

Open Class Flower Show Guidelines 2017

Enter Time: Friday, July 28th, 9:00-11:00 am

Judging Time: Friday, July 28th, 12:00 pm

Release Time: Sunday, July 30th, 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 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Only amateurs may enter. Men or women. All ages allowed. Exhibits not limited to Hancock County.
3. **Exhibitors may make more than one entry per class or subclass if each entry is a different species, variety, cultivar type, or color.**
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 will 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.
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. The Esther Hess Memorial Trophy is sponsored by Esther's nieces and nephews for **OVERALL BEST OF SHOW.**
11. For more information about flower presentation go to www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H464.pdf or search for "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits"
12. **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.**

13. Some General Definitions to classify flowers:

Spike – A lengthened flower cluster in which the florets are stem-less.

Spray – A main stem with side branches and blooms on all sides.

Stem – A category that evaluates the non-flower part of the specimen, including leaves. The stem supporting the bloom should be strong and in proportion to the flower.

Bloom – the flower, no leaves.

14. HAVE FUN !!

Section A: Roses

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

- a. Single stem
- b. Collection (3 of same variety)
- c. Collection (3 different varieties)

Class B: Hybrid tea and Grandiflora, 1 spray, at least 2 open blooms

Class C: Floribunda – 1 spray, at least two open blooms

- 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 stem
- 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 stem
- b. One spray
- c. Collection – 3 of same variety

Section B: Annuals**Class A: Asters – 1 stem (any color)****Class B: Celosia -1 stem**

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

Class C: Coleus – 1 stem**Class D: Cosmos – 3 stems****Class E: Coneflower – 3 stems****Class F: Daisy – 3 stems except Gerbera**

- a. Gloriosa (any color)
- b. Gerbera (any color) 1 bloom
- c. Any other annual daisy

Class G: Geraniums (1 stem of blooms & 1 leaf)**Class H: Impatiens - 1 stem (any color)**

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

Class I: Marigolds

- a. Giant (1 stem, solitary bloom)
 1. Yellow
 2. Orange
 3. Any other color
- b. Dwarf (1 spray)
 1. Yellow
 2. Orange
 3. Red
 4. Any other color

Class J: Pansy – 3 blooms**Class K: Petunia – at least 3 blooms, 2 sets of leaves**

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

Class L: Salvia - 1 spike, any color**Class M: Snapdragon (any color)**

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

Class N: Vinca - (any color) – 1 stem**Class O: Viola – (any color) - 1 spray****Class P: Zinnias**

- a. Large –1 stem, 3 inches or larger, remove disk flowerettes
- b. Medium –3 stems 2 to 3 inches
- c. Small – 3 stems under 2 inches

Class Q: Any other annual

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

Section C: Bulbs&RelatedStructures**Class A: Dahlia – 1 stem**

- a. Large bloom – 4 inches and over
- b. Medium bloom – 2-4 inches
- c. Small bloom – 2 inches and under

Class B: Daylily (Hemerocallis) – 1 scape (all anthers removed)

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

Class C: Gladiolus (1 spike)

- a. Standard
- b. Miniature

Class D: Hosta – 3 leaves (& bloom if in season)**Class E: Lily** (all anthers removed)

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

Class F: 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 stem**Class F: Daisy** – 3 blooms

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

Class G: Delphinium – 1 spike**Class H: Gaillardia** – 1 bloom**Class I: Liatris** – 1 spike**Class J: Monarda (Bee Balm)** – 1 stem**Class K: Phlox** – 1 stem**Class L: 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**Class O: Any other container grown plant**

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

Class A: “Birds and Butterflies” – any arrangement using theme

Class B: “Bicycles Abound” - any arrangement using “biking” theme

Class C: “Down on the Farm” - any arrangement using a farm theme

Class D: “County Fair” – arrangement created for any fair event

Class E: – “Summer Fun” - created by the youth 18 years or younger

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: 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. “Spring Awakening”
- b. “Summer Fun”
- c. “Harvest Home”
- d. “Winter White”

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