

2017 FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO

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ADULT AMATEUR HORTICULTURE (AAH) AND

ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC (AAA) DIVISIONS

General Rules

- AAA and AAH Classes are open to the public to all adults 16 years of age as of Friday, August 4, 2017.
- Entry forms are available at www.newjerseystatefair.org or can be picked up at the fair office on Plains Rd, Augusta, NJ.
- All entries must be pre-registered with an entry fee no later than July 21.
- Entry fee is \$5 for AAA division. Enter as many AAA classes as you like but only one entry per class.
- Entry fee for AAH is \$5.00 for the first 15 entries (cut flowers and/or potted plants) and \$5.00 for each additional 15 entries. Only one entry per class. **Exhibitors with 15 or more cut flower entries have the option of receiving their entry tags prior to Friday , August 4, 2017 by contacting Maureen Greiner at thegreiners@msn.com**
- No plants listed on the USDA <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/main.shtml> invasive plant list should be used.
- All entrants must **check-in at the PREP** table upon arrival. **REGISTRATION** follows check-in and prep of all entries. Doors open at 8 AM. A flower show representative will determine the proper location for placement, or in the case of artistic arrangements, the representative will show the exhibitor where the entry should be placed.
- The Flower Show Committee will not be held responsible for any exhibit or ribbon left after its' designated removal time nor will it be mailed to the exhibitor.

ADULT AMATEUR HORTICULTURE DIVISION – AAH RULES

- Entries **must be grown** by the exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor at least two months. Plants entered as “flowering plants” should be in flower at time of entry.
- Flower sizes are: **small – less than 2”**; **medium – 2” – 3 ½”**; **large – over 3 ½”** **except for dahlias and sunflowers.**
- All lily pollen should be removed with tape or Q-tip, but leave anther.
- No foliage will be permitted below the water line of cut specimens except for gladiolus
- Clear vases and bubble wrap/plastic wrap will be provided by the Flower Show Committee.
- Accessories permitted, but flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- Entries in **Classes 20–330**, cut flowers and potted plants, accepted in the *Conservatory Tuesday, August 8th between 8-10 AM*. Gate 1 will be open for drop-off.
- Entries in **Class 340 for Master Gardeners** will be accepted in the *Conservatory Thursday, Aug. 3th 5-7 pm or Friday, Aug. 4th 8-10 AM* and remain until 8/13.
- Cut flowers must be removed by **Thursday, August 10th** between 4-6 PM. Potted plants will remain on display until Sunday, August 13th, close of fair.
- **Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, August 8th**. Decision of judges is final. Judging will generally be according to National Garden Club criteria. The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is clearly not in conformance with the rules.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st Place, red ribbon for 2nd Place, and yellow ribbon for 3rd Place. There will be no ties. Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature (labeling) and/or uniqueness.
- **Classes 20 – 330** Awards will be: 1st \$15, 2nd \$7.50, 3rd \$3.75
- **Best in Show** premium of \$50 will be awarded to *one* entry selected from all first place entries in each section: Cut Flowers, classes 20-195 and Potted Plants, classes 200-330 (Flowering, Foliage, and Mixed).
- **Class 340 Master Gardener** Awards 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$12.50

Cut Flower – Annuals Classes

Class	Flower	Size	Display	Additional Clarification
20	Zinnia	Small	Collection	All different colors
21	Zinnia	Small	Single stem	
22	Zinnia	Medium	Collection	All different colors
23	Zinnia	Medium	Single stem	
24	Zinnia	Large	Collection	All different colors
25	Zinnia	Large	Single stem	
33	Marigold	Small	Single stem	
35	Marigold	Medium	Collection	
36	Marigold	Medium	Single stem	
37	Marigold	Large	Collection	
38	Marigold	Large	Single stem	

Cut Flower – Annuals Classes continued

Class	Flower	Size	Display	Additional Clarification
41	Geranium	Pelargonium	Single stem	
50	Petunias		Collection	All different colors
51	Petunias		Collection	All the same color
60	Annuals		Collection	All different species
70	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Yellow, less than 6"
71	Sunflower	Large	Single stem	Non-yellow, less than 6"
73	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Yellow, 6" and greater
74	Sunflower	Giant	Single stem	Non-yellow, 6" and greater
80	Snapdragon		Collection	All different colors
85	Snapdragon		Single stem	
90	Cleome		Single stem	
95	Cosmos		Single branch	
97	Celosia		Single stem	
99	Any annual or biannual other than above		Single stem	Rarity encouraged

Cut Flowers – Perennials/Shrubs Classes

Class	Specimen	Display	Additional Clarification
100	Perennials	Collection	All different varieties
103	Perennials	Collection	Same variety /different colors
104	Wild flowers	Collection	Named – bonus for botanical
106	Astilbe	Single stem	
107	Bee balm	Single stem	
109	Daylilies	Single stem	Hemerocallis
110	Tree hydrangea	Single branch	Paniculata
111	Other hydrangeas	Single stem	
112	Phlox	Single stem	
113	Cone flower	Single stem	Echinacea
114	Yarrow	Single stem	Achillea
115	Black-eyed Susan	Single stem	Rudbeckia
130	Rose	Hybrid Tea 1stem	Named and labeled
131	Rose	Miniature, one stem	
132	Rose	Any other, one stem	

