

2021 FLOWER and GARDEN EXPO

"America the Beautiful"

1. AMATEUR HORTICULTURE (AH) Tuesday, August 10, 2021
2. AMATEUR ARTISTIC (AA) Friday, August 13, 2021

General Rules

- AH and AA Classes are open to the public.
- All forms are available at <http://sussexcountyfairgrounds.org> or the fair office.
- All entries must be pre-registered with entry fee no later than July 16th.
- Exhibitors must check-in at REGISTRATION TABLE – Procedure will be posted day of show. Doors open at 8 AM, a Flower Show representative places all Horticultural entries. Artistic (AA) arrangements – the exhibitor can assist in placement.
- The Flower Show Committee is not responsible for any exhibits or ribbons left after the designated removal time. No ribbons will be held after the closing day of the fair.

AMATEUR HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AH RULES

- Entry fee for AH is \$5.00 for the first 10 entries (cut flowers and/or potted plants) and \$5.00 for each additional 10 entries, only one entry per class. **Exhibitors with 15 or more entries can receive their entry tags prior to the show (8/6/21) by contacting Maureen Greiner at thegreiners@msn.com**
- All entries **must be grown** by the exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least two months prior to the fair. Plants entered as "flowering plants" should be in bloom at the time of entry for optimal judging.
- Class 340, Master Gardener's entry will be accepted in the conservatory Friday, August 6th 8-10 AM.
- Classes 21 – 330, cut flowers/potted plants, accepted in the Conservatory Tuesday, August 10th 8-10 AM. Gate 1 will be open for drop-off.
- **Cut flowers Classes 21-195 must be removed by Thursday, August 12th prior to 3:00 PM.**
- Potted plants classes 200-330 will remain on display until Saturday, August 14th, 9:00pm. Please ensure all potted plants have a water tight liner for each entry.
- Clear vases and bubble wrap will be provided by the Flower Show Committee.
- **Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, August 10th.** Decisions of judges are final. Points will be taken away from any entry not in conformance with General and Division rules.

AH Judging Criteria Rules

- Flower sizes are: **small – less than 2"**; **medium – 2"-3"**; **large – over 3" except for dahlias and sunflowers.**
- All lily pollen should be removed, keep anther.
- No foliage should be below the water line of cut specimens except for Gladiolus
- Accessories permitted, only where indicated. Flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st place (\$8), red ribbon for 2nd place (\$4) and yellow ribbon 3rd place (\$2).
- Best in Show ribbon/certificate will be awarded to one entry selected from the first place entries in Cut Flower classes 21-195 and Potted Plants classes 200-330.
- Class 340 Master Gardeners awards will be: 1st \$20, 2nd \$10 and 3rd \$5.

AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION – AA RULES

- Entry fee for AA is \$5.00 for unlimited entries however, only one entry per class.
- Accessories permitted; flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- Entries will be accepted in the Conservatory **on Friday, August 13th between 8 and 10 AM**. Gate 1 will be open for entry and drop-off.
- Entries may be **removed Saturday, August 14th at 9:00 pm or Sunday morning prior to 10am**.
- **Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM Friday, August 13th**. Decision of judges is final. Judging will generally be according to National Garden Club criteria.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st Place (\$20), red ribbon for 2nd Place (\$10), and yellow ribbon for 3rd Place (\$5). Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature and/or uniqueness.
- A Best in Show ribbon/certificate will be awarded to only one entry selected from all first place entries in Classes 8 –13.

Judging Criteria for all entries

Criteria	Weighting
Cultural Perfection (Color, Form, Substance/Texture, Size, Floriferousness, Foliage)	60%
Grooming	15%
Condition	10%
Conformity to Rules	10%
Distinction	5%
Total	100%

