

**2022 OHIO STATE FAIR**  
**HORTICULTURE-FLORICULTURE**  
**General Rules and Regulations**

**Terms & conditions are subject to change, including, but not limited to premiums**

1. All entries *MUST* be done online by going to [www.ohiostatefair.com](https://ohiostatefair.com). Please visit <https://ohiostatefair.com/how-to-enter/> for step-by-step instructions. Online entries will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. July 1. A ten-dollar (\$10.00) processing fee is required per exhibitor. Some classes may require an additional fee for materials. Payment must be made at time of entry. No refunds will be issued. All entries must be completed online. Please visit [www.ohiostatefair.com](https://ohiostatefair.com) to make your entries.
2. Entries made after July 1 will be charged a late fee of \$35.00, plus \$10 processing fee. All late entries must contact the entry department to be made. Entry can be reached at 614-644-4052.
3. Entries are open to *ALL* amateur exhibitors, and you DO NOT need to be an Ohio resident to enter. An amateur is defined as a person who does not earn a majority of their income from the sale of flowers, bulbs, floral/landscape services, floral/horticulture design, etc. and is not an immediate member of a professional family.
4. Each exhibitor is offered the opportunity to purchase discount tickets for the Fair. The purchase of these tickets is optional. A 6-day punch ticket - \$32, permits 3 people 2 admissions, and single day admission- \$6. You may order as many tickets as you wish.
5. Each exhibitor arriving after the official start of the fair (July 27) will be given a Gate 7 load/unload permit. This permit will allow you to enter the fairgrounds to load/ unload. Each exhibitor, however, will need admission passes. Admission passes are a \$32 - 6 punch pass or a \$6 single entry pass. Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing one 3-day parking permit for \$30 or one 5- day parking permit for \$50.
6. Arrival times, release times, and judging schedules vary by division and class. Specific dates/times are listed in each division/section area.
7. You must pick up your entry tags from the department management at time of check-in. Entry tags will not be mailed. A completed, official entry tag must accompany each exhibit. The exhibitor name and other personal information must remain concealed until all division judging has been completed. Ohio State Fair Management reserves the right to move any entry to the appropriate class and to divide classes if numbers merit.
8. Exhibits are displayed on an honorary basis. It is the Ohio State Fair Management's desire to have all products to be current year's growth, except those not mature at time of the Fair. If the present season's growth is not mature, products of the season immediately prior to current season may be used.
9. All exhibits to have been produced by the exhibitor and the qualities, quantities and/or limitations of the various classes must be compliant with all rules and regulations.
10. An individual item may not be entered in more than one class.
11. **Do not make entries in Championship Classes, Special Award Classes, Best of Show, Award of Distinction, People's Choice, or Sweepstakes Classes.**
12. Once the entry placement deadline has passed, entries may not be handled, rearranged or changed without permission of the management.
13. Exhibitors may make up to two entries in any class, and receive premiums on both entries, unless otherwise noted in division rules. The entry process is simple. Using the online system, select one entry in each class you wish to enter. Add these to your "cart". Then click on "add more entries" and you will be able to add the additional entry in the classes you desire. Please visit <https://ohiostatefair.com/how-to-enter/> for step-by-step instructions.
14. All plant material must be identified with common name including variety/cultivator. This information must be listed on 3" x 5" index card, unless otherwise directed.

15. Exhibit will be judged and checked for proper entry as soon after staging deadline as possible. Ohio State Fair officials and/or judges may move entries within classes or divide classes, as appropriate. An award may be withheld at the discretion of the judge(s). Exhibits not meeting the specifications of the schedule will be automatically disqualified. The decision of the judge(s) on awards will be final. Due caution will be exercised in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management cannot assume responsibility for any injury or loss.

16. Exhibits not removed by the end of the stated release time will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management. Exhibits removed prior to release time will result in forfeiture of all premiums and may cause the exhibitor to be barred from exhibiting at the 2023 Ohio State Fair. Refer to specific schedule section to determine release dates/times. The Agriculture Horticulture Building will close to the public, promptly at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7. All exhibits must be removed by 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7, unless other arrangements have been made with the department director.

