



2024 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

ADULT GARDENING ENTRY GUIDE

Enter ONLINE the day before each show.

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Same day entry is also available.

Entry Fees:

1 entry: \$1.00

9-19 entries: \$8.00

20+ entries: \$10.00

Each exhibitor will receive one fair admission ticket at the time of entry delivery.

For Questions, please contact:

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ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR
JUNE 14-JULY 7
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2024 Adult Gardening Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
				Flowers Period 1 & Potted Plant Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Opening Day Flowers Period 1 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	
June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22
	Fair Closed Roses Period 1 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Fair Closed Roses Period 1 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.			Flowers Period 2 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Flowers Period 2 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
	Fair Closed Roses Period 2 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Fair Closed Roses Period 2 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.			Flowers Period 3 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Flowers Period 3 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6
	Fair Closed Flowers Period 4 Online Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m.	Fair Closed Flowers Period 4 DELIVER ENTRIES: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.				
July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
Last Day of Fair Plant Sale		Release of All Entries 12:00-8:00 p.m.				



Adult Gardening Department Rules

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to these rules.

1. Eligibility:
 - a. The competition is for adult residents of California who care for their own garden with or without occasional help. **The competition is for amateurs only.** Any exhibitor who sells plants or flowers or who is engaged in any capacity in the operation of a nursery or similar establishment is considered a professional and is not eligible.
 - b. Adult family members are considered as one exhibitor and co-owners of the entry.
 - i. In classes where the entry requires the creative work of the owner, adult family members are considered separate exhibitors.
2. Entries:
 - a. The Fair will provide an exhibit tag using the information provided upon registration.
 - b. Whenever possible, specify variety upon entry registration.
 - c. Entry limit: 1 per variety; 2 per class per exhibitor.
 - d. On occasion, entries may be transferred to a different division or class by judges or fair staff. This may result in the exhibitor exceeding class limits, which may affect award eligibility.
 - e. Entries must be healthy, free from insects and disease, fresh, clean, and neatly trimmed.
 - f. Any plant protected by state law is ineligible, unless grown by the exhibitor. Artificial flowers or coloring of flowers or leaves will not be permitted unless otherwise stated.
3. Display, Handling, Presentation, & Release of Entries:
 - a. The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit. Once submitted, all exhibits are under the direct control of the Fair Association and cannot be removed until the specified release day.
 - b. Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft, or damage of any kind from any cause.
 - c. Any unclaimed ribbons, containers, or other exhibit props will be held at the Exhibits Office until Labor Day. After that point, they will be discarded.
4. Judging & Awards:
 - a. Entries are judged using the American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Honorable Mention may be awarded at the discretion of the judge(s). All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit any placing that is believed to be without merit.
 - b. Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - c. The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
 - d. Sweepstakes are calculated based on total points (1st: 5 pts, 2nd: 3 pts, 3rd: 1 pt.) earned for eligible entries.
 - i. Ties will be broken by the number of Best of Show or 1st place entries.



	Registration Deadline	Deliver to Building Q (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Period 1	June 13 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 14 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 2	June 21 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 22 nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 3	June 28 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 29 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 4	July 1 @ 5:00 p.m.	July 2 nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Cut Flowers

1. Unless otherwise noted, each entry is to be one stem (cut flowers with stem in proportion to size of flower and strip all foliage from the stem that will be below water level).
2. Vases are provided.
 - a. Exhibitors may use their own vase (labeled with their name on the bottom) for Class 27.
3. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
4. Best of Show Awards:
 - Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore:
 - \$10 Gift Certificate for the Best of Show in Periods 1, 2, 3, & 4
5. Sweepstakes: Based on total points for all periods.
 - Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore:
 - Gift Certificates for: 1st Place: \$30 (+plaque), 2nd Place: \$20, 3rd Place: \$10

Delivery Dates:

Period 1: Division 31—Friday, June 14th 7:00 a.m. - 9:03 a.m.

