

2011
Elkhart County 4-H and Agricultural Exposition, Inc.
HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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RULES

(No Pre-Registration)

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibits need to be brought in either Wednesday evening, July 20,
5-7 p.m. or Thursday morning, July 21, 7-9:30 a.m.!
Judging will be open to the public.

1. All articles to be entered must be brought to the Ag Hall on the fairgrounds between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, or between 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in entry ready condition. **NO LATE ENTRIES.**
2. The public may observe the judging; however, contestants are asked not to converse with the judges or their exhibit will be disqualified. Plants and flowers will be judged first with vegetables being judged in the afternoon
3. Except as otherwise specified, exhibits will be grown by exhibitor. Accent material for arrangements need not be produced at home.
4. The exhibitor must have grown all flowers and vegetables.
5. Only one entry per person is allowed in each class.
6. **An entry fee of \$1.00 will be charged for the first exhibit in each section and \$.50 for each additional exhibit in that same section.**
7. Department officials reserve the right to determine classification. **No endangered species or noxious weeds shall be exhibited.**
8. "Unclassified" means entry types other than already listed.
9. Containers for cut flowers are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Container must be a clear glass vase or jar. (Label bottom of container with name, address & phone number for safe return.)
10. Cut flower entries requiring more than one flower should be the SAME COLOR and variety (with the exception of arrangements).
11. Maximum width for containers is 18 inches in diameter, weighing no more than 40 lbs.
12. All heights are measured from the soil line.
13. All potted plant containers must have a water saucer underneath the container to prevent leakage. Cookie sheets can be used for large plants. (Label bottom of container with name, address & phone number for safe return.)
14. The building is air-conditioned. Department officials will keep exhibits fresh.
15. Premiums will be paid for first, second & third places at the rate of \$2.50, \$2.00 & \$1.00 respectively.
16. Judges are instructed not to award premiums or places unless the exhibits are worthy.

17. Champion ribbons will be awarded. These awards are automatic, based on 3 points for first placing, 2 for second, and 1 for third. Overall trophies and special trophies are also awarded. A Best of Show ribbon and Reserve Champion ribbon will be awarded for sections 1, 2, 3-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11. (In case of a tie, winner will have the most 1st places.)
18. Premiums, ribbons and trophies may be picked up between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1st, after the fair, at that time you may pick up your entry.
19. All exhibits must remain in place throughout the entire fair week. (Unless discarded due to spoilage.)
20. The Horticulture Department will not be responsible for articles left after 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2011.
21. The Fair Board or its representatives are not responsible for theft or damage to articles.
22. Plant water schedule will be as follows: Saturday, July 23, Tuesday, July 26, and Friday, July 29, 2011.

CATEGORIES

Section 1: Potted Plants

(flowering must have blooms at time of showing)
1 variety per container

Class

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Double African Violets 2. Single African Violets 3. Ruffled African Violets 4. Miniature Violets 5. Geraniums 6. Begonias (wax single flower) 7. Begonias (wax double flower) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Begonias (other – in bloom) 9. Impatiens (regular) 10. Impatiens (double) 11. New Guinea Impatiens 12. Unclassified plants – (in bloom)
Identify on entry card |
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Section 2: Potted Plants

(foliage)
1 variety per container

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Strawberry Begonia 14. Fiscus (fig) Family 15. Ivy 16. Sanseveria (Snake Plant, Mother-In-Law's Tongue or Bird's Nest) 17. Philodendron or Pothos 18. Coleus | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Bromeliads 20. Hoya 21. Baby Tears or Creeping Charlie 22. Ferns 23. Bonsai 24. Unclassified Potted Foliage Plants |
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Section3: Cactus and Sand or Cactus Dish Gardens

(container no more than 18" in diameter)

Class

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| 25. Dish Garden | 29. Holiday Cactus |
| 26. Terrariums | 30. Aloe-Vera |
| 27. Cacti | 31. Hen & Chicks |
| 28. Succulents | 32. Unclassified |

Section 4: Planter or Dish Garden

(maximum 18" in diameter – maximum weight 40lbs.)

