

FLORICULTURE

Agriculture Building

Superintendent - Barry Laws, Indianola

Floriculture exhibits will be open to the public during building hours each day of the Fair.

Judging Schedule:

Thursday, August 13

10:00 a.m. Junior and Intermediate Shows
*Adult Seed Picture**
Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show
Limited Division Flower Show
*Iowa Perennials**
*Color Division**

Friday, August 14

10:00 a.m. *Plant Identification Contest**

Saturday, August 15

10:00 a.m. Rose Show
Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show
Limited Division Flower Show

Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Hosta Leaf Show

Monday, August 17

Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show
Limited Division Flower Show
Something Different - Potted Plants Show
*Pella Wonderland**
*Terrarium**
*Gnome Garden**

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 a.m. *Flower Identification Contest**

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Gladiolus Show
Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show
Limited Division Flower Show
*Fresh Floral Design**
*Holiday Design**

Thursday, August 20

9:00 a.m. *Guess How Many Rose Petals**

Friday, August 21

Noon Show Off Your Talent Flower Show
Limited Division Flower Show
*Iowa Flowers**
*Iowa Floral Design**
*Adel's Finest**
*Fairy Gardens**
*Succulent Garden**

Saturday, August 22

10:00 a.m. Dahlia Show

**See Special Classes Division 220. No pre-entry or registration fee required.*

For questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 243 or entryintern1@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

1. Iowa Family Living general rules and regulations apply in this department. In case general rules conflict with Floriculture Department general or special rules, the latter shall govern.
2. **SUBMITTING ENTRIES.** Entries may be submitted **online** or by **mail**. Online entry and a printable Iowa Family Living entry form are available at: <https://www.iowastatefair.org/>. If entering online, payment will be collected at time of entry. If entering by mail, complete entry form and return it with **full payment** of all fees to: Iowa State Fair, Iowa Family Living Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317-0003.
3. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 1.** Entries must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 1.
4. **ENTRY FEE.** Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay a \$10 department fee plus \$.50 per entry Open Classes; \$1.00 per entry Limited Classes. One tag will be issued for each entry.
5. **LATE ENTRIES.** An additional late fee of \$10 will be charged for all entries submitted online or postmarked July 2 - July 8. No entries will be accepted after July 8.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

6. Entries are open to individuals, garden clubs and other groups from any state. You do not need to belong to a plant society to enter.
7. Individuals, groups or clubs are limited to one entry in each class unless otherwise specified.
8. A youth (exhibitors age 16 and under) can enter an adult class, excluding Division 209 – Limited. Entries in adult classes will be judged as adult.
9. Where color is mentioned, unless the exact shade is specified, all shades or varieties coming under the major color compete together in mixed colors, the one predominating shall classify.
10. In all artistic design divisions, fresh and/or dried plant material is required in all classes. No potted plants. A minimum amount of painting is permitted on dried plant material in all classes. Fresh material cannot be painted or dyed. One or more accessories is permitted if so desired, unless otherwise stated. Contrived flowers may be used. Only real feathers permitted. No artificial flowers, foliage or primary and secondary noxious weeds are permitted in any classes.
11. Backgrounds, containers, bases, etc., portraying the American flag will be permitted in any exhibit only if they are done tastefully.
12. All containers, etc., should be well marked underneath.
13. The Management reserves the right to reject entries from exhibitors who have entered classes previously and whose exhibits have not been of suitable quality.
14. All exhibits must be kept in good condition throughout the show. Wilted material must be replaced each day. Nothing can be removed from an exhibit without the Superintendent's permission. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove or exclude from the hall, at any time, any exhibit or part thereof which is unsightly.
15. Same containers and accessories cannot be used twice in succession in the table, pedestals, niches, mantels, small design and hanging designs.

16. WEEDS MAY NOT BE USED IN YOUR ARRANGEMENTS. An exhibit using any of the plant material listed below will be disqualified.

IOWA WEED LAW, CHAPTER 317, CODE OF IOWA, 1997

Artichoke	Field Bindweed	Poison Hemlock	Sour Dock
Buckhorn	Hoary Cress	Puncturevine	Tall Thistle
Buckhorn Plantain	Horsenettle	Quackgrass	Teasel **
Bull Thistle	Leafy Spurge	Red Sorrel	Velvetleaf
Butterprint	Multiflora Rose	Russian Knapweed	Wild Carrot (Queen Anne Lace) **
Canada Thistle	Musk Thistle	Shattercane	Wild Mustard
Cocklebur **	Perennial Pepper-grass	Sheep Sorrel	Wild Sunflower
Curly Dock **	Perennial Sowthistle	Smooth Dock **	

** Most likely to show up in dried arrangements

17. For questions regarding containers, etc., contact Floriculture Superintendent, Barry Laws, at info@quiltedgardens.com.

ADMISSION TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

18. **DISCOUNT ADMISSION TICKETS.** Exhibitors who bring entries in during the Fair will be required to pay admission. Discount admission tickets can be purchased in advance at \$11 each for adults and \$7 each for children 6-11 years old. Discount admission and vehicle permits can be purchased from the Entry Department any time prior to the Fair or they can be purchased at the time you submit your entry form and will then be mailed to you.

19. **VEHICLE PERMITS.** All Floriculture exhibitors will be given an Unload Permit that will allow a vehicle to unload in the designated area behind the Agriculture Building. Unload Permit allows for a maximum of 20 minutes to unload entries but does not provide parking. The Unload Permit is not valid for admission. Each person in the vehicle will need an admission ticket during the Fair, August 13-23. If purchased, Floriculture exhibitors will receive a parking pass for Lot A.

ENTRY TAGS

20. Entry tags will be mailed to you. Entry tags must be completed and placed on your entries prior to judging.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

21. Times and dates vary by division. See division rules on following pages.

22. All exhibitors must have their exhibits checked by the Superintendent before leaving the area.

JUDGING

23. Exhibits **MUST** be in place with the entry tag attached by the time of judging. **Entries will not be judged if not in place by designated time.**

24. Exhibits must have a valid entry tag attached. Exhibits without a valid entry tag attached will not be judged.

25. Any premium may be withheld at the discretion of the judge.

AWARDS

26. Court of Honor rosettes will be selected from the blue ribbon winners as indicated in the specific division.

27. **Ribbons and awards can be picked up between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 or between 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Monday, August 24 in the Agriculture Building.** Admission will be charged at the gate on Sunday, August 23 with no on-site ticket sales and no entry/re-entry allowed after 7:00 p.m. You must be on the Fairgrounds by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.

Ribbons and awards not picked up Sunday or Monday will be mailed if a \$5 minimum postage fee is paid to the Fair.