17. All awards must be picked up at the Fair. None will be mailed.

18. Unworthy entries will not be placed by the judge.

19. The decision of the judges shall be final, except where a mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is apparent. In such cases the General Manager may make a decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Ohio Expositions Commission, from whose decision there can be no appeal. In case of a protest and appeal where an entry is disqualified, all other placings shall move up.

20. Judges will not be permitted to show in classes they are judging.

21. Management may remove any item from any exhibition, if it detracts from the exhibit, affects public safety, and/or appears spoiled, diseased and/or unwholesome.

22. Ohio State Fair Management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management cannot assume responsibility for any injury or loss.

23. Premiums will be paid at the conclusion of the fair. In paying premiums, no evidence of awards will be recognized except the entry book properly signed by the judge and clerk. Any exhibitor who has not received all monies due them from the Ohio State Fair, by October 31, 2022, should immediately notify the Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211, e-mail [b.prince@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:b.prince@expo.ohio.gov) or phone 614/644-4052 or [a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov), 614-644-4049. All Ohio State Fair checks are void ninety (90) days after they are issued.

24. Protests (accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00) must be made in writing, signed and sworn to by party or parties making protest, and filed with the Manager by noon of the day following an award. The Ohio Expositions Commission will retain the \$100.00 fee if the protest is not sustained. The Manager shall hear protests with the Director of the department involved. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Manager of the Ohio State Fair and all parties interested will be notified.

25. In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Ohio State Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair officials will make recommendations to the committee members of the Ohio Expositions Commission that are appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the case and recommendations are presented by the Fair officials they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Commission. In the decision of a case being brought before the Commission, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case. Upon hearing the case, the Ohio Expositions Commission will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Ohio State Fair Management that any of the rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be banned from showing in any future Ohio State Fair. The minimum number of years to be banned is three (3) years before the right to a review. The Ohio State Fair Management will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards and ribbons under such violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

Questions regarding entry fees, entry tags, and admission tickets Contact the Entry Department:

614/644-4052 or [b.prince@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:b.prince@expo.ohio.gov)

Questions regarding classes, contact: Jim Chakeres, Ag/Hort Director: [jchakeres1@gmail.com](mailto:jchakeres1@gmail.com)

## Judging Score Cards

### **TRADITIONAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Color Combination	25
Proportion & Balance	25
Suitability of materials & of container	20
Distinction & Originality	20
Condition	10

### **MODERN FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Design, all elements and principles	40
Creative Expression	25
Distinction	20
Relationship of Materials	15

### **FLORICULTURE/HORTICULTURE DISPLAY TABLE**

Floral Designs (judged using scorecards above)	20
Horticulture (judged using scorecards below)	20
Educational Component	20
Visual appearance and overall affect	20
Originality, Creativity and interpretation of theme	15
Plant ID/legend Map	5

### **FOLIAGE POTTED PLANTS**

Health and vigor	25
Form and symmetry	25
Size of plants (typical for variety)	20
Foliage	15
Grooming	10
Correct labeling of plants	5

### **FLOWERING POTTED PLANTS**

Flowers, quality and quantity	25
Form and symmetry of plants	25
Size of plants (typical for variety)	20
Health and vigor of foliage	15
Grooming	10
Correct labeling of plants	5

### **SPECIMEN – ROUND FORMS**

Form	25
Substance	20
Stem and Foliage	20
Color	15
Size	10
Grooming and disbudding	10

### **SPECIMEN – SPIKE FORMS**

Amount of bloom and bud	20
Substance	20
Color	15
Spacing	15
Stem length and foliage	15
Size	15

### **SPECIMEN – SPRAY FORMS**

Number of Blooms and buds	25
Form (grace and branching)	20
Substance	15
Color	15
Stem and foliage	15
Size	5
Grooming	5

### **BACKYARD BEST**

Visual appearance and total effect	35
Originality and creativity	30
Quality of plants	25
Correct labeling of plants	5
Grooming	5

### **GARDEN DISPLAY TABLES**

Abundance & quality of produce/plants	40
Educational Component	30
Artistic Component	20
Originality	10

### **VEGETABLES**

Condition	25
Quality	20
Uniformity	20
True to Type	20
Size	15

### **SCARECROWS**

Originality	20
Visual appearance	30
Theme interpretation	30
Construction	20

**DIVISION 2002 FLORICULTURE/HORTICULTURE**  
**Floriculture/Horticulture Rules**

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1. General Horticulture/Floriculture Rules and Regulations apply.
2. All floral arrangements must be made by the exhibitor. All specimen exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor. Exhibitor need not grow plant material used in arrangement classes, unless otherwise noted.
3. Fair management will furnish containers for specimen gladiolus only. Exhibitor must provide others. All containers, including hanging baskets, must be self-contained or must have water catching tray or device or they will be disqualified. No water should run from the bottom of any container. This will be strictly enforced.
4. Refer to page 3 for judging scorecards.