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| 33. Foliage- no buds or blooms | 34. Flowering |
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Section 5: Hanging Baskets

(one variety per container)

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| 35. Wandering Jew | 40. Philodendron or Pothos |
| 36. Swedish Ivy | 41. Unclassified, flowering |
| 37. Spider Plant | 42. Unclassified, foliage no blooms or buds |
| 38. Geranium | |
| 39. Impatiens | |

Section 6: Arrangement of Cut Flowers

(combination of flowers & foliage & MUST BE GROWN BY EXHIBITOR)

(stem lengths to best show flowers)

Class

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| 43. Arrangement using flowers with driftwood and/or shells or coral. | 51. Arrangement, all white (including accessories) (green foliage allowed) |
| 44. Arrangement of fresh wild flowers, grasses, etc. (not endangered species) | 52. Arrangement of dried flowers, herbs, weeds, and grain |
| 45. Arrangement of daisies | 53. Miniature arrangement 4" high or less, including container |
| 46. Arrangement of cut foliage (no buds or blooms) | 54. Arrangement using red, white, and blue flowers |
| 47. Arrangement of vegetables or fruit with flowers | 55. Arrangement of Gladiolus – may be larger than 24" wide |
| 48. Arrangement Zinnias | 56. Holiday Arrangement |
| 49. Arrangement Marigolds | 57. Centerpiece maximum 24" width-12" height |
| 50. Arrangement in a kitchen container | 58. Arrangement unclassified |

Section 7: Cut Flowers

(stem length and leaves to best show flowers)

- A. *Each exhibit should be same variety & color per container, with leaves*
- B. *Day Lilies must be 1 stem with at least 3 buds & with at least 1 bloom open, without leaves*
- C. *Displayed in clear (uncolored) vase or jars*
- D. *Label bottom of container with name, address & phone number for safe return*
- E. *No leaves required on other lilies, Gladiolus, or Gerbera Daisy.*

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| 59. Snapdragons, 3 spikes per container | 68. Lilies (remove pollen) |
| 60. Miniature Zinnias, 3 blooms per container | 69. Daylilies (cut stamens before displaying) see B above |
| 61. Regular Zinnias, 3 blooms per container | 70. Sunflowers, 3 small |
| 62. Large Marigolds, 3 blooms same variety per container | 71. Sunflowers, 1 large |
| 63. Small Marigolds, 3 blooms same variety per container | 72. Dahlias, 3 - 1"-6" blooms |
| 64. Gladiolus, 3 stems same variety per container | 73. Dahlias, 1 - 6" and greater bloom |
| 65. Rose, 3 blooms same variety per container | 74. Unclassified garden flowers, 3 - 3" and under blooms, labeled with name of variety |
| 66. Daisy, 3 blooms per container (Small under 2") | 75. Unclassified garden flowers, 3 - 3"-6" blooms labeled with name of variety |
| 67. Daisy, 3 blooms per container (Large over 2") | 76. Unclassified garden flowers, 1 - 6" and over bloom, labeled with name of variety |

Section 8: Grains and Hay

(CLEAR UNCOLORED GLASS CONTAINER – GRAINS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.)

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| 77. Legume hay, one 6" center section of bale or equivalent | 81. Oats, 1 qt. |
| 78. Grass hay, one 6" center section of bale or equivalent | 82. Corn, 1 qt. |
| 79. Mixed hay, one 6" center section of bale or equivalent | 83. Soy beans, 1 qt. |
| 80. Wheat, 1qt. | 84. Field Corn, 5 ears |
| | 85. Indian corn, 5 ears |
| | 86. Popcorn, 5 ears |
| | 87. Unclassified grains, 1 qt. |

Section: 9 Above Ground Vegetables

(All entries become the property of the fair and will not be returned.)