Beginning Wednesday, August 26 and until Friday, September 4, ribbons and awards can be picked up in the Entry Department located on the lower east side of the Administration Building. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. (Please note: Ribbons and awards are not available for pick up on Tuesday, August 25.) **September 4 is the deadline to claim any ribbons or awards won during the 2026 Iowa State Fair.**

RECLAIMING ENTRIES

28. Premiums will be withheld from exhibitors who remove exhibits before 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.

LIABILITY

29. The Management will use diligence in caring for the safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

AMERICA 250 AWARD

All entries that showcase the patriotic spirit of America 250 (i.e. flags, Red, White, and Blue, etc.) will be eligible for a special America 250 premium of \$25 in addition to regular premiums. Awards will be selected by a panel of judges from blue ribbon recipients. Entries will be designated as America 250 award eligible by exhibitors at check in. Departments eligible for the America 250 Award include: Creative Arts & Crafts, Doll Houses & Miniature Rooms, Fabric & Threads, Fine Art, Floriculture, Food, Photography and Wood Projects.

SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT - DIVISION 201

Premiums\$15, 14, 13

SWEEPSTAKES

A Sweepstakes Plaque and a Reserve Sweepstakes Plaque for the Show Off Your Talent division will be presented on Friday, August 21. Sweepstakes is based on the following score: Queen of Arrangements - 4 points; Princess of Arrangements - 3 points; Prince of Arrangements - 2 points; Blue Ribbon - 1 point.

SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.

DESIGNS

Thursday, August 13 through Friday, August 14

Entries may be brought on Thursday, August 13 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.

CLASS

- 1 Fire and Ice – design using a red container and incorporating white and blue flowers
- 2 St. Patrick's Day – your interpretation
- 3 Sea Shore – an expanse of water

- 4 Thanksgiving Table – your interpretation
- 5 Wooden Beauty – using wood in design
- 6 Fall is in the Air – hanging design to be hung on props provided by Management

Saturday, August 15 through Sunday, August 16

Entries may be brought on Saturday, August 15 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.

- 7 By the Garden Path – design incorporating a stone or stones
- 8 Candle in the Wind – design incorporating a candle
- 9 Lazy River – an expanse of water
- 10 Taste of Italy – design using red and green peppers
- 11 Roadside Glory – design using Black Eyed Susans
- 12 Blowing in the Wind – hanging design to be hung on props provided by Management

Monday, August 17 through Tuesday, August 18

Entries may be brought on Monday, August 17 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.

- 13 I Cannot Tell a Lie – design incorporating red flowers
- 14 Home on the Range – design incorporating barbed wire
- 15 Black Water – an expanse of water
- 16 North of the Border – design incorporating evergreen and maple leaves
- 17 Santa is Coming to Town – design using sleigh prop provided by Management
- 18 Rockets Red Glare – hanging design to be hung on props provided by Management

Wednesday, August 19 through Thursday, August 20

Entries may be brought on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.

- 19 Iowa State Fair – your interpretation
- 20 Color Your World – design incorporating paint brush(es)
- 21 Lily Pond – an expanse of water
- 22 Up the Down – your interpretation
- 23 Bonsai – Asian inspired design
- 24 The Bird Cage – hanging design to be hung on props provided by Management

Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23

Entries may be brought on Friday, August 21 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.

- 25 Red, White, and Blue – your interpretation
- 26 Days of Milk and Honey – design inspired by bees
- 27 Sing in the Rain – an expanse of water
- 28 New Year's Eve – design using dark foliage and white flowers
- 29 Totem Pole – design using ladder provided by Management
- 30 Snoopy and the Red Baron – hanging design to be hung on props provided by Management

Show Off Your Talent Court of Honor Rosettes

- Queen of Arrangements (Classes 1-6; 7-12; 13-18; 19-24; 25-30)
- Princess of Arrangements (Classes 1-6; 7-12; 13-18; 19-24; 25-30)
- Prince of Arrangements (Classes 1-6; 7-12; 13-18; 19-24; 25-30)

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS

Thursday, August 13

SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. Entries are limited to exhibitors 16 years of age and under. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each class. Exhibits must be the work of the youth exhibiting.
3. Plants must have been potted at least four to six weeks before the Fair. If plants do not stand up during the Fair because they were not potted soon enough, the award will be withheld.
4. Seed Picture Classes: Any type of grain (including rice) and/or seeds (colored or naturally grown) may be used. Seeds, grain or rice may be painted or colored. Dried plant material may be used; no weeds permitted. All seed pictures must be on a wood background and ready to hang. Hanger must be securely attached for hanging from PEGBOARD.
5. Exhibitors may drop off entries on Wednesday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or on Thursday, August 13 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.
6. A trophy will be awarded to the best seed picture in each age division. Pick up trophy after judging on Thursday, August 13 in the Agriculture Building.
7. Exhibits will remain in place until Sunday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. If they are not picked up by 8:00 p.m., they will be available for pick up on Monday, August 24 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon in the Agriculture Building. If not picked up by Noon, they will be available at the Administration Building (see Rule #27).

JUNIOR DIVISION A - DIVISION 202

Exhibitors 7 years of age and under

Premiums in Classes 40A through 43A.....\$9, 8, 8

CLASS

- 40A Small Rewards – a design in a container of your choice, **design and container no larger than 5 inches tall or wide total**; all dried and/or treated plant material; no plastic or silk plant material; no accessories
- 41A Flower Garden – a design with dried and/or treated plant material; embedded in sand in a metal pie tin
- 42A Fairy Garden – a miniature landscape in a shallow container; no more than 6 inches deep; with five or more plants that are compatible - this means they require the same light (sun or shade) and water requirements (moist or dry); man-made accessories must be used and container must be less than 12 x 12 inches; due to the large number of attendees, do not use accessories that you do not want to lose

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- 43A Rabbit – a rabbit made by using any type of dried and/or treated plant material
44A Patio Planter – three or more different plants in a container with the names of the plants included; make sure to plant these at least four weeks prior to the Fair so they are established in their container Premiums - \$6, 5, 5

SEED PICTURES

Premiums in Classes 45A through 48A.....\$9, 8, 8

- 45A Superman/woman – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
46A Dragonfly – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
47A Coneflower – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
48A Opossum – on a wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung

JUNIOR DIVISION B - DIVISION 202

Exhibitors 8 through 12 years of age

Premiums in Classes 40B through 43B.....\$9, 8, 8

CLASS

- 40B Small Rewards – a design in a container of your choice, design and container no larger than 5 inches tall or wide total; all dried and/or treated plant material; no plastic or silk plant material; no accessories
41B Flower Garden – a design with dried and/or treated plant material; embedded in sand in a metal pie tin
42B Fairy Garden – a miniature landscape in a shallow container; no more than 6 inches deep; with five or more plants that are compatible - this means they require the same light (sun or shade) and water requirements (moist or dry); man-made accessories must be used and container must be less than 12 x 12 inches; due to the large number of attendees, do not use accessories that you do not want to lose
43B Rabbit – a rabbit made by using any type of dried and/or treated plant material
44B Patio Planter – three or more different plants in a container with the names of the plants included; make sure to plant these at least four weeks prior to the Fair so they are established in their container Premiums - \$6, 5, 5