Cut Flowers – Bulbs/Tubers/Corms Classes

Class	Flower	Color	Display
151	Gladiolus	White or cream	Single stem
152	Gladiolus	Yellow or orange	Single stem
153	Gladiolus	Salmon or pink	Single stem
154	Gladiolus	Rose or red	Single stem
155	Gladiolus	Any other color	Single stem
160	Cannas	Any	Single stem
165	Calla	Any	Single stem
170	Dahlia	Any	Mini, less than 4"
171	Dahlia	Any	Small, 4" to less than 6"
173	Dahlia	Any	Med, 6" to less than 8"
174	Dahlia	Any	Large, 8" to less than 10"
175	Dahlia	Any	Giant, 10" and greater
180	Lily/Lillium	White	Single stem
181	Lily/Lillium	Pink	Single stem
182	Lily/Lillium	Other	Single stem
190	Lily/Lillium	Any	Collection
195	Any other	Any	Rarity encouraged

Potted – Flowering Plants Classes

Class	Specimen	Additional Clarification
200	House plant	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
205	Orchid	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
210	African Violet	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
230	Annuals	Hanging basket, 3 + varieties with 12" diameter
240	Annuals	Window Box 3' x 12" - 3 or more varieties
250	Annuals	Creative container, 3 or more varieties, for display on 14" x 14" pedestal

Potted – Foliage Plants Classes

Class	Specimen	Additional Clarification
260	House plant	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
280	Herbs	Named + labeled, 3 + varieties 10" or less container
285	Caladium	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
287	Coleus	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
295	Succulents	Named and labeled, 10" or less container
300	Perennial	Named and labeled, 10" or less container

Potted – Mixed Foliage and/or Flowering Plants Classes

Class	Specimen	Additional Clarification
310	Dish Garden	Named and labeled, must fit on a 12" shelf
320	Outdoor container	Named and labeled for floor display
330	Terrarium with lid	Named and labeled, must fit on a 12" shelf
340	Master Gardener class	Heart of Gold – Creative Container

MASTER GARDENER CLASS

Class 340 Heart of Gold - Neil Young

A creative container with plants ranging from yellows to reds for the horticulture division of the Flower Show inspired by the Neil Young song.

MASTER GARDENER CLASS RULES

- Please review the AAH - *Adult Amateur Horticulture division* and General Show Rules. Complete schedule is available at www.newjerseystatefair.org
- Class 340 is open to all Rutgers Master Gardeners and Rutgers Master Gardener interns from any county.
- A Container of your choosing and will be considered in judging.
- A Container up to 22 inches will be placed on a three or four foot pedestal. Larger containers will be placed on the floor. Consider this when planning your container's viewing orientation for judging.
- Entries in Class 340 for will be accepted in the Conservatory **Thursday, Aug. 3th 5-7 pm** or **Friday, Aug. 4th 8-10 AM** and remain until 8/13.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 4th. Decision of judges is final. Judging will generally be according to National Garden Club criteria.
- The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is clearly not in conformance with the rules.
- In case of a tie points will be given for nomenclature and the use of heart shaped plant material.

ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION – AAA RULES

- Accessories permitted; flowers may not be altered by spraying, dyeing or other means.
- Arrangements may be no larger than 22" high, 24" wide or 10" deep including container.
- Entries will be accepted in the **Conservatory on Friday, August 11th**. Gate 1 will be open for entry and drop-off.
- Entries must be **removed Sunday, August 13th at close of fair**.
- Judging will commence promptly at 10:30 AM Friday, August 11th.
Decision of judges is final. Judging will generally be according to National Garden Club criteria. The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is clearly not in conformance with the rules.
- A blue ribbon will be awarded for 1st Place, red ribbon for 2nd Place, and yellow ribbons for 3rd Place. Deciding points will be awarded for nomenclature and/or uniqueness.
- **Classes 8 –13** Awards will be" 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$12.50
- A **Best in Show** premium of \$75 will be awarded to only one entry selected from all first place entries in Classes 8 –13.
- A **People's Choice** ribbon will be awarded to the entry selected from any Classes 8 - 13. A voting box will be made available in the Conservatory. No premium will be paid.

AAA CLASSES:

Please refer to AAA General Rules above for sizes of artistic arrangements

Class 8: *True Colors* – Cindi Lauper

An arrangement of home grown flowers

Class 9: *Ladies in Red* – Chris De Burgh

A hat featuring red flowers no larger than 18" wide and 10 " deep to fit on a shelf 18"wide and 10" deep.