- A. Tomatoes must be ripe
- B. Leave wrapper on Cabbage (no more than 6)
- C. Do not husk corn
- D. Do not put dill in vase

Class

- 88. Italian beans, 12 per group
- 89. Green bush beans, round pod, 12 per group
- 90. Green bush beans, flat pod, 12 per group
- 91. Yellow beans, 12 per group
- 92. Pole beans, 12 per group
- 93. Purple or horticultural beans, 12 per group
- 94. Broccoli, 3 heads
- 95. Brussels sprouts, 12 per group
- 96. Cabbage, 1 head round and/or Wakefield type
- 97. Cabbage, 1 head Savoy
- 98. Cabbage, 1 head flat type
- 99. Cabbage, red, 1 head
- 100. Cauliflower, 1 head
- 101. Corn, sweet, roasting ears, group of 5
- 102. Cucumbers, 5 green for slicing
- 103. Cucumbers, 5 pickling, 4" or less
- 104. Cucumbers, 5 burpless
- 105. Dill, 1 stem
- 106. Kohlrabi, group of 5
- 107. Herbs, best collection of 5, potted and labeled
- 108. Okra, group of 5
- 109. Peppers, green sweet, group of 5
- 110. Peppers, banana type, group of 5
- 111. Hot peppers, Hungarian type, group of 5
- 112. Hot peppers, Chile type, group of 5
- 113. Rhubarb, 5 stalks (trim to approximately 12" in length)
- 114. Squash, summer, group of 3, 1" stem
- 115. Zucchini, type, group of 3, 1" stem
- 116. Squash, unclassified, exhibit of 1, 1" stem
- 117. Tomatoes, cherry type, red or yellow, 1-1/4" diameter or less, group of 10
- 118. Tomatoes, pear type, group of 5
- 119. Tomatoes, red, other than cherry type, group of 5
- 120. Tomatoes, Italian type, group of 5
- 121. Tomatoes, other, group of 5
- 122. Egg plant, exhibit 1, with 1" stem
- 123. Peas in pod, group of 12 pods
- 124. Edible pea pods, group of 12
- 125. Unclassified vegetable above ground, group of 5 small or 1 large

Section10: Below Ground Vegetables

In group of 5 unless otherwise stated.

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Class

126	Beets, table with tops 1" long	135	Potatoes, Kennebec
127	Carrots, with tops 1" long	136	Potatoes, Russet
128	Onions, white, 3" top	137	Potatoes, Yukon Gold type
129	Onions, green	138	Radishes, red
130	Onions, red, 3" top	139	Radishes, white
131	Onions, Spanish type, 3" top	140	Turnips
132	Onions, yellow globe, 3" top	141	Unclassified below ground vegetable, group of 5 small, or 1 large
133	Potatoes, Irish Cobbler type		
134	Potatoes, red		

Section 11: Miscellaneous

Class

142. Wreaths made from plant products (Artificial accessories permitted)
143. Garden Figures – made from vegetables, grains, etc. Judged on originality, decorativeness
144. Seed Craft Display – a craft using dried seeds
145. Collection of 5 dried and labeled (packaged) herbs
146. 3 dried, cleaned Luffas (skin, seeds and fiber removed)
147. Fresh ornamentals, 12" or less in circumference and length, exhibit 5 of each
148. Birdhouse – functional, made from dried gourd
149. Horticulture photography colored; 1 photo no larger than 8"x10" framed under glass.
150. Horticulture photography black and white; 1 photo no larger than 8"x10" framed under glass.
151. Bird house – homemade, functional
152. Pressed flower – framed & under glass, no larger than 8"x10"
153. Old fashioned scarecrow. Must be shown on base that will allow it to stand unsupported for use in a garden.
154. Largest gourd
155. Largest tomato (does not have to be ripe)
156. Longest cucumber
157. Largest sunflower head, 3" or less stem
158. Largest head of cabbage measured by largest circumference
159. Largest potato
160. Best display of 5 or more kinds of vegetables (edible only). Container to be furnished by exhibitor
161. Tallest stalk of corn from ground level, roots in container. (Label the height) – in a 5 gallon plastic bucket
162. Tallest sunflower, including flower head, from ground level, roots in container. (Label the height) in a 5 gallon plastic bucket
163. Odd or distorted vegetable – not altered or decorated
164. Miscellaneous Fruit – produce smaller than 9" diameter needs to be in group of 5.
165. Artistic Herb Arrangement, fresh or dried. Listing of herbs should accompany arrangement.

