

DEPARTMENT 75 - OPEN CLASS FLOWER SHOW

Organized and Chaired by the Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County

Exhibits Will Be Located in The ARTS & CRAFT BUILDING. All entries must be dropped off and picked up in The ARTS & CRAFTS BUILDING at schedules indicated below.

Senior Fair Committee: Jamie Gothard, Emily Bumgardner

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Committee: OSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener Volunteers

Important Notice: All Exhibitors must purchase either a Membership, Privilege Ticket, or pay the Exhibitor Fee, and complete the Open Class Entry Blank in fair book or Online at www.clarkcoag.com. Exhibitors in the Children's Divisions are not required to purchase tickets but are required to make their own entry. See the Arts & Crafts Department General Rules in this book before proceeding.

Please Note: All items in this department are eligible for points in the Creative Achievement Award. (See Department 115 for more details.)

DEPARTMENT 75 RULES

1. **Clark County Fair Flower Show entries are open to any Clark County resident.**
2. Senior Division Classes are for ages 19 and above. Junior Division Classes are for ages 6 through 18 only.
3. **All Horticulture and Artistic entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building on the fairgrounds on either Thursday, July 23, 2026 between 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. OR Friday, July 24, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** (Please bring entries through the back entrance of the building. There will be no parking at the Annex or Arts & Crafts Buildings!) **No exhibits will be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on Friday.**
4. All entries will be judged on **Friday, July 24, 2026**. The judge's decision will be final.
5. **All Pick of the Garden Bouquet Contest** entries must be brought to the Arts and Crafts Building on Kids' Day, **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**, before 2:00 p.m. The Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County will judge entries at 3:00 p.m. Contest Bouquets and award plaques may be claimed on **Friday, July 31, 2026**.
6. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY AN ACCREDITED OAGC JUDGE.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION RULES

1. **Divisions 75-Senior and 85 - Junior Miniature Fairy Garden** entries cannot exceed an 18 x 18 inches footprint with a maximum height of 18 inches. Entries may include miniature live garden plants, props, and accessories. **List plant material (and Junior Exhibitor age) on a 3 x 5 card.**
2. Exhibitors in Horticulture Divisions may show more than one entry per Class, provided each entry is a different variety. **Exhibitor must request a separate entry tag for each variety shown.** Exhibits entered into the wrong division or class will not be judged, but will be displayed.
3. Clear containers will be provided by the Placement Committee for all Horticulture Classes in Divisions 15 - 65 and 80.
4. For Horticulture Division specimens, foliage may be left on. **Please inspect and condition your entry prior to check-in.**
5. **All entries will be judged on Friday, July 24, 2026. Select entry accordingly.**
6. **Division 70-Container Plants** containers cannot exceed 12 inches in diameter and must be self-supported. Entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor for a minimum of three months. **No hanging baskets.**
7. **Please do not use valuable containers or accessories.** Clearly mark all property for easy identification.
8. Artistic Design (Division 90) – Only one entry per class.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. No premium or rosette will be awarded unless the exhibit is worthy, even if it is the only exhibit in its class.
2. Premiums will be available from the fair office on Thursday and Friday of Fair Week. Listen for announcements. Show premiums will be available at the fair office for **2 weeks only** after the fair's end. No Flower Show premiums will be mailed.
3. **Ribbons and entries must be picked up in the Arts & Crafts Building on either Friday, July 31, 2026 between 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. OR Saturday, August 1, 2026 between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ONLY.** No early pick-ups! Exhibits will NOT be taken to the Fair Office and the committees are NOT responsible for unclaimed exhibits.
4. **Flower Show Committee is not responsible for ribbons, awards, or entries left after 12:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2026.**

Fairy Garden for Senior & Junior

1st\$8.00 2nd\$7.00 3rd\$6.00 4th \$5.00

Horticulture for Senior & Junior

1st\$8.00 2nd\$6.00 3rd \$4.00 4th \$2.00

Artistic Design

1st\$8.00 2nd\$7.00 3rd \$6.00 4th \$5.00

A Pick of the Garden Bouquet Contest plaque will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

A Best of Show Rose rosette will be awarded for Divisions 15-35.

A Best of Show Cut Annual rosette will be awarded in Divisions 40-45

A Best of Show Cut Perennial rosette will be awarded in Divisions 60-65

A Best of Show Container Plant rosette will be awarded in Division 70.

A Best of Show Senior Miniature Fairy Garden rosette will be awarded Division 75.

A Best of Show Junior Horticulture rosette will be awarded in Division 80.

A Best of Show Junior Miniature Fairy Garden rosette will be awarded in Division 85.

A Best of Show Artistic Design rosette will be awarded Division 90.

BASIC FLOWER FORMS

ROUND

Single stem with circular center* surrounded by one or more rows of ray flowers (petals).