Definitions

- Annual:** A plant that completes its entire life cycle from seed germination to seed production in one season in our zone.
- Appropriateness of all Components:** The plants used are environmentally suited and have similar cultural requirements.
- Artistic Concept:** Selection and organization of all components in the display. Appropriateness of components and their placement for design type if applicable.
- Bulb/Tuber/Corm:** A thickened bud with fleshy scales, usually growing below ground, as in onion, narcissus, tulip: or with narrow separate scales as in the lily.
- Color:** Degree of clarity, brightness and freshness of foliage, flowers, and stems.
- Color Harmony:** A pleasing combination of colors.
- Collection:** A collection consists of three flowers, one blossom on each stem: (1) three flowers, one of each different variety or (2) three flowers of the same variety but three distinctly different colors.
- Condition:** Healthy, blemish free (e.g. damage due to insects, disease, physiological, mechanical problems); neither immature nor past prime.
- Conformity to Rules:** Complies with all rules (overall rules and rules for its class).
- Creativity:** An original concept in the selection and organization of all components. This can apply to the choice of materials or the manner of usage.
- Cultural Perfection:** The quality compared to the standard for a variety in terms of criteria such as color, form, substance & texture, size, etc.
- Design:** Design Principles (Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Scale, Rhythm (each awarded seven points) are applied to the Design Elements (Line, Form, Color, Texture, Pattern, Size, Space, Light).
- Distinction:** Superiority in all respects. Exceptionally fine design negates minor faults. Moderate to major faults negatively affect Distinction. Degree of distinction is evident in craftsmanship, use of mechanics, and condition of all components.
- Expression:** Interpretation of class title or theme through the component/s or design element/s.
- Floriferousness:** The abundance of flowers on an entire plant; a proportionate number of blooms for the size of the specimen.
- Foliage:** Amount according to type, proportional to stem, positioning on stem, if applicable.
- Form:** Balanced, appropriate to type; flowers & foliage balanced for flowering specimens. This applies to contour of individual parts or components as well as to the contour of whole plant or design.
- Grooming:** This applies to all preparations that the exhibitor can control such as stem length, clean cut, foliage removed below water level, cleanliness, insects and presentation. No salt residue on potted plants.
- Harmony:** A consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts.
- Invasive** A plant that is both non-native and able to establish on many sites, grow quickly, and spread to the point of disrupting plant communities or ecosystems.
- Native:** A plant that occurs naturally in our region without direct or indirect human intervention.
- Perennial:** A plant which lives for three or more years and after reaching maturity typically produces flowers and seeds each year. Perennials are classified as herbaceous if the top dies to the ground each winter, and as woody if the top persists as in shrubs and trees.
- Plant Identification:** A legible identification of genus, species, and cultivar, as appropriate
- Rarity:** Significant difference from other entries in its uniqueness and singularity.
- Size:** Ideal for type, average or slightly above.
- Stem:** May consist of multiple flowers
- Substance:** Tissue structure, firmness or thickness.
- Texture:** The quality of the surface structure, such as rough, smooth, dull, or shiny.
- Textural Contrast:** A pleasing combination of different textures.
- Tricolor:** Three distinct colors; no tints or shades.
- Unity:** The placement of elements to create a unified whole.

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW
2021 FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO**

AMATEUR ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Total AH Entries _____ \$5.00 AH Fee per 10 Entries \$ _____

Total AA Entries _____ \$5.00 AA Fee \$ _____

Total Amount Included \$ _____

Send completed form with payment to:

New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show
PO Box 600
Augusta, NJ 07822

General questions can be directed to the fair office @ (973) 948-5500
Flower Show Questions to Jenny Allen
email: allenjenny91@gmail.com

I have read and agree to the rules and regulations as set forth by the Flower Show Committee. I furthermore agree to leave my exhibit(s) on display in accordance with the rules. I understand that premiums will be mailed to me within ten days of judging. Ribbons must be picked up by exhibitors.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ACCOMPANYING PAGES
RETURN WITH COMPLETED ENTRY FORM and CHECK**

AMATEUR ENTRY FORMS

WE SUGGEST KEEPING A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS
AMATEUR HORTICULTURE DIVISION - AH

Cut Flowers - Annuals

Check Entry	Class No.	Flower	Size	Display	Additional Clarification
	21	Zinnia	Small	Single stem	Less than 2"
	23	Zinnia	Medium	Single stem	Between 2" and 3"
	25	Zinnia	Large	Single stem	Over 3"
	33	Marigold	Small	Single stem	Less than 2"
	36	Marigold	Medium	Single stem	Between 2" and 3"
	38	Marigold	Large	Single stem	Over 3"
	41	Geranium		Single stem	Pelargonium
	60	Annuals		Collection	All different species
	70	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Yellow, less than 6"
	71	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Non-yellow, less than 6"
	73	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Yellow, 6" and larger
	74	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Non-yellow, 6" and larger
	85	Snapdragon		Single stem	
	90	Cleome		Single stem	
	95	Cosmos		Single stem	
	97	Celosia		Single stem	
	99	Any annual other than above		Single stem	Rarity encouraged