**AMATEUR FLORAL ARTS**

This schedule is meant to bring out exhibits of beauty that are suggestive of the titles listed. All entries are to be artistic arrangements as known to flower arrangers, that is, a contemporary interpretation. Accessory materials may be used to help depict classification, as long as they are well secured to the mechanics and are within the arrangement itself, rather than being used to create a composition in its broadest sense. Fabrics may be used as part of the design itself. Free standing or unattached figurines and accessories are not to be used due to the hazards involved in staging and loss by theft.

1. Foliage and flowers are permitted in all classes unless otherwise stated. Exhibitors are urged to use adequate plant materials so that the show will have good horticultural value in addition to the visual appeal. Flowers and foliage may be obtained from any source, except where noted.
2. Painted materials may be used in creative designs.
3. No painted material in traditional designs.
4. Painted fresh plant material is not permitted.
5. Show personnel have the right to move any exhibit.
6. No artificial plant material is permitted.
7. Backgrounds are permitted. Backgrounds must not exceed 30-inches in width.
8. Classes will be judged by an accredited Ohio Association of Garden Club's judge.

**AMATEUR FLORAL DESIGN**

**WELCOME TO MY GARDEN**

Five premium awards will be available in each class First - \$15; Second - \$12; Third - \$9; Fourth - \$6; and Fifth - \$3

**First Session**

To be staged 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 28. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 29. (release time subject to change).

**CLASS**

- 1 – Garden Gate – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 2 – Moon Light Garden – All white flowers and dark foliage.
- 3 – Water Garden – showing water.
- 4 – Xeriscaping – only plant material permitted is succulents.
- 5 – Fairy Garden – Miniature – Five-inches and under.
- 6 – Sunny Patch – Featuring yellows and gold. Flowers will be provided. Leatherleaf will be provided. Exhibitors must bring container(s), any additional props or elements of the design. Additional foliage material is permitted. **An additional entry fee of \$6.00 applies to this class.**
- 7 – Japanese Garden - Ikebana

8 – Container Gardens – Synergistic.

9 – Best of Show (1-4) – **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)

10 – Judges Award of Distinction – (*Do not make entry into this class*)

## Second Session

To be staged 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 5. (release time subject to change).

### CLASS

11 – Welcome to my Garden! – Mass

12 – Rose Garden – Only flowering material will be assorted colors of roses. Roses will be provided. Leatherleaf will be provided. Exhibitors must bring container(s), any additional props or elements of the design. Additional foliage material is permitted. **An additional entry fee of \$6.00 applies to this class.**

13 – Garden Party – Exhibition table. Any type.

14 – Rain Garden – Exhibitor Interpretation.

15 – Shade Garden – feature Hosta leaves and ferns.

16 – Butterfly Garden – Showing motion and feature bright colors.

17 – Secret Garden Exhibitor Interpretation.

18 – Vegetable Garden – Include vegetables

19 – Best of Show (1 - 4) – **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)

20 – Judges Award of Distinction – (*Do not make entry into this class*)

21 – Extemporaneous Design – Extemporaneous class to be staged at the conclusion of the scheduled arrangement classes. Exhibitors are to bring no material or supplies. Open to all amateurs. You do not have to enter a previous floral design class at the Ohio State Fair. All containers, plant materials, accessories, supplies and tools will be supplied. Contestant will design his/her best arrangement within a thirty-minute time limit. Designs will be crafted in the view of the judges and the public. Show management will insure like materials, flowers, product, etc. will be supplied to each contestant in the same numbers, but slight differences may occur. This class is not eligible for Best of Show awards, but will count for Master Design Award. No entry deadline, but limited to first ten entries.