SEED PICTURES

Premiums in Classes 45B through 48B.....\$9, 8, 8

- 45B Superman/woman – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
46B Dragonfly – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
47B Coneflower – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
48B Opossum – on a wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION - DIVISION 203

Exhibitors 13 through 16 years of age

Premiums in Classes 49 through 52.....\$9, 8, 8

CLASS

- 49 Small Rewards – a design in a container of your choice, design and container no larger than 5 inches tall or wide total; all dried and/or treated plant material; no plastic or silk plant material; no accessories
50 Flower Garden – a design with dried and/or treated plant material; embedded in sand in a metal pie tin
51 Fairy Garden – a miniature landscape in a shallow container; no more than 6 inches deep; with five or more plants that are compatible - this means they require the same light (sun or shade) and water requirements (moist or dry); man-made accessories must be used and container must be less than 12 x 12 inches; due to the large number of attendees, do not use accessories that you do not want to lose
52 Rabbit – a rabbit made by using any type of dried and/or treated plant material
53 Patio Planter – three or more different plants in a container with the names of the plants included; make sure to plant these at least four weeks prior to the Fair so they are established in their container Premiums - \$6, 5, 5

SEED PICTURES

Premiums in Classes 54 through 57.....\$9, 8, 8

- 54 Superman/woman – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
55 Dragonfly – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
56 Coneflower – on wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung
57 Opossum – on a wood background; not to exceed 14 x 18 inches; ready to be hung

Junior and Intermediate Court of Honor Rosettes

Table with 2 columns: Junior Division Rosettes (Best Junior Exhibit, Second Best Junior Exhibit, Best Junior Seed Picture, Second Best Junior Seed Picture) and Intermediate Division Rosettes (Best Intermediate Exhibit, Second Best Intermediate Exhibit, Best Intermediate Seed Picture, Second Best Intermediate Seed Picture).

ROSES - DIVISION 204

Saturday, August 15

SPECIAL RULES

- 1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. Entries may be brought on Saturday, August 15 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Exhibits released at 7:45 p.m.
3. Any number of entries may be made by each exhibitor in any one class. Bottles and display boxes will be furnished for entries.
4. All blooms must have been grown by the exhibitor in his/her own garden. Rose bloom of Hybrid Teas and Grandiflora Single Bloom classes, side buds shall not be a reason for disqualification but shall be considered a fault in stem and foliage to be penalized only to the degree of its distraction, if any. Roses must include the American Exhibition Name (name under which the rose is available or known in the United States). Please put name of rose under class number at top of entry tag.
5. All roses are to be entered by the first letter of the purchased name. Judges may advise of an alternate name for exhibition as listed in 2022 American Rose Society (ARS) Handbook for selecting roses. New exhibitors may consult with ARS members who will be glad to assist in preparing entry tags the morning of the show.
6. American Rose Society Rules regarding the eligibility of varieties, types and color classifications will govern all entries. Roses will be judged by accredited judges.

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Premiums in Classes 60 through 147 \$3, 2, 1

CLASS		Section I - Single Stem - Hybrid Tea & Grandiflora			
60	A	67	H	75	P-Q
61	B	68	I	76	R
62	C	69	J	77	S
63	D	70	K	78	T
64	E	71	L	79	U-V
65	F	72	M	80	W
66	G	73	N	81	X-Z
		74	O		
		Section II - Spray Hybrid Tea & Grandiflora			
82	A-B	85	G-I	88	N-O
83	C-D	86	J-K	89	P-S
84	E-F	87	L-M	90	T-Z
		Section III - Shrubs & Climbers			
91	A-B	96	L-M	101	Classic Shrubs - Old Garden Rose -
92	C-D	97	N-O		Polyanthas
93	E-F	98	P-S	102	Large Flowered Climber
94	G-I	99	T-Z		
95	J-K	100	Dr. Buck Hybrid Rose		
		Section IV - Floribundas - Single Stem or Spray			
103	A-B	106	G-I	109	N-O
104	C-D	107	J-K	110	P-S
105	E-F	108	L-M	111	T-Z
		Section V - Miniature Roses - Single Stem - One Bloom qualifies for Queen, King or Princess of Show in Miniature Roses			
112	A-B	115	G-I	118	N-O
113	C-D	116	J-K	119	P-S
114	E-F	117	L-M	120	T-Z
		Section VI - Miniature Spray - Naturally grown with more than one bloom or bud			
121	A-B	124	G-I	127	N-O
122	C-D	125	J-K	128	P-S
123	E-F	126	L-M	129	T-Z
		Section VII - Miniflora - Single Stem			
130	A-B	133	G-I	136	N-O
131	C-D	134	J-K	137	P-S
132	E-F	135	L-M	138	T-Z
		Section VIII - Miniflora Spray			
139	A-B	142	G-I	145	N-O
140	C-D	143	J-K	146	P-S
141	E-F	144	L-M	147	T-Z
		Section IX - Miscellaneous Roses			
148	Collection of five miniatures at exhibition stage – one or more varieties Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
149	Collection of three miniature blooms at exhibition stage – same variety Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
150	Collection of three Miniflora blooms at exhibition stage – same variety Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
151	Collection of three Hybrid Teas – one or more varieties Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
152	Collection of three Grandifloras – one or more varieties, either one bloom or spray Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
153	Collection of three Floribundas – one or more varieties, either single bloom and/or spray Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
154	Collection of three miniature sprays at exhibition stage – one or more varieties Premiums - \$3, 2, 1				
155	Collection of three Miniflora sprays at exhibition stage – one or more varieties Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
156	Three miniature blooms of same variety showing cycle of bloom – one full open bloom (stamens must show), one exhibition type bloom, one in bud stage - color must show Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
157	Three Miniflora blooms of same variety showing cycle of bloom – one full open bloom (stamens must show), one exhibition type bloom, one in bud stage - color must show Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
158	Three Hybrid Teas or Grandifloras of same variety showing cycle of bloom – one full open bloom (stamens must show), one exhibition type bloom, one in bud stage - color must show Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
159	Single Stem - Single Miniature or Miniflora – 5-12 petals - these varieties may also be entered in their respective single stem classes Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
160	Single Stem - Single Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora or Climber – 5-12 petals - these varieties may also be entered in their respective single stem classes Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
161	Most Fragrant Large Rose (Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda or Shrub) Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
162	One Bloom - Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any variety - full blown - stamens must show Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
163	A Small One – design and container of your choice, using garden grown miniature roses with or without other plant material Premiums - \$6, 5, 4				
164	Celebrating America's 250 th Birthday – design and container of your choice, using primarily roses with or without other plant material, no noxious weeds permitted Premiums - \$12, 11, 10				
165	Miniature or Miniflora English Bench – six exhibition blooms, no foliage permitted (sepals may be removed), one or more varieties. In box provided by Management Premiums - \$5, 4, 3				
166	Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora English Bench – six exhibition blooms, no foliage permitted (sepals may be removed), one or more varieties. In box provided by Management Premiums - \$6, 5, 4				

