

2024 FLOWER AND GARDEN COMPETITION

“Flowers by the Book”

PROFESSIONAL HORTICULTURE and EDUCATION (PHE) AND ARTISTIC (PA) DIVISIONS

General and Division Information

Classes are open to individuals working in the floral/horticultural field including garden centers, florists and floral consultants.

- Entry forms are available at www.newjerseystatefair.org (click on 'be part of the fair' then click on 'be an exhibitor' scroll to Flower Show forms) or at the fair office in Augusta.
- **All entries must be pre-registered with a completed entry form and paid entry fee per person no later than July 26th.**
- Entry fee is \$20 per entry. Enter as many classes as you want. Only one entry per class per exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor receives two complimentary fair tickets and parking pass at registration on Friday, August 2nd.
- No plants on the invasive list may be used. (<https://dep.nj.gov> invasive-species)
- All Professional entries will be accepted **Friday, August 2nd, 9-10 am**. Gate 1 will be open for drop off in the Conservatory.
- **Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 2nd.**
- Decision of judges is final.
- Points will be taken away from any entry not in conformance with General and Division rules.
- After judging, business cards/literature may be provided for the viewing public.
- Accessories permitted, but flowers may not be artificial or altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.

Ribbons and Premiums

- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st Place (\$200), red ribbon for 2nd Place (\$150) and yellow ribbon for 3rd Place (\$100). Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature and/or uniqueness. No ties will be awarded.
- One Best in Show ribbon and \$100 will be awarded to one entry selected from all 1st place entries.

- Class 19 Art in Bloom premiums are 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100.
- **The Flower Show Committee will not be held responsible for any exhibit or ribbon left after its designated removal time. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

Professional Horticultural and Educational Division – PHE RULES

- All plants in PHE classes must be identified and labeled on a separate card and included with the entry. No cut flowers allowed. **All entries must have a water tight liner of some kind and/or a saucer.**
- Entries in classes **510-530 are to be picked up Saturday, August 10th after 9:00pm or Sunday morning August 11th until 10am.**

Horticultural Judging Criteria	Weighting
Cultural Perfection (Color, Form, Substance/Texture, Size, Floriferousness, Foliage)	0 to 60 points
Grooming	0 to 15 points
Condition	0 to 10 points
Conformity to Rules	0 to 10 points
Distinction	0 to 5 points
Total	100

Professional Artistic Division – PA Rules

- In the PA Classes 17-19, fruits or vegetables are allowed, but must be sealed to discourage insects.
- Entries in Classes 17-19 PA must be **picked up Monday, August 5th** prior to 3 pm.

Artistic Judging Criteria	Weighting
Creativity - Interpretation of theme and inventiveness	0 to 30 points
Balance - visual and physical feeling of stability	0 to 10 points
Design - arrangement conforms to the specified details given	0 to 10 points
Depth – placement of materials at different levels	0 to 10 points
Focal Emphasis – area of greatest impact	0 to 10 points
Line – visual path	0 to 10 points
Mechanics - created using industry standard techniques	0 to 10 points
Scale – relative ratio or proportion of container to floral arrangement	0 to 5 points
Unity - oneness of style	0 to 5 points
TOTAL	100 points

General 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 - three flowers each a different variety **OR** three flowers of the same variety with three 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).

Cultural Perfection: The quality such as color, form, substance, texture, size, compared to the standard for that variety.

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 components as well as to the contour of whole plant or design.

Grooming: 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 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. (www.npsnj.org)

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 the plants included.

Rarity: Significant difference from other entries in its uniqueness.

Size: Ideal or slightly above average for the variety.

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 different colors.

Unity: The placement of elements to create a unified whole.

Additional Artistic Definitions

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.

Design: Principles consist of Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Scale, and Rhythm. Elements consist of Line, Form, Color, Texture, Pattern, Size, Space and Light.

Distinction: Superiority in all aspects. 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 classification through the component/s or design element/s.

2024 Flower Show Competition PROFESSIONAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Total PHE Entries _____ \$20.00 PHE Fee per class \$ _____

Total PA Entries _____ \$20.00 PA Fee per class \$ _____

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 Karen Opilla, Director of the Flower Show
Competition email willobrkfarm@ptd.net**

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: _____

RETURN WITH COMPLETED ENTRY FORM and CHECK

WE SUGGEST KEEPING A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Professional Horticulture and Education – PHE

CHECK ENTRY	CLASS No.	REQUIREMENTS	FEE
	510	<u>A Memory of Violets</u> A vintage container featuring old fashioned plants; i.e. violets, other flowering plants and foliage. *All entries must have a water tight saucer.	\$20
	520	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> A window box suggesting a woodland setting featuring ferns, other foliage and red floral accents. *All entries must be water tight. Maximum size 24" wide by 10" deep.	\$20
	530	<u>The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds</u> A collection of plants featuring Marigolds and other flowers that suggests a time in the future displayed in a container of your choice. *All entries must have a water tight saucer.	\$20

Professional Artistic – PA

CHECK ENTRY	CLASS No.	REQUIREMENTS	FEE
	17	<u>Lilies of the Field</u> An arrangement featuring white lilies and silver foliage in a container of your choice to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf.	\$20
	18	<u>The Language of Flowers</u> An arrangement of colorful flowers suggesting their romantic meanings and intentions in a container of your choice to be displayed on a 10" deep shelf.	\$20
	19	Art in Bloom	
		A floral arrangement interpreting a painting provided by the Flower Show Committee (PHOTO OF PAINTING AVAILABLE UPON REGISTRATION) suggesting our theme "Flowers by the Book" in a container of your choice to be displayed on a 12" x 12" pedestal.	\$20