## NEW FOR 2022 – Floriculture/Horticulture Display Table.

A new class has been created to showcase the combined beauty and benefits of floriculture arts and horticulture. A strong educational message must be included in each exhibit. The goal is to provide a beautiful, lush and informative display.

1. This class is a group class. Groups may be defined as garden clubs, community gardens, friends and families, civic organizations, etc. Horticulture/Floriculture general rules apply.
2. An official entry must be made via the online process, in the name of the group. The \$10 Horticulture/Floriculture entry fee is required.
3. Exhibit must be contained on one standard 8-foot table (28-inches wide). The table will have an attached 4-foot tall plywood back (non-removable). Exhibit must not exceed 6-feet from the top of the table. No items are to be placed on the floor.
4. Exhibit must include at least one floral design and at least one potted plant. Potted plants must be self-contained or have a water catching tray.
5. Exhibitors are urged to use adequate plant materials so that the show will have good horticultural value in addition to the visual appeal. Flowers and foliage may be obtained from any source.
6. No artificial plant material is permitted.
7. Backgrounds, table cloths/covers, etc. are permitted. Accessory materials may be used to help depict the theme and educational component, as long as they are well secured to the mechanics and are within the prescribed exhibit area.
8. Class will be judged by an accredited Ohio Association of Garden Club's judge.
9. All plant material must be identified. A legend, key or exhibit map must be a part of the exhibit and be at least 8.5" x 11" in size.
10. Electricity is available, but exhibitor must contact the Department Director prior to the start of the fair. No extension cords or electrical devices will be provided. All cords must be grounded, and secured so that they are not a hazard. No cords should be visible.

11. The Ohio State Fair and its agents are not liable for loss of any materials or items. The building has overnight security, but no security is present during the open hours of the building.
12. One 8.5" x 11" sign identifying the group and contact or membership information may be placed in the exhibit after judging has been completed.
13. Refer to page 4 for judging score card.
14. Space is limited. Entries are limited to the first 8.

To be staged 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 1. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Exhibits will be released 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3. (release time subject to change).

Premium for class 22 - First - \$125; Second - \$100 Third - \$75; Fourth - \$50; Fifth - \$35; Sixth - \$20.

## **CLASS**

22 – "Urban Jungle". Group Floriculture/Horticulture Display Table.

### **AMATEUR HORTICULTURE**

1. All flowers/foilage entered in the specimen classes must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. All container grown plants should have been grown by the exhibitor for a period of at least 50 days. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display
3. All containers, pots, hanging baskets, etc. must have a water collection tray, or they will be disqualified. Baskets must also have a suitable hanger for a two-inch rod. No moss or soft pots will be accepted. Total weight of hanging basket cannot exceed 50 pounds.
4. Common plant name and variety/cultivar for each plant must be named on a minimum 2"x 2" card for specimens, 3" x 5" card for all other single entries. This information must be included with each exhibit.
5. In specimen classes, the entry shall consist of one stem in one container, unless otherwise noted. Foliage below the neck of the flower vase should be removed. Blooms should have side shoots removed (disbudded - the practice used to encourage a superior, terminal bloom for exhibition purposes. Tiny side buds are rubbed off close to the stem.) Specimen should be hardened (to make firm, tight or compact: to make turgid. In the early morning or late afternoon, cut specimen and place stems in 3 - 4" of warm water for at least 12 hours.)
6. No additional lighting or light sources will be used or can be supplied by exhibitors.
7. All potted plants and Backyard Best entries will be watered and cared for at the discretion of the Department Director and/or Ohio State Fair Horticulture staff. If exhibitors desire a specific watering schedule, it must be submitted to the Department Director in writing, when entries are submitted.
8. All pots must not exceed 12" diameter, unless otherwise noted in class description.
9. Horticulture classes will be judged by the Ohio Association of Garden Club's system by an OAGC accredited judge using the following scorecards, unless otherwise noted. Refer to page 4 for judging score cards.

### **CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS**

To be staged Tuesday, July 26 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and/or Wednesday, July 27 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 27. Exhibits to be released 5:00- 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7. Release time subject to change.

Three premium awards will be available in each class.