Period 2: Division 36—Saturday, June 22nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Period 3: Division 40—Saturday, June 29th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Period 4: Division 43—Tuesday, July 2nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Classes:

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| 01: Agapanthus | 15: Rare/Unusual Flower |
| 02: Alstroemeria | 16: Rose: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora (1 bloom or spray) |
| 03: Dahlia | 17: Rose: Floribunda/Polyantha (1 bloom or spray) |
| 04: Daisy, Gerbera | 18: Rose: Climbers/Pillars/Shrubs (1 bloom or spray) |
| 05: Daisy, Other (Shasta, Chrysanthemum, etc.) | 19: Rose: Miniature (1 bloom or spray) |
| 06: Geranium, Ivy (w/foliage) | 20: Salvia |
| 07: Gladiola | 21: Any Other Annual (small flower, 2" or less) |
| 08: Hydrangea | 22: Any Other Annual (medium flower, 2-4") |
| 09: Hydrangea, Lace Cap | 23: Any Other Annual (large flower, 4+") |
| 10: Lily (Asiatic, Calla, Day, etc.) | 24: Any Other Perennial (small flower, 2" or less) |
| 11: Petunia | 25: Any Other Perennial (medium flower, 2-4") |
| 12: Pansy | 26: Any Other Perennial (large flower, 4+") |
| 13: Pelargonium, Martha Washington (w/foliage) | 27: Bouquet: 10-15 blooms (any variety or color) |
| 14: Pelargonium, Any Other (w/foliage) | |



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Period 3	June 28 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 29 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 4	July 1 @ 5:00 p.m.	July 2 nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Floral Design

1. No more than 25% of material used in arrangements may be purchased.
2. Exhibitor will provide decorative containers labeled with the name of the exhibitor on the bottom.
3. Containers are not to exceed 20”H x 15”W and must be no more than 20 pounds. Containers must be clean and ready for exhibit.
4. Do not display arrangements in valuable containers. The Fair Association is not responsible for lost or broken containers. All personal containers will be available for pick up on the next show day.
5. Upon request, the exhibitor may place their exhibit on the judging table with the assistance of department personnel.
6. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
7. Best of Show Awards:
 - Sponsored by Regan’s Nursery in Fremont:
 - \$10 Gift Certificate for the Best of Show in Periods 1, 2, 3, & 4
8. Sweepstakes: Based on total points for all periods.
 - Sponsored by Regan’s Nursery in Fremont:
 - Gift Certificates for: 1st Place: \$30, 2nd Place: \$20, 3rd Place: \$10

Delivery Dates:

Period 1: Division 32—Friday, June 14th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 2: Division 37—Saturday, June 22nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 3: Division 41—Saturday, June 29th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 4: Division 44—Tuesday, July 2nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Classes:

- 01: Fair Theme Floral Arrangement
- 02: Floral Arrangement with Indoor Props (Tea Pot, Pitcher, etc.)
- 03: Floral Arrangement with Outdoor Props (Birds, Watering Can, etc.)
- 04: Floral Arrangement in an Unusual Container
- 05: Dried Flower Arrangement
- 06: Wine Country Floral Arrangement (Wine Related Props)
- 07: Rose Floral Arrangement
- 08: Any Other Floral Design



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Period 3	June 28 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 29 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 4	July 1 @ 5:00 p.m.	July 2 nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Garden Produce

1. Produce must be fresh, clean, and neatly trimmed.
2. Plates and vases are provided.
3. Except for monstrosities, judging will be based on the uniform commercial grade.
4. Produce will be disposed of when wilted, unless the exhibitor provides a sealable, labeled container.
5. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
6. Best of Show Awards:
 - Sponsored by Sprouts Farmers Market in Dublin:
 - \$20 Gift Certificate for the Best of Show in Periods 1, 2, 3, & 4
7. Sweepstakes: Based on total points for all periods.
 - Sponsored by Sprouts Farmers Market in Dublin:
 - Gift Certificates for: 1st Place: \$35, 2nd Place: \$25, 3rd Place: \$10

Delivery Dates:

Period 1: Division 33—Friday, June 14th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 2: Division 38—Saturday, June 22nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 3: Division 42—Saturday, June 29th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Period 4: Division 45—Tuesday, July 2nd 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Classes:

- 01: Citrus Fruit (3 whole plus ½ wrapped)
- 02: Any Other Fruit (3 whole items)
- 03: Herbs
- 04: Leafy Vegetables (Lettuce, Cabbage, Kale, Spinach, etc.)
- 05: Any Other Vegetable (3 whole items)
- 06: Nightshade (Eggplant, Pepper, Potato, Tomato) (3 whole items)
- 07: Vine Crop (Melon, Pumpkin, Squash, etc.)
- 08: Monstrosity Fruit or Vegetable (differs significantly from standard)



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Period 1	June 13 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 14 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Potted Plants

