

Floriculture

DOLLY BARBA BADER FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT

ENTER ONLINE: <https://cmsfy.fairwire.com/> BY: TUESDAY, JULY 7
NO ENTRY FEE (UNLESS SPECIFIED)

***NEW DATES/TIMES = PHYSICAL ENTRIES RECEIVED
POTTED PLANTS & SPECIALTY CLASSES ONLY:**

***FRIDAY, JULY 10, 9:00 am TO 2:00 pm AND SATURDAY, JULY 11, 9:00 am TO NOON
CUT FLOWERS, ARRANGEMENTS & DAHLIAS ONLY:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 7:30 am TO 10:00 am**

PHYSICAL ENTRIES RELEASED: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 9:00 am TO 6:00 pm

Exhibitor Credential – See Credential page of this handbook, page 6.

Awards

(Awards allocated at Judge's Discretion)

***Best of Show - Youth and 4-H**

Judges Awards • Coordinators Award • Theme Awards

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All entries must be entered on-line by Tuesday, July 7.
2. Substitutions can be made the day of the show; however, no late entries will be accepted.
3. Exhibitors must be residents of San Luis Obispo County.
4. Exhibitors who enter Youth categories must not be older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2026.
5. All entries must be in place by the designated time specified by the show rules. Please use Gregory Street (Flower Gate) entrance for delivery of entries.
6. Exhibits must be correctly labeled. Potted plants must be labeled with either the botanical or common name, or both. Label card not to be over 2" X 4".
7. Artificial flowers, fruits and foliage permitted only when specified.
8. The Fair Management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be done without discrimination.
9. A bouquet shall be no less than seven (7) stems, lesser will disqualify entry. No oasis.
10. Cuttings MUST be rooted or have established roots.
11. When the number of cut flowers is indicated, the exhibition of any number greater or lesser will disqualify the entry.
12. Standard containers for cut flowers will be furnished by Fair Management. Exhibitor may bring own bouquet container with name attached to bottom of container
13. State and Local Rules shall govern all exhibits. Please read State Rule I, Item 9 and State Rule IV, Item 6. Sweepstakes will be awarded in accordance with State Rule IV, Item 7.
14. A Professional and/or Semi-Professional or Professional Commercial Grower are defined as owners of florist shops, florist shop employees, growers, or anyone who engages in event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.
15. An Amateur is defined as a person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.
16. All exhibits must remain on the Fairgrounds until 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 28. Exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm that day will become property of the California Mid-State Fair and only kept 15 days from pickup date.
17. Exhibits in the Floriculture Department must have been grown by the exhibitor within the county, district or community represented by the exhibitor, except classes for arrangements.
18. Florists and nurseries may exhibit plants, plant materials and flowers which they currently sell but do not necessarily grow.
19. Exhibitor is the owner of the exhibit, except as provided in State Rule II, item 7.

FYI - If bringing a very large plant,
please specify Before Delivery.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS RULES

1. Arrangements are limited in size - maximum size of base and height not to exceed 36" X 46" except when noted.
2. Accessories to be furnished by exhibitor. The Fair will take every reasonable precaution to assure the safe return of these items. Accessories should be marked with the name of the owner, but markings must not show when exhibit is in place.
3. No artificial flowers, fruits, or foliage permitted, unless specified.
4. Prize Winning arrangements must remain fresh in appearance for three days or award will be forfeited.
5. No live animals, including fish.
6. No entries to include electricity

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THEME DIVISION

BACK TO THE 80's

DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING

Special Themed Awards

NO PREMIUMS OR SWEEPSTAKES

Each exhibitor is limited to One (1) Entry Per Class.

DIVISION 651 – YOUTH THEME ITEMS

DIVISION 665 – 4-H/FFA THEME ITEMS

Class

1. Purple Rain – Prince Inspired
2. Sixteen Candles (Prom)

YOUTH DIVISIONS 651 - 664

Each exhibitor is limited to One (1) Entry Per Class.

Danish System of Judging

Ribbons 1st – 3rd

Premiums Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$4	\$3

Please refer to Department General Rules

POTTED PLANTS & SPECIALTY CLASSES

DIVISION 652 - PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 653 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 654 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

Class

1. Blooming or Non-Blooming Potted Plant - Hanging or Non-Hanging
2. Terrarium or Dish Garden - Max 18"
3. Vertical Display - Wall Hanging 16" x 16" maximum (must be equipped to be hung)
4. Wreath - Circle in Design
5. Creative Design - Unique Idea
6. Pinterest Inspired
7. California Friendly – Drought Tolerant
8. Cactus
9. Succulent

COLOR IN A POT

Decorate a standard 6-inch or 8-inch terra cotta pot - No Plastic Pots - and plant with well-established seasonal **blooming** flower(s). Please write name on the bottom of the pot. **No noxious weeds, no spikes, no thistle.**

Note: Please leave 1" (one inch) from the rim to the soil so that plants can be watered. Please water your plant after checking in. Remember to put your name on bottom of pot. Pots must have a hole in bottom of pot for draining.