**Potted Plants** – First - \$7, Second - \$5, Third - \$3

**Hanging Baskets** – First - \$12, Second - \$9, Third - \$7

## CLASS

- 23 – Geranium
- 24 – Begonia
- 25 – New Guinea Impatiens
- 26 – Coleus – Upright Form
- 27 – Coleus – Trailing Form
- 28 – Caladium
- 29 – Hibiscus
- 30 – Potted Perennial
- 31 – Cactus, one plant, one pot
- 32 – Succulents, one plant, one pot
- 33 – Other Flowering Plant, not listed above
- 36 – Other Foliage Plant, not listed above
- 37 – Collection of Herbs, three varieties, one container or three (if using three, each must not exceed 6")
- 38 – Collection of Succulents or Cactus, three varieties, one container or three (if using three, each must not exceed 6")
- 39 – Best of Show Container Grown Plant – (*Do not make entry into this class*)
- 40 – Hanging Basket - not less than 10" or more than 18" diameter across top, must include flowering plants
- 41 – Hanging Basket - not less than 10" or more than 18" diameter across top, must be all foliage plants
- 42 – Best of Show Hanging Basket – (*Do not make entry into this class*)

## SPECIMEN FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

To be staged 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 27. Judging will begin at 1:15 p.m.

Exhibits to be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 29

If entries merit, Ag/Hort Director will divide classes by color, form, etc.

Three premiums will be available in each specimen class.

First - \$4, Second - \$3, Third - \$2.

## CLASS

- 43 – Zinnia – Cactus type, 2 sets of leaves
- 44 – Zinnia – Non-Cactus, bloom over 3-inches, 2 sets of leaves
- 45 – Zinnia – Non-Cactus, bloom under 3-inches, 2 sets of leaves
- 45 – Marigold – one spray, any variety
- 46 – Marigold – one bloom, pom form
- 47 – Celosia – Plume form
- 48 – Celosia – Crested form
- 49 – Daylily – Miniature – Less than 3-inches in diameter
- 50 – Daylily – Small – 3-inches or more, but less than 4 1/2-inches
- 51 – Daylily – Large – 4 1/2-inches or more, but less than 7-inches
- 52 – Daylily – Extra Large – 7-inches or more
- 53 – Daylily – Off-scape, in clear plastic cup.
- 54 – Dahlia
- 55 – Cone Flower
- 56 – Rose
- 57 – Snapdragon
- 58 – Sunflower, one bloom, any color or type under 5-inches
- 59 – Sunflower, one bloom, any color or type, 5-inches and over
- 60 – Hydrangea
- 61 – Any other flower specimen not listed above

- 62 – Best of Show Floral Specimen - (*Do not make entry into this class*) **Rosette**  
 63 – Ornamental Grasses – 3 stems of same **variety**    69 – Herb – one stem or spray  
 64 – Foliage Shrub – Evergreen, one stem not exceeding 24” in length  
 65 – Foliage Shrub – Deciduous, one stem not exceeding 24-inches in length  
 66 – Coleus – one stem  
 67 – Any other foliage specimen, not listed above  
 68 – Best of Show Foliage Specimen - (*Do not make entry into this class*) **Rosette**  
 69 – Color Collection – Three different species, all the same color or color family. One vase/bottle or three.  
     Premiums for class 69 – First - \$8; Second - \$6; Third - \$4.  
 70 – Hosta – miniature variety  
 71 – Hosta – small variety  
 72 – Hosta – medium variety  
 73 – Hosta – large variety  
 74 – Hosta – giant variety  
 75 – Hosta – unnamed or unregistered variety  
 76 – Best of Show Hosta – (*Do not make entry into this class*)    **Rosette**  
 77 – Collection of Hostas. Five different varieties. Exhibited in separate containers, but arranged as a collection.  
     Premiums for class 77 – First - \$8; Second - \$6; Third - \$4

## **BACKYARD BEST**

This exhibit will showcase container gardening and represent a typical Ohio summer.