1. All potted plants must be well rooted.
2. Containers may be no larger than 20”H x 15”W and no heavier than 20 pounds.
3. Containers must be clean and ready for exhibit and must have a self-contained water tray.
4. Plant Maintenance: If specific instructions are necessary, the exhibitor is responsible for providing staff with written instructions upon delivery of entry. Otherwise, plants will be watered weekly.
5. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
6. Best of Show Award:
 - Sponsored by Plant & Pottery Outlet in Sunol
 - \$50 Gift Certificate for the Best of Show entry.
7. Sweepstakes: Based on total points for all periods.
 - Sponsored by Plant & Pottery Outlet in Sunol
 - Gift Certificates for: 1st Place: \$30, 2nd Place: \$20, 3rd Place: \$10

Delivery Date:

Division 34—Friday, June 14th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Classes:

- 01: Cacti – Single
- 02: Cacti – Group (3+ Varieties in 1 Container)
- 03: Succulent – Single (4-12” Pot)
- 04: Succulent – Single (13-20” Pot)
- 05: Succulent – Group (3+ Varieties in 1 Container)
- 06: Fairy Garden Using Cacti and/or Succulents
- 07: Hanging Plant
- 08: Any Other Potted Plant (4-12” Pot)
- 09: Any Other Potted Plant (13-20” Pot)



	Registration Deadline	Deliver to Building Q (Enter through Gate 12 on Valley Avenue)
Period 1	June 17 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 18 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Period 2	June 24 @ 5:00 p.m.	June 25 th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Rose Show

1. Wedges must be below the lip of the container. Water must pass through freely.
2. Unless otherwise specified, blooms are to be ½ to ¾ open.
3. Vases are provided (exhibitors may choose to provide vases labeled with their name for Rose Bouquets).
4. Rose Bouquets must only contain roses and their foliage. No other plant material may be included in the bouquet.
5. Specimens will be judged using American Rose Society standards.
6. "Modern Roses 13" and the American Rose Society's latest handbook, "Handbook for Selecting Roses" will determine color classifications.
7. Cash awards per class: 1st Place: \$8.00, 2nd Place: \$6.00, 3rd Place: \$4.00
8. Best of Show Awards:
 - Sponsored by Orchard Nursery & Florist in Lafayette
 - \$20 Gift Certificate for the Best of Show in Periods 1 & 2.
9. Sweepstakes: Based on total points for all periods.
 - Sponsored by Orchard Nursery & Florist in Lafayette
 - i. Gift Certificates for: 1st Place: \$30, 2nd Place: \$20, 3rd Place: \$10

Delivery Dates:

Period 1: Division 35—Tuesday, June 18th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Period 2: Division 39—Tuesday, June 25th 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Classes:

- 01: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: White/Yellow/White-Yellow Blends (1 bloom)
- 02: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Apricot/Orange/Apricot-Orange Blends (1 bloom)
- 03: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Pink or Purple + Blends (1 bloom)
- 04: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Red or Red Blend (1 bloom)
- 05: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Any Color with Stamen Showing
- 06: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: White/Yellow/Apricot/Orange + Blends (1 spray)
- 07: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Any Pink or Purple + Blends (1 spray)
- 08: Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora: Any Red or Red Blend (1 spray)
- 09: Floribunda/Polyantha: Any Color (1 bloom/no side buds)
- 10: Floribunda/Polyantha: Any Color with Stamen Showing (1 bloom/no side buds)
- 11: Floribunda/Polyantha: White/Yellow/Apricot/Orange + Blends (1 spray)
- 12: Floribunda/Polyantha: Pink/Purple/Red + Blends (1 spray)
- 13: Climbers/Pillars/Shrubs: Any Color (1 bloom or spray)
- 14: Old Garden Roses: Any Color (1 bloom or spray)
- 15: Miniature: White/Yellow/Apricot/Orange + Blends (1 bloom)
- 16: Miniature: Pink/Purple/Red + Blends (1 bloom)
- 17: Miniature: Any Color, Fully Opened (1 bloom)
- 18: Miniature: White/Yellow/Apricot/Orange + Blends (1 spray/2+ open blooms)
- 19: Miniature: Pink/Purple/Red + Blends (1 spray/2+ open blooms)
- 20: Most Fragrant Rose: Any Color (1 bloom)
- 21: Rose Bouquet: 10+ Roses w/ Foliage (may use own vase labeled on bottom with exhibitor name)