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167 Modern Shrub English Bench – six exhibition blooms, no foliage permitted (sepals may be removed), one or more varieties. In box provided by Management **Premiums - \$5, 4, 3**

Roses Court of Honor

Queen of Show Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora (Classes 60-90).....\$5	Queen of Miniatures of Show (Classes 112-120).....\$5
King of Show Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora (Classes 60-90).....\$4	King of Miniatures of Show (Classes 112-120).....\$4
Princess of Show Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora (Classes 60-90).....\$3	Princess of Miniatures of Show (Classes 112-120).....\$3
Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Spray (Classes 82-90).....\$2	Best Miniature Spray (Classes 121-129).....\$2
Best Shrub, Modern, Dr. Buck, Classic, Old Garden or Polyanthas (Classes 91-102).....\$2	Queen of Miniflora of Show (Classes 130-138).....\$5
Best Climbing Rose (all varieties).....\$2	King of Miniflora of Show (Classes 130-138).....\$4
Best Floribunda - Single or Spray (Classes 103-111).....\$2	Princess of Miniflora of Show (Classes 130-138).....\$3
	Best Miniflora Spray of Show (Classes 139-147).....\$2

HOSTA LEAF SHOW - DIVISION 205

Premiums in Classes 170 through 178.....\$7, 6, 5

Best of Show.....Rosette

Each first place winner will receive a complimentary one-year membership or extension to the Russ O'Harra Hosta Society (one per exhibitor).

Sunday, August 16

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Sunday, August 16 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Entries will be staged Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Each entry shall be in a container, provided by Management.

CLASS

Three Hosta leaves, containing three leaves of same variety

- 170 Miniature/Dwarf - leaves less than 2" wide
- 171 Small - leaves 2" but less than 4" wide
- 172 Medium - leaves 4" but less than 6" wide
- 173 Large and Extra Large - leaves 6" or more wide

Single Hosta Leaf

- 174 Miniature/Dwarf - leaves less than 2" wide
- 175 Small - leaves 2" but less than 4" wide
- 176 Medium - leaves 4" but less than 6" wide
- 177 Large and Extra Large - leaves 6" or more wide

Potted Hosta

- 178 Potted Hosta - single hosta clump planted in a pot no larger than 12 inches high x 16 inches wide

SOMETHING DIFFERENT - POTTED PLANTS, BLOOMING AND NON-BLOOMING, NAMED - DIVISION 206

Premiums in Classes 181 through 189.....\$8, 7, 6

Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21

SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. Entries may be brought on Monday, August 17 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Judging will begin at Noon.
3. **All Blue ribbon winners will remain until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 21. All others are released at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18 and must be removed by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19 or will be discarded. Any entry removed before release date and time will forfeit premiums won.**
4. An exhibitor may make one or more entries as he/she desires as long as they are not the same variety. All entries must be identified by variety on a separate sheet attached to the entry tag, except for Class 189 Fairy Garden. No accessories allowed in Classes 181-187.

CLASS

- 181 Container Garden – three or more annuals and/or perennials or vegetables in a container no larger than 16 inches high x 16 inches wide
- 182 Coleus – one or more coleus grown for foliage in a container of your choice
- 183 Other Flowering Plants – one or more flowering plants blooming in a container of your choice
- 184 Cacti or Succulent Plant – one single specimen cacti or succulent in a container of your choice
- 185 Cacti or Succulent Plants – two or more cacti or succulent plants in a container of your choice
- 186 Beauty of the Leaves – one or more potted plants grown for the beauty of the leaves in a container of your choice
- 187 Elephant Ear / Alocasia – single specimen only in a container of your choice
- 188 Dish Garden – a collection in a **shallow dish, no larger than 6 inches deep**, five or more plants, must be compatible, natural accessories may be used
- 189 Fairy Garden – a miniature landscape in a shallow container, no more than 6 inches deep, five or more plants that are compatible, man-made accessories must be used and container must be less than 12 x 12 inches

Something Different Court of Honor

Queen of Potted Plants, Dish Garden or Fairy Garden.....\$5	Princess of Potted Plants, Dish Garden or Fairy Garden\$3
King of Potted Plants, Dish Garden or Fairy Garden.....\$4	

GLADIOLUS - DIVISION 207
Wednesday, August 19 through Friday, August 21
SWEEPSTAKES

A rosette **in memory of John J. Witmer** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Gladiolus Division. Scoring is based on 10 points for each first place and one point less for each successive lower placing.

SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. Entries may be brought on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Exhibits released Friday, August 21 at 7:45 p.m.
3. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. The classification, compiled by the North American Gladiolus Council, shall determine the color and size in all classes where color and size are mentioned and shall be the final authority.
5. An exhibitor may make any number of entries in any class, but it is not permissible to make more than three entries of any one variety in the same class.
6. Gladiolus must be named. Please put name of gladiolus under class number at the top of the entry tag.

SINGLE SPIKE GLADIOLUS

Premiums in Classes 192 through 222\$3, 2, 2

CLASS

- 192 White, Green (100-105, 200-205) Cream, Yellow (110-117, 210-217)
- 193 Orange (120-127, 220-227) Salmon (130-135, 230-235)
- 194 Pink, L. Red (140-153, 240-253)
- 195 M.D. Red, Rose (154-169, 254-269)
- 196 Lavender, Violets, Smokies (170-199, 270-299)
- 197 White (300-301)
- 198 Green, P.L.M. Yellow (302-315)
- 199 D. Yellow, Orange (316-327)
- 200 Salmon, Pink (330-347)
- 201 Red, Rose (352-369)
- 202 Lavender (370-379)
- 203 Violet, Smokies (380-399)
- 204 White (400)
- 205 White W/M, Green (401-405)
- 206 P. Yellow (410-411) L. Yellow (412-413) M.D. Yellow (414-417)
- 207 P.L. Orange (420-421) M.D. Orange (424-427)
- 208 L.M. Salmon (432-435) D. Salmon, P. Pink (436-441)
- 209 L. Pink (442-443)
- 210 M. Pink (444), M. Pink W/M, D. Pink (445-447)
- 211 L. Red (452-453)
- 212 M.D. Black Red (454-459)
- 213 Rose (460-469)
- 214 Lavender (470-477)
- 215 D. Lavender, Violet, Smokies (478-499)
- 216 White, Green, Yellow (500-517)
- 217 Orange (520-527) Salmon (530-537)
- 218 Pink, Red (540-557)
- 219 Black Red, Rose (558-569)
- 220 Lavender, Violet, Smokies (570-599)
- 221 Seedling-Sizes (100,200,300)
- 222 Seedling-Sizes (400,500)