1. Open to all amateur horticulturalists; except as noted. Horticulture/Floriculture general rules apply to this section.
2. Entries must be comprised of live, planted material. Emphasis on live annuals and perennials. No cut flowers will be permitted. Exhibit may be one or multiple containers, unless defined differently in class description. Overall exhibit cannot exceed 40 inches square, unless otherwise directed.
3. All containers must have water-catching tray or be self-contained; or they will be disqualified.
4. Containers and plants should be clean and ready for display. Refer to page 4 for judging score cards.
5. All container grown plants should have been grown by the exhibitor for a period of at least 60 days.
6. The Ohio State Fair and their agents will care for the plants for the duration of the fair, but will not be held responsible for loss. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to replace plant material as needed to provide for integrity of the exhibit.
7. Exhibitor to provide all containers, plant materials, and ancillary items. Exhibitors should note when selecting plant material, the exhibits will be maintained inside the Ag/Hort building (plants that thrive in shade work best). Water features requiring electricity should be noted on the entry form and exhibitor must supply a minimum 12-foot extension cord. All electrical features must be properly grounded or they will be disqualified. Ohio State Fair and its agents will not be responsible for loss of any material.
8. Best of Show, Most Unusual/Creative Use of a Container, etc. are not premium classes or designations. They will receive ribbon/rosette awards only.

To be staged 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26. To be released 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7. Release times subject to change. Four premiums are available for each class, unless noted.  
 First - \$50, Second - \$40, Third - \$30, Fourth - \$20.

## **CLASS**

- 78 – Micro Garden – One container. Exhibit must not exceed 12” square and 18” in height. Special premiums for this class *only*: First - \$25; Second - \$20; Third - \$15; Fourth - \$10  
 79 – Miniature Landscape – Exhibit should be landscaped, reflecting an overall design. Overall appearance of the garden is stressed. Exhibit not to exceed 28” square.  
 80 – Window Sill – Exhibitor Interpretation. A window façade, including curtains, will be provided. The window measures (12.3”) and the sill measures (10.3” ). Nothing may be placed on the ground.



- 81 – Just a Bucket – Everyone has room for one bucket! Single container, which must be one five-gallon bucket. No brand names on buckets.
- 82 – Plant Nerd Collection – A collection of five cultivars or varieties of the same basic plant. One or multiple containers. For example – Heucheras, Ferns, Impatiens, etc. Must be creatively staged.
- 83 – “One person’s trash is another’s treasure” – Container must be a “found” object. Previous unusual container, flea market, etc. Ohio State Fair entries are not eligible for entry.
- 84 – Shade Challenge – This is your challenge, should you choose to accept it. One or multiple containers for a shady location. Must include at least one of the each of the following – Fern, Hosta, Begonia, and Coleus. Other plant material permitted.
- 85 – Garden Gate – Exhibitor Interpretation
- 86 – Shoes! – Feature shoes/boots!
- 87- Everything, including the kitchen sink. Include a kitchen sink!
- 88 - Moonlight Garden. Only white flowers. Feature dark foliage.
- 89 – Most Unusual or Creative Use of A Container – One individual container. May be one container in a grouping of containers. To be selected from all Back Yard Best entries. **Do not make entries for this class.** All entries are automatically eligible. **Rosettes** to winners.
- 90 – Best of Show – (1 - 4) **Rosette, Rosette, Rosette, Rosette** (*Do not make entry into this class*)

## VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

### Vegetables & Fruits Rules

1. Horticulture/Floriculture general rules apply to this section.
2. In addition to the official entry tag, each item must be identified with common name and variety/cultivar. The exhibitor must furnish all items, materials, and accessories. Ohio State Fair will not be responsible for the loss of any material(s). Each item must be in or on a container, unless otherwise noted.
3. Refer to judging scorecards on page 3 for Judging criteria. . Produce must be trimmed for market.
4. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for several days. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. No refrigeration is available in the Agriculture/Horticulture building. For example, bramble fruits (raspberry, blackberry, etc.), peaches, etc. do not hold well. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any item(s) that become unwholesome and detract from the exhibit.
5. Classes 91 through 96 must be exhibited on a stand plastic, disposable dinner plate, not to exceed 10-inches in diameter. Only one variety is to be included in the entry and it must be named.

## BACKYARD VEGETABLES/FRUIT

Class 91-96 exhibits will be staged 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30. Exhibits will be released 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Release times subject to change.

Four premiums are available in classes 91 - 96. First - \$6, Second - \$5, Third - \$4, and Fourth - \$3.

