



AMATEUR GARDENING

*(Floral Design, Cut Flowers, Garden Produce,
Potted Plants & Roses)*

NO ENTRY FEE:

After delivery, each exhibitor will receive one admission ticket to the
2021 Alameda County Fair via email

Enter ONLINE by 5pm on Thursday, October 21st!

Click Here to Enter: <http://alamedasr.fairwire.com>

Delivery Information:

Friday, October 22nd from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Agriculture Building (Building Q)

(Enter the fairgrounds through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)

Release Information:

Tuesday, November 2nd from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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GARDENING & FLORAL DEPARTMENT RULES

Submission of entry constitutes as agreement of these rules. Please read in full.

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1. Competition is open to adult, California amateurs who care for their own garden, with or without occasional help. Anyone selling plants or flowers or who is engaged in any capacity in the operation of a nursery or similar establishment, is considered a **professional**.
2. Members of a family are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of exhibit.
3. Classes that require that the exhibit be creative work of the owner, husband and wife is considered separate exhibitors. Such as: floral design or potted plants.
4. Specify variety, if known on entry form for labeling purpose.
5. Containers must be clean and ready for exhibit. Plants must be healthy and free from insects and disease.
6. The fair association reserves the right to refuse any entry or refuse to display any entry considered not to be in accordance with the rules of the entry or in the best interest of the fair. Submission of entry constitutes an agreement to this effect.
7. Once entered and in place, all exhibits are under the direct control of management and may not be removed until release day.
8. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

Restrictions:

1. Any plant protected by state law is ineligible, unless grown by the exhibitor.
2. Artificial flowers or coloring of flowers or leaves will not be permitted unless otherwise stated.
3. Unsightly containers, especially can and bottles, will not be permitted.

Responsibility:

1. Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the fair association, its staff, department chairman, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft, or damage of any kind from any cause.
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FLORAL DESIGN

DIVISION 3

CLASSES:

1. Fall/Halloween Themed Arrangement – at least 50% of flowers must be homegrown
2. Fall/Halloween Themed Arrangement – exhibitor created with store bought flowers
3. Mixed Garden Flower Arrangement – at least 50% of flowers must be homegrown
4. Mixed Garden Flower Arrangement – exhibitor created with store bought flowers
5. Wine Country (use any wine related props) – at least 50% of flowers must be homegrown
6. Wine Country (use any wine related props) – exhibitor created with store bought flowers

No Entry Limit

Special Rules for Floral Design:

1. Unless otherwise specified, flowers must be grown by exhibitor. Competition is open to Amateurs only.
2. Exhibitor will provide decorative container (NAMES ON BOTTOM PLEASE!)
3. Containers are not to exceed 20" long, 15" wide, 24" tall and 20lbs. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Please no valuable containers. Fair is not responsible for lost or broken containers.
5. The exhibitor may place their design(s), on the judging table with the assistance of a department clerk.
6. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

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CUT FLOWERS

DIVISION 4

CLASS:

1. Chrysanthemum (small bloom)
2. Chrysanthemum (large bloom)
3. Lantana
4. Marigold
5. Pansy
6. Rudbeckia
7. Salvia
8. Sunflower
9. Viola
10. Any Other Annual (specify)
11. Any Other Perennial, Small Flower, 2 inches or less (specify)
12. Any Other Perennial, Large Flower, 2+ inches (specify)

No Entry Limit per class. Limit 1 per variety.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Owner must enter own flowers, no exceptions. Competition is open to amateur exhibitors only.
2. Each entry is to be one stem (cut flowers with stem in proportion to size of flower & strip all foliage from stem that will be below water level)
3. Entry tags and vases will be provided.
4. No entry may be entered in "any other" class if there is an available class.
5. Members of a family are considered as one exhibitor & co-owner of exhibit.
6. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

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GARDEN PRODUCE

DIVISION 5

CLASS:

1. Leafy or Stem Vegetables – (Broccoli, Celery, Cabbage, Lettuce, Spinach, etc.) (specify)
2. Persimmon
3. Pumpkin
4. Squash
5. Any Other Fruit (specify)
6. Any Other Vegetable (specify)
7. Largest Homegrown Fruit or Vegetable (Monstrosity) (specify)

No Entry Limit per class. Limit 1 per variety.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors are requested to label species and varieties, if known.
2. Exhibits must be fresh, clean, and neatly trimmed.
3. Entry tags and vases/plates will be provided.
4. Except for monstrosities, judging will be based on the uniform commercial grade.
5. Produce will be disposed of as they wilt, unless the exhibitor provides a sealable, labeled container to be picked up on release day.
6. Members of a family are considered as one exhibitor & co-owner of exhibit.
7. Competition is open to amateur exhibitors only.
8. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

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POTTED PLANTS

DIVISION 6

CLASS:

1. Cacti – Single
2. Cacti – Group of 3 or more varieties
3. Succulent – Single
4. Succulent – Group of 3 or more varieties
5. Fairy or Mini Garden

No Entry Limit per class. Limit 1 per variety.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. All potted plants must be well rooted.
2. Weight limit is 20 lbs. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. No hanging plants.
4. Include the plant variety name(s), if known.
5. Pot dimensions are measured from the top inside of the pot.
6. Plant Maintenance: Exhibitor is responsible for providing staff with written instructions upon delivery of entry if special instructions are needed.
7. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

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ROSES

DIVISION 7

CLASSES:

1. Hybrid Tea
2. Floribunda
3. Miniature
4. Any Other Rose (specify)

No Entry Limit per class. Limit 1 per variety.

SPECIAL RULES:

1. Owner must enter own flowers, no exceptions. Competition is open to amateur exhibitors only.
2. Wedges must be below the lip of the container. Water must PASS THROUGH FREELY.
3. Each entry is to be one stem (cut flowers with stem in proportion to size of flower & strip all foliage from stem that will be below water level)
4. Entry tags and vases will be provided.
5. Specimens will be judged by American Rose Society judges using ARS Standards.
6. Members of a family are considered as one exhibitor & co-owner of exhibit.
7. Entries are judged using American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if it is believed to be without merit.

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