THREE SPIKE GLADIOLUS

Premiums in Classes 223 through 228\$7, 6, 5

- 223 All (200-299, 100-199)
- 224 All (300-399)
- 225 White through Salmon (400-437)
- 226 Pink through Smokies (440-499)
- 227 All (500-599)
- 228 Celebrating America's 250th Birthday - Design Class – container and design of your choice using primarily Gladiolus with or without other plant material; no noxious weeds permitted **Premiums - \$15, 14, 13**

Gladiolus Court of Honor

Grand Champion Single Spike (Classes 192-222)..... \$5	Grand Champion Miniature or Seedling (Classes 221-222)..... \$2
Reserve Champion Single Spike (Classes 192-222) \$4	Grand Champion Three Spike (Classes 223-227) \$8
Runner-up to Reserve Champion Single Spike (Classes 192-220) \$3	Reserve Champion Three Spike (Classes 223-227) \$6

GLADIOLUS - NOVICES

Premiums in Classes 229 through 232\$3, 2, 2

Novice Champion Spike will receive a rosette.

Single spike entries for new exhibitors not ready to compete with growers of open status. The exhibitor winning Champion Spike of this section automatically removes him/herself from the novice status and must move up the following year in any show in which he/she may participate.

229	(100-200) All Colors Combined
230	(300) All Colors Combined
231	(400) All Colors Combined
232	(500) All Colors Combined

DAHLIAS - DIVISION 208

Saturday, August 22 through Sunday, August 23

SWEEPSTAKES

A rosette **in memory and honor of Jim & Judy Romer** will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in the Dahlias Division. Scoring is based on 10 points for each first place and one point less for each successive lower placing.

SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. Entries may be brought on Saturday, August 22 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.
3. Ribbons may be picked up after 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23. Flowers must remain in place until 7:45 p.m.
4. Any number of entries may be made by each exhibitor in any one class.
5. Dahlias must be named. Please put name of dahlia under class number at the top of the entry tag.

Premiums in Classes 235 through 295\$3, 2, 2

Decorative Dahlias - A & AA Size

CLASS

235	White	241	Dark Red	246	Flame
236	Yellow	242	Lavender	247	Dark Blend
237	Orange	243	Purple	248	Variegated
238	Pink	244	Light Blend	249	Bi-Color
239	Dark Pink	245	Bronze	250	Any Other Color
240	Red				

Decorative Dahlias - B & BB Size

251	White	256	Red	261	Bronze
252	Yellow	257	Dark Red	262	Flame
253	Orange	258	Lavender	263	Dark Blend
254	Pink	259	Purple	264	Variegated
255	Dark Pink	260	Light Blend	265	Bi-Color

Cactus, Semi-Cactus or Lacinated - A & AA Size

266	White	271	Red	276	Bronze
267	Yellow	272	Dark Red	277	Flame
268	Orange	273	Lavender	278	Dark Blend
269	Pink	274	Purple	279	Variegated
270	Dark Pink	275	Light Blend	280	Bi-Color

Cactus, Semi-Cactus or Lacinated - B & BB Size

281	White	286	Red	291	Bronze
282	Yellow	287	Dark Red	292	Flame
283	Orange	288	Lavender	293	Dark Blend
284	Pink	289	Purple	294	Variegated
285	Dark Pink	290	Light Blend	295	Bi-Color

Premiums in Classes 296 through 339\$2, 2, 1

Pompons

296	White	300	Red	304	Bronze
297	Yellow	301	Dark Red	305	Any Other Color
298	Orange	302	Lavender		
299	Pink	303	Purple		

Miniatures

306	White	311	Dark Red	315	Blend
307	Yellow	312	Lavender	316	Variegated
308	Orange	313	Purple	317	Bi-Color
309	Pink	314	Bronze	318	Any Other Color
310	Red				

Balls

319	White	323	Red	327	Bronze
320	Yellow	324	Dark Red	328	Blend
321	Orange	325	Lavender	329	Any Other Color
322	Pink	326	Purple		

Water Lily

330	White	334	Red	337	Bronze
331	Yellow	335	Lavender	338	Blend
332	Orange	336	Purple	339	Any Other Color
333	Pink				

- 340 Any Color **Premiums - \$2, 2, 1**
- 341 Entry consisting of four A and/or AA size blooms – consisting for four different varieties **Premiums - \$7, 6, 5**
- 342 Entry consisting of four B and/or BB size blooms – consisting for four different varieties **Premiums - \$7, 6, 5**
- 343 Celebrating America's 250th Birthday - Design Class – container and design of your choice; using primarily Dahlias with or without other plant material; no noxious weeds permitted **Premiums - \$15, 14, 13**

Dahlias Court of Honor

Best Decorative A & AA size bloom (Classes 235-250).....\$4	Princess of Show (third best single bloom, Classes 235-295)\$4
Best Decorative B & BB size bloom (Classes 251-265).....\$4	Largest Decorative A & AA and Cactus A & AA (depth x diameter) (Classes 235-250 & Classes 266-280).....\$4
Best Cactus, Semi-cactus or Laciniated A & AA size bloom (Classes 266-280)\$4	Best Pompon (Classes 296-305).....\$2
Best Cactus, Semi-cactus or Laciniated B & BB size bloom (Classes 281-295)\$4	Best Miniature (Classes 306-318)\$2
King of Show (best single bloom, Classes 235-295).....\$5	Best Ball (Classes 319-329).....\$2
Prince of Show (second best single bloom, Classes 235-295)\$4	Best Water Lily (Classes 330-339)\$2
	Best Collection (Classes 341-342)\$2

Novice - Open to beginners who have never won a blue ribbon
Premiums in Classes 344 through 347\$3, 2, 2
Most Perfect BloomRosette

- 344 One Bloom - Any Color - Formal
- 345 One Bloom - Any Color - Informal
- 346 One Bloom - Any Color - Semi-Cactus
- 347 One Bloom - Any Color - Cactus

FLORICULTURE LIMITED CLASSES - DIVISION 209
Thursday, August 13 through Sunday, August 23