DIVISION 655 - PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 656 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 657 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

Class

1. Color In A Pot

CONTAINERS

ENTRY FEE \$1.00

Ribbons 1st - 5th

Premiums Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$5

This division is to showcase creative containers for planting flowers and plant. The container must have at least two plants. All plant material must be real. Please contact the Fair office if you feel your entry will be large or need special placement. Wine barrel planters are not eligible for this class. Exhibitors are welcome to include a description of material used to create container. Window Boxes must be 1' X 3' at most with a depth of 3". American System of Judging.

DIVISION 658 - PLANTING CONTAINERS

Class

- 1 Cacti and/or Succulent Window Box
- 2 Creative Use of a Vintage Item
- 3 Fair Theme Related
- 4 Fairy Garden
- 5 Flowering Window Box
- 6 Foliage Window Box
- 7 Recycle/ Reuse - Pinterest Inspired
- 8 The Unexpected - The Most Unexpected Container
- 9 Vegetable Window Box
- 10 Wheelbarrow Garden

CUT FLOWERS/ARRANGEMENTS

Danish System of Judging

(1 to 3 Stems)

DIVISION 659 - PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 660 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 661 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

Class

1. Daisy
2. Petunia
3. Rose
4. Sunflower
5. Zinnia
6. Any Other Cut Flower, Please Specify
7. Fair Memory Arrangement of Fresh Flowers
8. Any Other Arrangement, Please Specify

DAHLIA

All entries are to be shown as classified by the American Dahlia Society for size, form, and color.

Exhibitors are to write the variety name in the Description Field during entry.

All entries must have at least the first set of leaves below the bloom attached.

Seedlings may be referred to as 'Seedling'.

DIVISION 662 - PRESCHOOL-3RD GRADE

DIVISION 663 - 4TH-8TH GRADE

DIVISION 664 - 9TH-12TH GRADE

Class

- | Class | # of Stems |
|---|------------|
| 1. AA or A Size, Any Variety, Please Specify | 1 |
| 2. B Size, Any Variety, Please Specify | 1 |
| 3. BB Size, Any Variety, Please Specify | 1 |
| 4. Miniature, Any Variety, Please Specify | 1 |
| 5. All Other Forms, Any Variety, Please Specify | 1 |
| 6. Multiple Blooms, Any Variety, Please Specify | 3 |
| 7. Multiple Blooms, Any Variety, Please Specify | 5 |

4-H/FFA DIVISIONS 665 - 677

Each exhibitor is limited to One (1) Entry Per Class.

Danish System of Judging

Primary Ribbons to Primary Members in accordance with 4-H eligibility rules.

Ribbons 1st – 3rd

Premiums Offered per Class

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$5	\$4	\$3

POTTED PLANTS & SPECIALTY CLASSES

Exhibits must be adequately and correctly labeled with common and botanical name, and variety when applicable. Dead and damaged leaves on plants will be graded down. **Please refer to Department General Rules**

DIVISION 666 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 667 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 668 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 669 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

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1. Blooming or Non-Blooming Potted Plant - Hanging or Non-Hanging
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8. Cactus
9. Succulent
10. Color in a Pot
11. Planting Container

CUT FLOWERS/ARRANGEMENTS

(1 to 3 Stems)

DIVISION 670 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 671 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 672 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 673 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class

1. Daisy
2. Petunia
3. Rose
4. Sunflower
5. Zinnia
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DIVISION 674 - PRIMARY, AGES 5 TO 8

DIVISION 675 - JUNIOR, AGES 9 TO 10

DIVISION 676 - INTERMEDIATE, AGES 11 TO 13

DIVISION 677 - SENIOR, AGES 14 TO 19

Class		# of Stems
1.	AA or A Size, Any Variety, Please Specify	1
2.	B Size, Any Variety, Please Specify	1
3.	BB Size, Any Variety, Please Specify	1
4.	Miniature, Any Variety, Please Specify	1
5.	All Other Forms, Any Variety, Please Specify	1
6.	Multiple Blooms, Any Variety, Please Specify	3
7.	Multiple Blooms, Any Variety, Please Specify	5