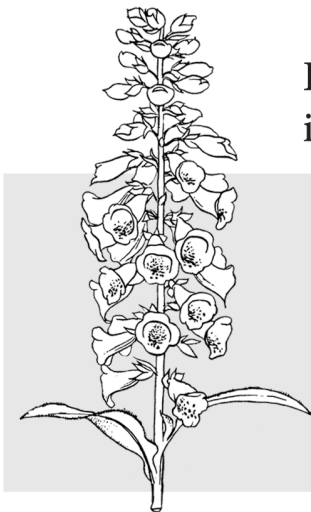


Asters	Gallardia
Calendula	Gerbera Daisy
Bachelor's Button	Gloriosa Daisy
Carnation	Hibiscus
Chrysanthemum	Marigold
Coreopsis	Sunflower
Cosmos	Zinnia

* In some doubles, the center may not show.

SPIKE

Lengthened flower cluster with stemless florets in which the bottom florets usually bloom first.



Acanthus	Hollyhock
Amaranthus	Hosta Flower
Bells of Ireland	Larkspur
Butterfly Bush	Red Hot Poker
Cleome	Salvia
Foxglove	Snapdragon
Gladiolus	Turtlehead

SPRAY

Single main stem with blooms or florets on pedicels or lateral branches, led by a terminal flower that opens first.



Ageratum	Heliotrope
Baby's Breath	Lantana
Bishop's Weed	Nasturtium
Begonia (hardy)	Petunia
Bergenia	Phlox
Columbine	Sedum
Euphorbia	Yarrow

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Dept. 75- Flower Show-Section II-Senior Horticulture
Division 15-Rose: Hybrid Tea

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
	(one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached)
1	Yellow , Yellow Blend, Apricot Blend
2	Pink , Pink Blend
3	Red , Red Blend
4	Orange , Orange Blend
5	Any Other Color , Not listed above

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 20-Rose: Grandiflora

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
	(one spray, not disbudded, foliage attached)
1	Pink , Pink Blend
2	Red , Red Blend
3	Any Other Color , Not listed above

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 25-Rose: Floribunda

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
	(one spray, not disbudded, foliage attached)
1	Pink , Pink Blend
2	Red , Red Blend
3	Any Other Color , Not listed above

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 30-Rose: Shrub (Includes Knockout Roses)

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
	(one spray, not disbudded, foliage attached)
1	One Spray , Any Color

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 35-Rose: Miniature

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	One Spray , Any Color, Disbudded, foliage attached
2	One Bloom , Any Color, Not disbudded, foliage attached

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 40-Annuals

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Marigold, large , one bloom, bloom over 2 inches , disbudded, foliage attached
2	Marigold, small , one spray, foliage attached
3	Zinnia, large , one stem, bloom over 2 inches , disbudded, foliage attached
4	Zinnia, small, bloom 2 inches or under, three separate stems in one container, foliage attached same variety, same color
5	Petunia, single variety , one stem, can be multi-bloom, foliage attached
6	Snapdragon , one stem, any color, not disbudded, foliage attached
7	Coleus , one stem, no blooms, foliage attached
8	Sunflower, large , bloom over 6 inches, no stem longer than one inch, disbudded, displayed flat on plate
9	Sunflower, small , bloom 6 inches and under, one stem, disbudded, foliage attached
10	Any Other Annual, round , not listed above, one stem, foliage attached
11	Any Other Annual, spike , not listed above, one stem, foliage attached
12	Any Other Annual, spray , not listed above, one stem, foliage attached

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 45-Bulbs

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description (NO DAYLILLIES)</u>
1	Lily , (Stargaze, any other, etc.) one stem, not disbudded. Do not remove anthers.
2	Gladiolus, large bloom , one spike
3	Gladiolus, small bloom , one spike
4	Dahlia, large, bloom over 4 inches , one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached
5	Dahlia, small, bloom 4 inches or under , one bloom, disbudded, foliage attached

Dept. 75- Flower Show
Division 50-Ornamental Grasses

(Measure grass stem height from bottom of sheath at soil level (crown) to top of highest point of head. Do not trim grass back to conform to Class Description height requirements.)

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Grasses, 30 inches or under , three stems, same variety, no seed heads
2	Grasses, 30 inches or under , three stems, same variety, must include seed heads

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Division 60-Perennials: Other

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Hosta, miniature, 1 leaf (length x width less than 6 sq. inches), variegated or solid
2	Hosta, small, 1 leaf (6 to 30 sq. inches) variegated or solid
3	Hosta, medium, 1 leaf (30 to 64 sq. inches) variegated or solid
4	Hosta, large, 1 leaf (64 to 120 sq. inches), variegated or solid
5	Hosta, giant, 1 leaf (120 or more sq. inches), variegated or solid
6	Daisy , one stem, disbudded, foliage attached
7	Coneflower, Echinacea, Purpurea . One stem, disbudded, foliage attached
8	Coneflower, Echinacea, White . One stem, disbudded, foliage attached
9	Coneflower, Echinacea , Any other variety. One stem, disbudded, foliage attached
10	Black-Eyed Susan, Rudbeckia , one stem, disbudded, foliage attached
11	Garden Phlox, any color, one stem, spray
12	Any Other Perennial, round , not listed above, one stem, disbudded, foliage attached
13	Any Other Perennial, spike , not listed above, one stem, disbudded, foliage attached
14	Any Other Perennial, spray , not listed above, one stem, foliage attached