LIMITED CLASSES SPECIAL RULES

1. General Floriculture rules listed in the front of this department will apply. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
2. You may enter the limited classes beginning May 1 by submitting your entry online or by mail. Classes will fill on a first come first serve basis. You may enter 15 classes initially and additional classes after May 20. All fees must be paid at the time of entry.
3. Each exhibitor in this division (Division 209), as a requirement for entry, shall pay a \$10 department fee plus \$1.00 per class. Entries submitted or postmarked July 2-8 will be charged a \$20 department fee plus class fees.
4. In all artistic design divisions fresh and/or dried plant material is required in all classes, no potted plants. A minimum amount of painting is permitted on dried plant material in all classes. Fresh material cannot be painted or dyed. One or more accessories are permitted if so desired, unless stated otherwise. Only real feathers permitted. **No artificial flowers or foliage and no primary and secondary noxious weeds are permitted in any class unless so stated.** See list of weeds in general Floriculture rules.
5. Premiums will be withheld in Classes of Doors 420, 421, 431, 432, 442, 443, 453, 454, 464 and 465 if an exhibitor displays the same design as the previous year.
6. All displays must be removed on Sunday night unless approved by the Superintendent. Due to the props being stored for the season, the displays can be moved by the exhibitor (or their designee) to the main tables and picked up Monday morning but staff will not move displays from props to tables for exhibitors.
7. Carts must be out of the building by 9:00 a.m.

DOORS

Limited to the first four entries in each class.
Premiums - \$17, 16, 15

Hangings should be at least 1/3 overall of the door. Background cover not required but can be used. No construction or crepe paper used in the design or for a background.

Doors will be judged on the following score:

Conformance.....	15
Design	35
Harmony of all components.....	20
Distinction.....	15
Creativity and Expression.....	15
Total.....	100

LARGE AND SMALL TABLES

Limited to the first four entries in each class.
Premiums Large - \$23, 22, 21; Premiums Small - \$18, 17, 16

Tables approximately 3 x 6 feet will be furnished by Management to be set with service for four (large table). Tables approximately 3 x 4 feet will be furnished by Management to be set with service for two (small table). No flat silver is allowed.

Tables will be judged using the following score:

Functionalism	20
Design (overall design, 20; decorative unit, 20)	40
Color and Textural Harmony.....	15
Distinction.....	10
Creativity and Expression.....	15
Total.....	100

PEDESTALS

Limited to the first four entries in each class.

Premiums - \$12, 11, 10

Pedestals are approximately 20 inch square tops and 36 inches in height. Arrangement is not to be under 24 inches in height.

Pedestals will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Distinction	15
Creativity and Expression.....	15
Total	100

MANTELS

Limited to the first three entries in each class.

Premiums - \$17, 16, 15

In all mantel classes, background material such as picture, mirror, tray, etc., above mantel is required. Mantels are 70 inches x 12 inches.

Mantels will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Distinction	15
Creativity and Expression.....	15
Total	100

NICHES

Limited to the first four entries in each class.

Premiums - \$18, 17, 16

Niches are approximately 31 inches high, 29 inches wide and 23 inches deep. Material for a harmonizing background is to be used in the niches. Plant materials must be dominant using one or more accessories. They must be 2/3 full.

Niches will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	40
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Creativity and Expression.....	25
Total	100

EXHIBITION AND ROUND TABLES

Limited to the first four entries in each class.

Premiums Exhibition - \$22, 21, 20; Premiums Round - \$16, 15, 14

Round tables for exhibition will be furnished by Management. They will be 20 inches in diameter and 27 inches high. A 72 inch round cloth is to be used. Free placement of elements. Decorative unit with or without accessories plus place setting. Standards for exhibition backgrounds will be furnished by Management. They will be 30 inches wide and 42 inches high. Space provided will be 24 inches deep. Cloth is to be used for background, which is not provided by Management. Free placement of elements. One place setting and the decorative unit.

Exhibition and round tables will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design (overall design, 20, decorative unit, 20)	40
Color and Textural Harmony.....	15
Distinction	10
Creativity and Expression.....	20
Total	100

SMALL DESIGN

Limited to the first five entries in each class.

Premiums - \$10, 9, 8

Traditional or creative (depending on class). Design may not exceed 8 inches in height, width or depth. Background panel may be used but must stay within the 8 inch limit.

Traditional designs will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Distinction	15
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Creativity and expression	15
Total	100

VIGNETTES

Limited to the first three entries in each class.

Premiums in Class 408 & 409 - \$35, 30, 25; Premiums in Class 410 - \$25, 20, 15

Vignettes will be furnished by Management. A dried arrangement must be included. A wreath or hanging arrangement is acceptable. **An exhibitor may only enter one of the vignette classes (exception - if you enter Class 410, you may also enter Class 408 or 409).**

Vignettes will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Relationship of all parts	10
Distinction	20
Creativity and expression	20
Total	100

DRIED/TREATED DESIGNS

Premiums - \$10, 9, 8

Traditional designs will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Distinction	15
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Creativity and expression	15
Total	100

Creative designs will be judged using the following score:

Conformance	15
Design	40
Distinction	20
Creativity and expression	25
Total	100

Thursday, August 13 through Sunday, August 23

Entries may be placed after 3:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 (any entries placed before 3:00 p.m. will not be judged) or 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 13. Judging begins a Noon. Entries must remain in place until 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.

GARDENS

Dish Garden and Hanging Garden limited to the first eight entries in each class. Patio Garden limited to the first fifteen entries.

Premiums in Class 402 - \$14, 13, 12; Premiums in Class 403 - \$15, 14, 13; Premiums in Class 404 - \$10, 9, 8

Top eight placed entries in Class 403 will be displayed in the Floriculture Dept. Other entries will be displayed in the Ag Building Rotundas.

CLASS

- 402 Dish Garden – five or more compatible plants - a collection in a shallow dish no larger than 6 inches deep and 12 inches across, all fresh plant material. No accessories permitted - shells, rocks, figurines, etc. May include herbs. Premiums will be withheld from exhibitors who display the same design as last year. Provide a list of all plant names on a separate piece of paper attached to entry tag.
- 403 Patio Garden – planter with five or more fresh plants, artistically arranged in one container exhibited on a pedestal, 24 inches high, square top approximately 12 inches. Container up to 16 inches high x 18 inches wide.
- 404 Hanging Garden – two or more plants hanging in at least a 6 inch pot.

DRIED/TREATED DESIGNS

- 405A Locket of Love - Traditional Petite Charm – a design, not over 5 inches high, 5 inches wide, all dried and/or treated plant material in a traditional design.
- 405B Pocket Watch - Traditional Petite Charm – a design, not over 5 inches high, 5 inches wide, all dried and/or treated plant material in a traditional design.
- 406A Shrinking Violet - Creative Petite Charm – a design, not over 5 inches high, 5 inches wide, all dried and/or treated plant material in a creative design.
- 406B Cute as a Button - Creative Petite Charm – a design, not over 5 inches high, 5 inches wide, all dried and/or treated plant material in a creative design.
- 407A Victorian Story – a traditional design, not over 12 inches high, 8 inches wide and 5 inches deep, all dried and/or treated plant material.
- 407B Roll of the Dice – a creative design, not over 12 inches high, 8 inches wide and 5 inches deep, all dried and/or treated plant material.