### CLASS

- 91 – Green Beans, any variety.
- 92 – Tomatoes, any cherry, pear, or grape tomato variety.
- 93 – Tomato, any large variety (not cherry, pear or grape).
- 94 – Peppers, any variety
- 95 – Cucumbers, any variety
- 96 – Zucchini, any variety (yellow or green)

Class 97- 105 exhibits will be staged 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 3. Exhibits will be released 6:00- 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Release times are subject to change.

Four premiums are available in classes 97 - 98. First - \$25, Second - \$20, Third - \$15, and Fourth - \$10.

97 – Market Basket - Best exhibit of fresh fruits and/or vegetable. Must include three or more different fruits and/or vegetables. Exhibit should reflect the total bounty of your garden. Display vegetables/fruits in a basket. Total exhibit area must not exceed 12" x 18".

98 –Potted vegetables/fruits. Display of three potted (patio) vegetables and/or fruits. Any variety, maximum 12" pots. Pots must have water-catching trays. Pots and plants should be clean, groomed and ready for exhibition.

## **LARGEST AND SPECIALITY EXHIBITS**

Judging criteria: Largest exhibits - Size is weight (for all entries except green bean which is length) and quality. Odd Natural Growth - most unusual shape and quality. Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to remove exhibits that are unwholesome or not in good taste.

Four premiums are available in each class. First - \$20, Second - \$15, Third - \$10, and Fourth - \$5

### **CLASS**

97 – Largest and Best Cabbage

98 – Largest and Best Tomato

99 – Largest and Best Zucchini Squash

100 – Largest and best Squash (not Zucchini)

101 – Largest and Best Cucumber

102 – Longest and Best Green Bean

103 – Odd and Natural Growth, must be naturally occurring

Each class winner will receive a rosette.

## **GARDEN DISPLAY TABLES**

An excellent opportunity to showcase your garden and what grows best. Designed for a neighborhood or group of friends or community gardens. Share the visual bounty of your garden(s). In addition to Ohio State Fair Agriculture and Horticulture general rules and regulations, and general fruit and vegetable rules, the following rules apply to all classes:

**NEW for 2022 – The Garden Display Table competition will be divided into two judging sessions. Make one entry. Exhibitors may freshen the exhibit, change elements, and make any changes.**

1. The exhibit must include produce, fruit and/or flowers grown by the individual or groups of individuals.
2. All produce, fruit and/or flowers must be named with at least common variety name.
3. Each exhibit will be staged on an 8-foot standard display table (28" wide). No material can exceed more than 5-feet from the surface of the table in height. No material shall be placed on the ground. Other items may be used to stage the produce, fruit and/or flowers. These items should add to the beauty and integrity of the exhibit and not cause distraction. Other items may include, but not limited to vases, bowls, baskets, tablecloths, risers, etc. Photographs, garden implements, etc., are permitted to accent the exhibit. The Ohio State Fair management will exercise due caution in safeguarding exhibits and awards, but management will not assume responsibility for any injury or loss.
4. Refer to Judging Score Cards on page 3 for judging criteria. The goal is to provide for a diverse, quality exhibit that is educational and showcases the bounty and beauty of your garden.
5. Each exhibitor should take note that the exhibit is designed to be displayed for two, six day sessions. Please select produce that will hold up to travel, heat and humidity. Arrangements should be made to replace produce and/or flowers so that they remain fresh and in top exhibit condition. Appropriate entry passes and parking credentials will be provided to accommodate replacements. No replacements, adjustments, or altering of the exhibit is permitted the day of judging. The Ohio State Fair reserves the right to remove any items that become unwholesome, detract from the exhibit, appear spoiled, diseased, and/or infested with pests. Premiums may be withheld if exhibit quality and wholesomeness is not maintained for the entire exhibit.

First session to be staged 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 27.

Second session to be staged 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2.

The exhibit must be removed 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7. Release times subject to change.

Premiums will be paid for each session: First - \$200; Second - \$150; Third - \$100; Fourth - \$50.  
Rosettes and a banner for the winner will be awarded for each session, courtesy of the Ohio State Fair.

## **CLASS**

106 – Garden Display Table

## **SCARECROWS**

### **Scarecrows return to the Ohio State Fair**

Exhibits to be staged 2:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26. All entries will be released 4:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7.