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Division 65-Perennials: Woody Perennials

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Hydrangea, Paniculata , one stem, one bloom, foliage attached, any color
2	Hydrangea, Macrophylla , one stem, one bloom, foliage attached, any color
3	Hydrangea, Lacecap , one stem, one bloom, foliage attached, any color
4	Buddleia (Butterfly Bush) , one stem, may leave side buds intact, any color



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Division 70-Container Plants

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
	Container not to exceed 12 inches in diameter. No hanging baskets.
1	Flowering Plant, one variety, in bloom, One plant per pot
2	Flowering Plant , more than one variety, in bloom
3	Foliage Plant , one variety
4	Foliage Plants , more than one variety
5	Cactus or Succulent , one variety
6	Cacti or Succulents , more than one variety
7	Herbs in a Container , at least 3 different varieties



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Division 75-Senior Miniature Fairy Garden

Entries may include miniature live garden plants, props such as miniature tables, arbors, pots, and accessories. Entries are not to exceed an 18 x 18-inch footprint with a maximum height of 18 inches (including base). **Live plant materials must be listed on a 3 x 5 card.**

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	An Arrangement of Your Choosing Miniature garden plant materials

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Division 85-Junior: Miniature Fairy Garden

Entries may include miniature live garden plants, props such as miniature tables, arbors, pots, and accessories. Entries are not to exceed an 18 x 18-inch footprint with a maximum height of 18 inches (including base). **Live plant materials and age of exhibitor must be listed on a 3 x 5 card.**

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	An Arrangement of Your Choosing Miniature garden plant materials

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Division 80 - Junior Horticulture

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Zinnia, large , one stem, bloom over 2 inches, disbudded, foliage attached
2	Zinnia, small , bloom 2 inches or under, three separate stems in one container, foliage attached same variety, same color
3	Marigold, large , one bloom, bloom over 2 inches foliage attached
4	Marigold, small , one spray, bloom 2 inches or under, one bloom, one bud, one partial bloom, foliage attached
5	Potted Plant , Container not to exceed 12 Inches in diameter, no hanging baskets



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Division 90-Artistic Design

Design must be the work of the exhibitor. Fresh flowers, foliage and dried materials may be obtained from any source, however painted or colored fresh material is not allowed. No artificial or silk flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted.

All plant material used must be listed on a Separate 3 x 5 index card.
Include Interpretation on separate card

<u>Class No.</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
1	Wrapped Package for any occasion
2	Gathering Basket – Less than 20" x 20" footprint Includes harvest materials
3	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Must include a repurposed item.

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Kids' Cut Flower Arranging Contest
Kids' Day, **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Rules:

1. Contest is open to children ages 4 through 8 years.
2. Entries are limited to one (1) per exhibitor.
3. **No Exhibitor Ticket need be purchased to enter.**
4. Contestants may register to enter at Exhibitor Check-In at **11:00 a.m.** on Kids' Day, **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**
5. All cut flowers, vases, and assistance will be provided.
6. Entries must be designed and constructed entirely by exhibitor.
7. Entries will be accepted until **12:00 p.m.** on Kids' Day.
8. Arrangements will be judged **12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**
9. All Kids' Cut Flower Arranging Contest judging decisions will be final.
10. Award Ribbons to all exhibitors will be awarded by The Master Gardener Volunteers. No monetary premiums will be awarded.
11. Kids' Cut Flower Arrangements and Award Ribbons may be claimed immediately following the judging.
12. The Flower Show Committee will not be responsible for entries or awards left after 12:00 p.m. on **Saturday, August 1, 2026**

Pick of the Garden Bouquet Contest – Senior Division
Wednesday, July 29, 2026



Rules:

1. Contest is open to Clark County residents of all ages.
2. **No Exhibitor Ticket need be purchased to enter.**
3. Only home-grown materials may be used.
4. Entries must include a minimum of 7 stems or sprays. Greenery may be included.
5. Register Bouquet Contest entries at Exhibitor Check-In before **2:00 p.m.** on Kids' Day, **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**
6. Entries will be judged by the Master Gardener Volunteers at **3:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**
7. All Pick of the Garden Bouquet Contest judging decisions will be final.
8. **1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Plaques** will be awarded by The Master Gardeners.
9. Pick of the Garden Bouquets and Award Plaques may be claimed on **Friday, July 31, 2026.**
10. The Flower Show Committee will not be responsible for entries or awards left after 12:00 p.m. **Saturday, August 1, 2026.**

No dogs, other than service dogs or dogs that are in an organized fair event are permitted on the grounds.

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