Total Cut Flowers - Annual Entries

Cut Flowers – Perennials/Shrubs

Check Entry	Class No.	Specimen	Display	Additional Clarification
	100	Perennials	Collection	3 different varieties
	103	Perennials	Collection	Same variety – distinctly different colors
	104	Wild flowers	Collection	3 different named varieties, bonus for botanical names
	107	Bee balm	Single stem	Monarda
	109	Daylilies	Single stem	Hemerocallis
	110A	Hydrangea	Single stem	Paniculata (conical)
	110B	Hydrangea	Single stem	Macrophylla (big leaf)
	111	Other hydrangeas	Single stem	Quercifolia, Serrata, Arborescens
	112	Phlox	Single stem	Cultivated
	113	Cone flower	Single stem	Echinacea
	114	Yarrow	Single stem	Achillea cultivated
	115	Black-eyed Susan	Single stem	Rudbeckia
	130	Rose	Single stem	Tea
	131	Rose	Single stem	Miniature
	132	Rose	Single stem	Any other
	133	Any other Perennial	Single stem	Not named above

Total Perennials and or Shrubs Entries

Cut Flowers – Bulbs/Tubers/Corms

Check Entry	Class No.	Flower	Color	Display
	151	Gladiolus	White	Single stem
	152	Gladiolus	Yellow	Single stem
	153	Gladiolus	Pink	Single stem
	154	Gladiolus	Red	Single stem
	155	Gladiolus	Any other color	Single stem
	160	Canna	Any	Single stem
	170	Dahlia	Any	Small, Less than 3"
	171	Dahlia	Any	Medium, 3" to less than 6"
	173	Dahlia	Any	Large, 6" and above
	195	Any other Bulb/Tuber/Corm	Any	Rarity encouraged

Total Bulbs/Tubers/Corms Entries

Potted – Flowering Plants, saucer required

Check Entry	Class No.	Specimen	Additional Clarification
	200	House plant	Labeled, to be placed on a 10" deep shelf
	210	African Violet	Labeled, to be placed on a 10" deep shelf
	240	Annuals	Window Box, 3 or more varieties, 24" x 12"
	250	Annuals	3 or more varieties, maximum size 12" x 12" in a Creative Container

Total Flowering Plants Entries

Potted – Foliage Plants, saucer required

Check Entry	Class No.	Specimen	Additional Clarification
	260	House Plant	Labeled, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	280	Herbs	Labeled, 3 or more varieties, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	285	Caladium	Labeled, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	287	Coleus	Labeled, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	295	Succulent	Labeled, single, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	296	Succulent	Labeled, collection of 3 or more to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf

Total Foliage Plants Entries

Potted – Mixed Foliage and/or Flowering Plants, water tight liner required

Check Entry	Class No.	Specimen	Additional Clarification
	310	Dish Garden	Labeled, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf
	320	Outdoor Container	Labeled, 3 or more flowering annuals, to be a floor display
	330	Terrarium with lid	Labeled, to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf

Total Mixed Plants Entries

MASTER GARDENERS CLASS

Check Entry	Class No.	Name	Additional Clarification
	340	Patriotic Salute	<p>A hanging basket with a water tight liner featuring red, white and “blue” flowering plants to be hung on the arbor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 340 is open to all Rutgers Master Gardeners and Rutgers Master Gardener interns from any county. • Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 6th. Decision of judges is final. • Judging conforms with the National Garden Club criteria; points taken away from any entry not in conformance with General and Division rules.
Total Master Gardeners Entry			

AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION - AA

Check Entry	Class No.	Name	Additional Clarification
	8	Home on the Plains	An arrangement featuring a variety of grasses and wildflowers in a hat, to be displayed on a 10” deep shelf.
	9	Kentucky Derby	An arrangement of roses in a trophy container to be displayed on a 10” deep shelf.
	10	Alaskan Denali National Park	An arrangement of white flowers and evergreens in a rustic container, to be displayed on a 10” deep shelf.
	11	Day at the Jersey Shore	An arrangement featuring homegrown flowers in a sea shell container to be displayed on a 10” deep shelf.
	12	Golden Gate Flower Child	A vibrant colored flower crown to be displayed on a provided 20” mannequin head.
	13	Maui Tropical Paradise	An arrangement of tropical flowers suggesting a rainforest complete with a water feature to be displayed on a 10” deep shelf.
Total AAA Entries			