1. Entry deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. All entries must be made online. Visit [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) for entry information. Exhibits must be handcrafted by the exhibitor. An 8 1/2" x 11" scale drawing (acceptable scale is 1-inch equals 1-foot) and a one-paragraph description of your scarecrow must accompany your entry form. Agriculture/Horticulture general rules and regulations apply.
2. Each exhibitor will be given a Gate 7 load/unload permit. This permit will allow you to enter the fairgrounds to load/ unload. If you park in the designated area you will be charged the \$10 fee indicated on the second part of the pass. Each exhibitor, however, will need admission passes. You may purchase exhibitor passes and additional parking passes online when you make entries.
3. Each exhibit must include at least one scarecrow that is at least 4-foot in height, but not exceeding 8-feet. . The entire exhibit must not exceed 3-feet x 3-feet ground space. Exhibit will be staged outside. One 2-foot x 2-foot paver will be on the ground and a steel post will be positioned directly behind the paver to anchor your scarecrow. Please make sure all materials will hold up in rain and wind. Exhibits must be flame retardant. All exhibits must be free-standing. All supports must be concealed or an integral part of the exhibit. All supports must be contained within the allotted space described above.
5. Entry tags will be made available at the time of exhibit staging. Each entry must have a completed entry tag attached.
6. Materials should be handmade. No living plant material may be used. If vegetables or fruit are used, they must not be punctured or carved and must remain fresh in appearance and texture for the duration of the fair.
7. Exhibitors should use good taste and judgment when planning their entry. Scarecrow should be tasteful, lovable, mischievous and humorous; not frightening.
8. The Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to deny entry to an exhibit that does not meet outlined criteria.
9. Refer to page 3 for judging criteria. The decision of the judges is final. All rosettes must be claimed at the fair, at the time of release.
10. Limit of eight entries in each class. Make your entry early to be guaranteed of a spot.
11. The Ohio State Fair and their agents will care exhibits for the duration of the fair, but will not be held responsible for damage or loss for any reason. The display area is outside and will be fenced, but security will not be present. Do not include valuable items in your exhibit.

Premiums – First - \$75; Second - \$60; Third - \$50; Fourth; \$40; Fifth - \$30; Sixth - \$20; Seventh - \$10; Eight \$10  
Rosettes will be awarded for each class placing, courtesy of the Ohio State Fair.

## **CLASS**

107 – Traditional Scarecrow

108 – Theme Scarecrow – “Ohio Athletes”

109 – Best of Show - Scarecrow

## CHRISTMAS TREES

The Ohio State Fair & The Ohio Christmas Tree Association

To be staged 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday, July 25. To be released 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7

All items not picked up by 8:00 p.m. will become the property of the Ohio State Fair Management. Contact the Ohio Christmas Tree Association for exhibition information and entry forms: Ohio Christmas Tree Association Valerie Graham 6870 Licking Valley Road Frazeyburg OH 43822 , 740-828-3331, val@ohiochristmastree.com

## ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION

You must enter online at [www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com). Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (username/password). Online entries will be accepted until midnight July 1.

## LATE ENTRY

Entries made after July 1 will be charged a late fee of \$35.00, plus \$10 processing fee. All late entries must contact the Entry Department at 614-644-4052.

## TICKET INFORMATION

Participants may purchase tickets, throughout the fair, at the prices listed:

### Admission Passes

\$32.00 - 6-day punch ticket (multi person use - example: 3 people, 2 admissions)

\$ 6.00 - one day ticket (one individual use)

### Parking Permits

Each exhibitor has the option of purchasing one 3- day parking permit- \$30 or 5- day parking permit - \$50.

## PREMIUMS

Premiums (amount listed after the class information) is processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31, 2022, should notify the Entry Department at 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, Oh 43211, phone 614-644-4052; e-mail b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4049, or a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov, 614-644-4049.

## IMPORTANT

If you receive premiums of \$499 and over, the State of Ohio **now** requires **you** to register as a "new supplier" at [www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov](http://www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov). This **MUST** be done before any payment will be processed. Please be aware you will be asked for banking information, as your **payment** will be **direct deposit**. You may use either a checking or savings account.

If you have won \$499 and over in the past, you do not need to register. However, **you are responsible** to make any address or name changes, by going to [www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov](http://www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov) and update you information. If you need assistance with the online registration, please contact the "help desk" at 1-877-644-6771