AWARD SPONSORS:

- Bill Evans Insurance
- JCS Fireplace Inc.
- Knepp Sand & Stone
- Jerry & Helen Martin
- Michiana Master Gardeners Assoc.
- Old Hoosier Meats
- Phillips & Sons Irrigation
- Prairie Trail Farm
- Ron Martin Feed & Supply
- Sautter's Floral & Greenhouse
- Willow View Farm
- Rink Farms

OVERALL TROPHIES DONATED BY:

Sections 1-7:

Champion Trophy by Martin's Pet and Garden Center
Reserve Champion by Sautter's Floral & Greenhouse
Third Place Trophy by Country Comfort Greenhouses

Sections 8-11

Champion Trophy by Kruse Farm Supply
Reserve Champion by Michiana Master Gardeners Assoc. Inc
Third Place Trophy by Charles and Beth Phillips

Special Trophies – Donated by G. Steve Streeter

Special Bean Trophy (Traveling Trophy) (for most total bean points)

Special Potato Trophy (Traveling Trophy) (for most total potato points)

Special Cabbage Award (Traveling Award) to person with largest head of cabbage (entered in class # 158)

Special Trophy – Elizabeth (Betsy) Hibshman Memorial trophy for the top Artistic Herb Display.

Eligibility for these awards is automatic, based on 3 points for each first placing, 2 for second, 1 for each third. In case of a tie, winner will have most 1st places.

2011 GUIDELINES – (These suggestions may help your exhibit win)

CUT FLOWERS

1. Flowers are free from injury or damage.
2. Shape and size of flowers are typical for the variety.
3. Flowers are clean, fresh, and free of pollen on petals.
4. Flowers are one variety and uniform in size.
5. Stems are straight, clean, and undamaged.
6. Leaves are clean, healthy, and undamaged.

VEGETABLES

Do not peel onion or remove leaves from cabbage.

Do not clean vegetables by harsh washing or vigorous scrubbing.

1. Overall attractiveness. Clean, roots trimmed.
2. Uniformity: Size, shape, color, type, and variety development.
3. Prime, edible condition, fresh. Best usable size and maturity.
4. Freedom from injury or damage: Insects, weather, growth, handling and sunburn.

PLANTS GROWING IN CONTAINER

Foliage plants must have no buds or blooms whatsoever. Flowering plants must be flowering.

Avoid leaf cleaners or shines that contain heavy oils or waxes, except for dried gourds.

1. Plant is attractive, clean, and undamaged.
2. Plant is healthy, well established, and growing vigorously.
3. Container is compatible with size.
4. Container is clean and suitable for growing a plant.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Geometric (triangle or cone) shaped flower arrangement is preferred over other shapes by most judges.

1. Lines establish a strong focal point (preferably the center).
2. Flowers are in scale with container and each other.
3. Flowers are fresh and undamaged.
4. Foliage and accessories supplement and enhance flowers.
5. Flowers not crowded.
6. Each flower contributes to the arrangement.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS

1. Uniformity of produce.
2. Condition (old, young, wilted, dirty).
3. Appetizing – appearance
4. Proper handling
5. Insect free and disease free

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Overall attractiveness
2. Uniformity: Size, shape, color, type, and variety development.
3. Freedom from injury or damage: Insects, weather, growth, handling & sunburn.
4. Height
5. Length
6. Width
7. Balance
8. Use of Color
9. Originality
10. General Attractiveness
11. Workmanship (if applicable)
12. Choice of material

Exhibitor No. _____

Total No. of Entries _____

Amount Paid _____

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT ENTRY BLANK

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Section 1

Potted Plants (flowering)

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Section 5

Hanging Baskets

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Section 2

Potted Plants (foliage)

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Section 6

Arrangement of Cut Flowers

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Section 3

Cactus and Sand or Cactus Dish Gardens

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Section 7

Cut Flowers

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Section 4

Planter or Dish Garden

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Section 8
Grains and Hay

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Section 9
Above Ground Vegetables

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Section 10
Below Ground Vegetables

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Section 11
Miscellaneous

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