begonia, Tuberous, Trailing
- 3) Begonia, Cane or Shrublike
- 4) Begonia, Rhizomatous
- 5) Begonia, Rex
- 6) Any Other Shade Plant in Bloom

DIVISION 216 POTTED SUN PLANTS IN BLOOM

CLASS:

- 1) Canna, must have leaves and flowers
- 2) Pelargonium, must have leaves and flowers
- 3) Any Other Sun Plant in Bloom

DIVISION 217 CACTI

CLASS:

- 1) Alluaudia, Decarya, Bursera, Operculicaria, Pachycormus
- 2) Astrophytum - Bishop, Cap, Star or Sea Urchin
- 3) Bulbine, Bowiea, Albuca, Drimia
- 4) Calbanus, Beaucarnea, Haemanthus
- 5) Cephalocereus & Espostoa - Oreocereus - Hairy Cactus
- 6) Cereus & Ceroid types - Organ Pipe, Silvertip
- 7) Columner Cactus - Borzicatus, Cleistocatus

- 8) Echinocactus, any variety
- 9) Epiphyllum - Orchid Cactus
- 10) Ferocactus
- 11) Mammillaria, any variety
- 12) Parodia Species - Golden Ball
- 13) Opuntia Species - Beaver Tail, Prickly Pear, Cholla
- 14) Pachypodium, Adenium (Desert Rose), Pterodiscus, Sesamothamnum
- 15) Rhipsalis Species - Rice Cactus
- 16) Senecio, Othonna, Dorstenia
- 17) Zygocactus, Schlumbergera Hybrids - Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter
- 18) Any Crested or Monstrose Cactus - Boxing Glove, Curiosity Plant
- 19) Novelty Container, any type of pottery or dish
- 20) Any Other Cactus not listed, please specify

DIVISION 218 SUCCULENTS

CLASS:

- 1) Aeonium
- 2) Agave or Aloe
- 3) Crassula
- 4) Echeveria
- 5) Euphorbia
- 6) Haworthia
- 7) Ficara
- 8) Frithia, Fenestraria - Baby Toes
- 9) Gasteria
- 10) Kalanchoe
- 11) Kleinia (Senecio) - Inchworm, String of Pearls,
- 12) Mesembryanthemum
- 13) Portulacaria
- 14) Sansevieria
- 15) Sempervivum
- 16) Sedum
- 17) Stapelia & Allies
- 18) Caudiciforms
- 19) Novelty Container, any type of pottery or dish
- 20) Any Crested or Monstrose Succulent
- 21) Any Other Succulent not listed, please specify

DIVISION 219 CACTI/ SUCCULENT COLLECTIONS

CLASS:

- 1) Dish Garden - Succulents (no cacti)
- 2) Dish Garden - Cacti (no succulents)
- 3) Dish Garden - Cacti & Succulents
- 4) Cacti only - Fair Theme
- 5) Succulents only - Fair Theme
- 6) Succulents - In Bloom
- 7) Succulents - Tropical Paradise
- 8) Cacti - Beauty of the Desert

DIVISION 220 BONSAI

CLASS:

- 1) Any Bonsai

DIVISION 221 TOPIARIES

CLASS:

- 1) Any Topiary

DIVISION 222 NATIVE PLANTS OF MONTEREY CO.

CLASS:

- 1) Ceanothus, any species
- 2) Salvia, any species

- 3) Arctostaphylos, any species
- 4) Erigeron, any species
- 5) Mimulus, any species
- 6) Any Other

DIVISION 223 ORCHID

CLASS:

- 1) Doritis Species and Hybrids
- 2) Dendrobium
- 3) Masdevallia
- 4) Any Other

DIVISION 224 SUCCULENT DECORATED PUMPKINS

CLASS:

- 1) Any Pumpkin with Living Succulents
- 2) Any Pumpkin with Artificial Greenery
- 3) Any Pumpkin with Halloween Decoration

DECORATIVE DISPLAYS, TABLE SETTINGS, & MANTELS

DIVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, BUSINESSES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND FAMILIES.
2. Exhibitors must provide all materials for their entry. Exhibitors will be allowed to set their completed display in place.
3. Owner's name on materials is recommended.
4. **Table Settings:** Fresh or dry flowers must be used in all arrangements. Arranged by exhibitor only. Arrangement must be suitable for center of a dining table. Exhibitor may use glassware, China, etc. or paper and plastic. **Bring your own card table. One exhibitor per card table. One place setting only.** Silverware is at your own discretion. The fair is not responsible for lost items, though every effort will be made to safeguard entries by volunteers.
5. Table Settings must include a Menu Card. The elements of the table setting need to reflect the menu.
6. **Mantels:** The Floriculture Department will provide mantels to be decorated. Limit: first eight entries.
7. The use of artificial flowers and materials will be permitted to supplement fresh and dried material in Divisions 228, 229 and 230.
8. Small or valuable figurines and accessories should not be used in arrangements unless securely attached to base.
9. Natural plant materials may be dyed or sprayed.
10. Attendants in charge of overseeing displays will take every possible precaution but will not be responsible for loss or breakage.
11. Floral Costume Design: Please submit either an artist's color sketch and/or garment utilizing artificial flowers.

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS DECORATIVE DIVISIONS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00

DIVISION 225 DIY GARDENS

CLASS:

- 1) Old Farm Equipment
- 2) Old Furniture
- 3) Luggage
- 4) Children Toys
- 5) Kitchen Ware
- 6) Any Other Found Container

DIVISION 226 DIY FAIRY GARDENS

CLASS:

- 1) Fairy Gardens in a Pumpkin
- 2) Fairy Gardens in a Suitcase
- 3) Fairy Garden Birdhouse
- 4) Fairy Garden Treehouse
- 5) Any Other Fairy Garden

DIVISION 227 WREATHS

CLASS:

- 1) Living
- 2) Dry
- 3) Artificial
- 4) Fair Theme

DIVISION 228 SCARECROWS

CLASS:

- 1) Harvest Queen or King
- 2) Fair Theme
- 3) Fairies
- 4) Scary Monsters

DIVISION 229 TABLE SETTINGS

CLASS:

- 1) Children's Story
- 2) Dinner Themed for a Famous Person
- 3) Fair Theme
- 4) Holiday Theme, please specify
- 5) Spooky Stories
- 6) Chagall
- 7) Bohemian Artists of Big Sur
- 8) White Wedding
- 9) Last Meal

DIVISION 230 DECORATED MANTELS

CLASS:

- 1) Grandpa's House
- 2) Haunted House
- 3) In Memoriam
- 4) The Ancient World
- 5) Mid-Century Modern
- 6) Fair Theme
- 7) Holiday (Please Specify)

DIVISION 231 FLORAL COSTUME DESIGN

CLASS:

- 1) United We Stand - America's 250th Birthday
- 2) America's Songbook
- 3) The Realm of the Fairies