VIGNETTES

- 408 Festive Fall Front Porch – background divider 6 feet tall, 32 inches deep and 36 inches wide.
- 409 Winter Wonderland Front Porch – background divider 6 feet tall, 32 inches deep and 36 inches wide.
- 410 Red Barn – using animals in design, to be staged in one of two shelves 23 inches long, 28 inches tall and 8 inches deep or a shelf 26 inches long, 15 inches tall and 7 inches deep. The shelf is picked on a first come, first picked basis.

Thursday, August 13 through Friday, August 14

Entries may be placed after 3:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 or 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 13. Judging begins at Noon. Entries must remain in place until 7:45 p.m. on Friday, August 14.

PEDESTALS

- 411 Lady Liberty – your interpretation
- 412 Tall and Elegant – your interpretation

NICHE

- 413 Celebrating 100 Years of Route 66 – your interpretation

TABLES

- 414 Rainbow and Unicorns Birthday Party – your interpretation, setting for four (large table), using tablecloth of your choice
- 415 Fido's Birthday Party – a dog's birthday party, setting for two (small table), using tablecloth of your choice

EXHIBITION TABLE

- 416 Semiquincentennial Celebration – your interpretation

ROUND TABLE

- 417 Prom Date – design inspired by a corsage

MANTEL

- 418 Mardi Gras Party – your interpretation

SMALL DESIGN

- 419 Elfin Wedding – your interpretation

DOORS

- 420 Westward Ho! – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, must use fresh plant material, may include dried material, background cover not required but can be used
- 421 It's a – design celebrating a gender reveal, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, must use fresh plant material, may include dried material, background cover not required but can be used

IOWA STATE FAIR * AUGUST 13-23, 2026 * FLORICULTURE

Saturday, August 15 through Sunday, August 16

Entries may be placed 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, August 15. Judging begins at Noon.

Entries must remain in place until 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 16.

PEDESTALS

422 Hawkeye Fury – design using ribbon provided by Management

423 Roller Coaster – your interpretation

NICHE

424 A Rainbow of Zinnias – design using three or more colors of zinnia

TABLES

425 Family Reunion – your interpretation, setting for four (large table), using tablecloth of your choice

426 Speakeasy Rendezvous – your interpretation, setting for two (small table), using tablecloth of your choice

EXHIBITION TABLE

427 Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend – design celebrating Marilyn Monroe's 100th Birthday

ROUND TABLE

428 Raspberry Beret – design inspired by Prince song

MANTEL

429 Raiders of the Lost Ark – your interpretation

SMALL DESIGN

430 Frog Pond – design incorporating water

DOORS

431 Doors to the Past – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, background cover not required but can be used

432 Dorm Room – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, background cover not required but can be used

Monday, August 17 through Tuesday, August 18

Entries may be placed 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Monday, August 17. Judging begins at Noon.

Entries must remain in place until 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

PEDESTALS

433 Long and Winding Road – design using a fence post

434 Cyclone Fury – design using a ribbon provided by Management

NICHE

435 Apple Harvest – design incorporating one or more apples

TABLES

436 Grand Champion Banquet – design inspired by a formal presentation event, service for four (large table), using tablecloth of your choice

437 Friends Together – your interpretation, setting for two (small table), using tablecloth of your choice

EXHIBITION TABLE

438 Dare to be Different – your interpretation

ROUND TABLE

439 Her Majesty the Queen – your interpretation

MANTEL

440 Log Cabin Days – your interpretation

SMALL DESIGN

441 Thumbelina – your interpretation

DOORS

442 Winter Wreath – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, must use fresh plant material, may include dried material, background cover not required but can be used

443 Hen House – design incorporating chicken wire, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, background cover not required but can be used

Wednesday, August 19 through Thursday, August 20

Entries may be placed 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19. Judging starts at Noon.

Entries must remain in place until 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 20.

PEDESTALS

444 Pipe Dreams – design incorporating pipe

445 Around We Go – your interpretation

NICHE

446 Gardener's Art – your interpretation

TABLES

447 Grandpa's 100th Birthday – your interpretation, setting for four (large table), using tablecloth of your choice

448 Lunch with Dad – your interpretation, setting for two (small table), using tablecloth of your choice

EXHIBITION TABLE

449 Quilting Bee Lunch – design inspired by a quilt block

ROUND TABLE

450 Romantic Evening – design incorporating a candle

MANTEL

451 Native American Heritage – design celebrating Native American culture

SMALL DESIGN

452 Itsy Bitsy – your interpretation

DOORS

453 New Year’s Party – design incorporating gold and silver, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, background cover not required but can be used

454 Autumn Harvest – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, background cover not required but can be used

Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23

Entries may be placed 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on Friday, August 21. Judging begins at Noon.

Entries must remain in place until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.

PEDESTALS

455 Bird Feeder – design incorporating flowers with seeds eaten by birds

456 Treehouse Time – design incorporating at least two different tree leaves

NICHE

457 Oodles of Noodles – design incorporating pasta

TABLES

458 State Fair Campground Celebration – design for buffet table, setting for four (large table), using tablecloth of your choice

459 CyHawk Game Tailgate – your interpretation, setting for two (small table), using tablecloth of your choice

EXHIBITION TABLE

460 Grand Hydrangea Hotel – design incorporating fresh hydrangea flowers

ROUND TABLE

461 Santa’s Snack – design incorporating evergreen

MANTEL

462 Route 66 Road Trip, Celebrating 100 Years – your interpretation

SMALL DESIGN

463 Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star – your interpretation

DOORS

464 Beach House – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, using fresh and/or dried plant material, background cover not required but can be used

465 View From My Window – your interpretation, design must cover 1/3 of door and represent an actual door design, must use fresh plant material, may include dried material, background cover not required but can be used

Limited Classes Court Of Honor Rosettes

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| Queen of Doors | Princess of Vignettes |
| Princess of Doors | Queen of Pedestals |
| Queen of Tables (including small and large) | Princess of Pedestals |
| Princess of Tables (including small and large) | Queen of Petites |
| Queen of Exhibition Tables | Princess of Petites |
| Princess of Exhibition Tables | Queen of Small Design |
| Queen of Vignettes | Princess of Small Design |
| Queen of Niche | Queen of Mantel |
| Princess of Niche | Princess of Mantel |

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR 2025

DIVISION 220

Educational Displays and Contests

The purpose of Educational Displays Contests is to emphasize the simple things that draw beauty to our eyes and to identify the plants and flowers. It is also an opportunity to create designs using flowers and plants that are in our growing zones. The contests are open to anyone of any age. There is no registration fee required to enter the educational displays and contests. Entries are to be brought to the Floriculture Department in the Agriculture Building at the times listed below. Prizes as listed will be awarded to the winners.