Class 10: *Orange Colored Sky* – Nat King Cole

Autumn colored flowers arranged in a basket

Class 11: *Ebony and Ivory* - McCartney and Wonder

Arrangement showing contrast between dark and light flowers

Class 12: *Yellow Submarine* - Beatles

Shades of yellow flowers surrounding a water feature

Class 13: *Lavenders Blue* – Burl Ives

A miniature arrangement using lavender and blue flowers in a small pitcher no higher than 6" inches.

Definitions

Annual: A plant that completes its entire life cycle from seed germination to seed production in one season in our zone.

Appropriateness of all Components: The plants used are environmentally suited and have similar cultural requirements.

Artistic Concept: Selection and organization of all components in the display. Appropriateness of components and their placement for design type if applicable.

Bulb/Tuber/Corm: A thickened bud with fleshy scales, usually growing below ground, as in onion, narcissus, tulip; or with narrow separate scales as in the lily.

Color: Bright, fresh, harmonious. Degree of clarity of foliage, flowers, and stems.

Color Harmony: A pleasing combination of colors.

Collection: A collection consists of three flowers, one blossom on each stem: (1) three flowers, one of each different variety or (2) three flowers of the same variety but three distinctly different colors.

Condition: Healthy, blemish free (e.g. damage due to insects, disease, physiological, mechanical problems); neither immature nor past prime.

Conformity to Rules: Complies with all rules (overall rules and rules for its class).

Creativity: An original concept in the selection and organization of all components. This can apply to the choice of materials or the manner of usage.

Cultural Perfection: The quality compared to the standard for a variety in terms of criteria such as color, form, substance & texture, size, etc.

Design: Design Principles (Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Scale, Rhythm (each awarded seven points) are applied to the Design Elements (Line, Form, Color, Texture, Pattern, Size, Space, Light).

Distinction: Superiority in all respects. Exceptionally fine design negates minor faults. Moderate to major faults negatively affect Distinction. Degree of distinction is evident in craftsmanship, use of mechanics, and condition of all components.

Expression: Interpretation of class title or theme through the component/s or design element/s.

Floriferousness: The abundance of flowers on an entire plant; a proportionate number of blooms for the size of the specimen.

Foliage: Amount according to type, proportional to stem, positioning on stem, if applicable.

Form: Balanced, appropriate to type; flowers & foliage balanced for flowering specimens. This applies to contour of individual parts or components as well as to the contour of whole plant or design.

Grooming: This applies to all preparations that the exhibitor can control such as stem length, clean cut, foliage removed below water level, cleanliness, insects and presentation. No salt residue on potted plants.

Harmony: A consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts.

Perennial: A plant which lives for three or more years and after reaching maturity typically produces flowers and seeds each year. Perennials are classified as herbaceous if the top dies to the ground each winter, and as woody if the top persists as in shrubs and trees.

Plant Identification: A legible identification of genus, species, and cultivar, as appropriate

Rarity: Significant difference from other entries in its uniqueness and singularity.

Size: Ideal for type, average or slightly above.

Stem: May consist of multiple flowers

Substance: Tissue structure, firmness or thickness.

Texture: The quality of the surface structure, such as rough, smooth, dull, or shiny.

Textural Contrast: A pleasing combination of different textures.

Tricolor: Three distinct colors; no tints or shades.

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

THE NEW JERSEY STATE FAIR/SUSSEX COUNTY FARM AND HORSE SHOW
2017 FLOWER AND GARDEN EXPO
ADULT AMATEUR ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Total AAH Entries _____ \$5.00 AAH Fee per 15 Entries \$ _____

Total AAA Entries _____ \$5.00 AAA Fee \$ _____

Total Amount Included \$ _____

Send completed form with payment to:

New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show
PO Box 600
Augusta, NJ 07822

Questions can be directed to the fair office @ 973-948-5500 or
Flower Show Director, Karen Opilla @ 973-875-3304

I have read and agree to the rules and regulations as set forth by the Flower Show Committee. I furthermore agree to leave my exhibit(s) on display in accordance with the rules. I understand that premiums will be mailed to me within ten days of judging. Ribbons must be picked up by exhibitors.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ACCOMPANING PAGES
RETURN WITH COMPLETED ENTRY FORM and CHECK
WE SUGGEST KEEPING A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

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	330	Terrarium with lid	Named and labeled, must fit on a 12" shelf
	340	Master Gardener	Creative Container
Total Mixed Plants Entries			

ADULT AMATEUR ARTISTIC DIVISION - AAA

Check Entry	Class No.	Name	Additional Clarification
	8	<i>TRUE COLORS</i>	An arrangement of home grown flowers
	9	<i>THE LADY IN RED</i>	A hat featuring red flowers
	10	<i>ORANGE COLORED SKY</i>	Autumn colored flowers arranged in a basket
	11	<i>EBONY AND IVORY</i>	Arrangement showing contrast between dark and light flowers
	12	<i>YELLOW SUBMARINE</i>	Shades of yellow flowers surrounding a water feature
	13	<i>LAVENDERS BLUE</i>	A miniature arrangement using lavender and blue flowers in a small pitcher no higher than 6" inches.
Total AAA Entries			