ADULT SEED PICTURE

Sponsored by **Des Moines Feed & Nature Center** - 2019 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines IA 50317

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Entries will be staged Thursday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m. and remain in place until Sunday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.**
3. Design must be on a wood background, not to exceed 14 x 18 inches, ready to be hung.
4. Any type of grain (including rice) and/or seeds (colored or naturally grown) may be used. Seeds, grains or rice may be painted or colored.
5. No additional accessories or accents permitted.

CLASS

500 Fireworks in the Sky

IOWA PERENNIALS

Sponsored by **Holub Garden & Greenhouse** - 22085 580th Avenue, Ames IA 50010

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$100, 50, 25

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Thursday, August 7 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Thursday, August 7 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Entries will be a design using fresh perennial flowers suitable for Iowa hardiness zones in a container of your choice.

CLASS

501 Pretty Perennials

COLOR DIVISION

Sponsored by **Flowerama**

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Thursday, August 7 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Thursday, August 7 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Entries should be a design using fresh plant material in a container of your choice.

CLASS

502 Colorful Creation

PLANT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Sponsored by **Bedwell Gardens** - 8044 G14, Norwalk IA 50211

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$30, 30, 30

RULES

1. Contest will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8.
2. Cuttings of plants, shrubs, trees and bulb-flowers will be displayed in the Floriculture Department of the Agriculture Building.
3. Identification of the cuttings will be written on forms provided by the Floriculture Department and given to the Floriculture employee on duty.
4. The names of the winners will be displayed after 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. that night.
5. Certificates and the contest answers will be sent to the winners following the Fair unless picked up by 7:45 p.m. that night.

CLASS

503 Plant Identification

PELLA WONDERLAND

Sponsored by **Thistles Flower Shop** - 832 Main Street, Pella IA 50219

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Monday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Monday, August 11 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. A design inspired by Pella's Dutch Heritage.
4. Fresh flowers and greenery only; minimal accessories are acceptable but should not over power the design.

CLASS

504 Dutch Pride

TERRARIUM

Sponsored by **Bedwell Gardens** - 8044 G14, Norwalk IA 50211
Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$30, 30, 30

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Monday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Monday, August 11 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. A transparent enclosure for growing plants. Any size up to 18 inches long and 12 inches wide.
4. Minimum of three plants.

CLASS

505 Terrarium

GNOME GARDEN

Sponsored by **Bentley Ridge Tree Farm & Nursery** - 4400 W. 1st Street, Grimes IA 50111
Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$25, 20, 15

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Monday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Monday, August 11 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Must include at least one gnome.
4. Miniature landscape of live plants in a shallow container no larger than 6 inches deep.
5. A container larger than 12 x 12 inches, not to exceed 18 x 18 inches.
6. Man made accessories required, natural accessories may be used.

CLASS

506 Gnome Garden

FLOWER IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Sponsored by **Ellis Greenhouse** - 14406 US Hwy 34, Lucas IA 50151
Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$25, 15, 10

RULES

1. Contest will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12.
2. Flower stems will be displayed in the Floriculture Department of the Agriculture Building.
3. Identification of the flower stems will be written on forms provided by the Floriculture Department and given to the Floriculture employee on duty.
4. The names of the winners will be displayed after 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. that night.
5. Certificates and the contest answers will be sent to the winners following the Fair unless picked up by 7:45 p.m. that night.

CLASS

507 Flower Identification

FRESH FLORAL DESIGN

Sponsored by **Canoyer Garden Center** - 3355 SE Gateway Drive, Grimes IA 50111
Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$25, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Wednesday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Wednesday, August 13 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Design using container of your choice.
4. Fresh flowers suitable for growing in Iowa and greenery only.

CLASS

508 Paint the Town

HOLIDAY DESIGN

Sponsored by **Boesen the Florist** - 3422 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines IA 50310
Gift Certificates will be awarded as follows: \$100, 100, 100

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Wednesday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging begins at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Wednesday, August 13 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Fresh flowers and greenery only.

CLASS

509 St. Patrick's Day Parade

GUESS HOW MANY ROSE PETALS

Sponsored by the **Harvey Floral Co.** - 611 S. 8th Street, Adel IA 50003
Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Contest will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14.
2. Rose petals will be placed in a glass jar in the Floriculture Department of the Agriculture Building at 9:00 a.m.
3. One entry per person. Your guess of the number of rose petals will be written on forms provided by the Floriculture Department and placed in a container by the contest.
4. The names of the winners will be displayed until 8:00 p.m. that night.
5. Certificates will be sent to the winners following the Fair unless picked up prior to 7:45 p.m. that night.

CLASS

510 Guess How Many Rose Petals

IOWA FLOWERS

Sponsored by the **Winterset Seed & Garden Center** - 615 S. 2nd Avenue, Winterset IA 50273

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$15, 10, 5

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging will begin at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Friday, August 15 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Five or more flowers grown in Iowa with names of flowers included.
4. Displayed in a clear container, but not an arrangement.

CLASS

511 Iowa Flowers

IOWA FLORAL DESIGN

Sponsored by **Sunny Slope Greenhouse** - 1621 Hwy 163, Leighton IA 50143

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging will begin at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Friday, August 15 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Unusual container of your choice.
4. Fresh plant material only and must include sunflowers and coneflowers

CLASS

512 Sunday Country Drive

ADEL'S FINEST

Sponsored by **Harvey's Floral Co.** - 611 S. 8th Street, Adel IA 50003

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging will begin at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Friday, August 15 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. A cut flower design using hosta and hydrangeas.

CLASS

513 Garden Fun

FAIRY GARDENS

Sponsored by **Bentley Ridge Tree Farm & Nursery** - 4400 W. 1st Street, Grimes IA 50111

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$25, 20, 15

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging will begin at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Friday, August 15 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Miniature landscape in a shallow container; no larger than 6 inches deep.
4. Container larger than 12 x 12 inches, not to exceed 24 x 24 inches.
5. Five or more compatible plants, planted a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the Fair.
6. Man-made accessories required.
7. Natural accessories may be used.

CLASS

514 Fairy Garden

SUCCULENT GARDEN

Sponsored by **Ted Lare Garden Center** - 2701 Cumming Avenue, Cumming IA 50061

Gift certificates will be awarded as follows: \$20, 15, 10

RULES

1. Entries may be brought on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Judging will begin at Noon.
2. **Entries will be staged Friday, August 15 at Noon and remain in place until 7:45 p.m. that night.**
3. Container of your choice (not a hanging container).
4. Must contain at least five succulent plants, planted a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the Fair.

CLASS

515 Succulent Garden