

Department 17 – Floral

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See General Fair Rules and Regulations.

1. Competition is open to amateurs in all divisions. All exhibits must be grown by exhibitor, except in arrangement classes. Violation of rules will result in forfeit of premium. Youth exhibits should be grown or arranged by youth.
2. Competition is divided into two sections: Seniors, 18 years and older, Youth, 17 and under.
3. Flowers and plants entered for competition must be of more than ordinary standard and quality to be entitled to an award. Premiums will be offered on merit of excellence, not entry alone. Therefore, in any one class all premiums may not be awarded, if in the judge's opinion, the other entries do not merit placement. This may result in the omission of some placements such as first or second for awarding of only a third.
4. Entries for all classes will be accepted on **Sunday July 20, 2025 from 2-4 p.m. and Monday July 21, 2025 from 4-7 p.m.** Early registration is encouraged. The General Entries form can be found at the back of this book or on the web site at www.southmountainfair.com.
5. Exhibitor may show only one entry per class, unless it is a different species.
6. Potted plants should have been growing in containers for two (2) months. All pots should be clean, with no foil, plastic support or other embellishments. Exhibitor's name should be on underside of pots. Plant sprays are not permitted.
7. Plants or specimens with obvious disease or insect infestations will not be accepted. Plants that bloom for one day, such as daylily or hibiscus, should not be entered.
8. The common name for all entries must be provided. List botanical name or variety if known.
9. Cut flowers are judged on both flowers and foliage which should be above the water line. Entries must be displayed in containers provided.
10. Only fresh or dried plant material may be shown. No artificial flowers of any kind such as silk, plastic, fabric or etc., may be used.
11. While care will be taken to avoid damaging an exhibit, Fair officials are not responsible for any damage or breakage, as well as the return of exhibits.
12. If the South Mountain Fair Association believes any of the exhibits were shown in previous years, those entries may be refused.
13. The South Mountain Fair Association reserves the right to combine listed classes, depending on the number of entries.
14. **Exhibits will be released to exhibitors after the Fair on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No prize money will be awarded for exhibits removed in violation of this rule. There are no exceptions. No ribbons will be mailed, any unclaimed ribbons will be reused next year. Any potted exhibits not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Fair office on the second Monday of August from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Any exhibits not taken at that time will be discarded.**
15. Best of Show will be awarded only where justified by outstanding quality.
16. Department 17 reserves the right to remove and destroy any perishable exhibits which become unworthy of display.
17. Adults should not enter horticulture as youth grown. When possible youth should be present at registration.
18. Only a single entry per cut specimen or species is permitted. More than one entry of the same cut specimen or species will be disqualified.

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SHOWING

Pick flowers for exhibit either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Place them in a container of tepid water. Cut a few more than needed, in case of accidents. Cut stems long. The stem and foliage should be in pleasing proportion to the flower. Blooms should be without signs of disease or insect damage. Know the name of what you are showing!

The following factors are important in the judging process:

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| 1. Proper plant names. | 6. Balance & symmetry. |
| 2. Bloom quality, freshness, and uniformity. | 7. Consistency of size/color. |
| 3. Insect or disease damage. | 8. No foliage below water line. |
| 4. Overall appeal. | 9. Adequate foliage above water line. |
| 5. Compliance with class. | 10. Multiple blooms should be the same color. |

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General Rules:

1. This section includes all plants that would qualify as houseplants.
2. There should be only one species per pot except in collection classes.
3. Pots may not exceed 10" inside diameter OR 10 pounds in weight.
4. Since display space is limited, no hanging plants. Potted plants will be exhibited on risers.
5. Potted plants which have won blue ribbons in previous years are not eligible for another ribbon.
6. Due to space limitations, potted plant foliage cannot exceed 15" in width. No shrub or bushy entries. Violets must be a single crown.
7. Potted plants must be grown in exhibitor's possession in the container a minimum of six (6) weeks.

Section 1 – Flowering House Plants

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	African Violets, single	6	Begonia, double	11	Geranium, scented
2	African Violets, double	7	Wax Begonia rooted in bloom	12	Cactus, any variety, in bloom
3	African Violets, trailing	8	Geranium, bedding/common	13	Orchids, any type, in bloom
4	African Violets, miniature	9	Geranium, ivy	14	Other flowering house plant
5	Begonia, single or semi-double	10	Geranium, variegated		

Section 2 - Foliage Plants, Potted

Premiums: \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Aloe Vera	8	Potted, Jade Plant	15	Any other foliage plant
2	Begonia, Large leaf, any variety	9	Potted Ivy, English	16	Dish Garden, over 6"
3	Begonia, Small leaf, any variety	10	Potted Ivy, Other		not to exceed 12"
4	Coleus, any leaf color	11	Potted Caladium		with collection of 3
5	Potted, Ferns, Boston	12	Cactus, any variety		or more plants
6	Potted, Ferns, Asparagus	13	Christmas Cactus	17	Succulents (not cactus)
7	Potted, Ferns, any variety	14	Spider Plant		

General Rules:

1. Exhibits must consist of cut flowers grown by the exhibitor. Exhibitors should note that uniformity of height, color, and size is an important factor in evaluating entries.
2. **Cuttings should include sufficient attached foliage to permit evaluation. Flowers should be one color and variety. Foliage below the water line should be removed. Classes may be sub-divided at judge's discretion.**
3. No Butterfly Bush (Buddleia) now considered invasive. No Russian Sage, Cleome, or Lantana, or any cut chives in bloom. Entries do not last.
4. A "stem" refers to the portion of a plant bearing the bloom(s). Entries specifying 1 stem may contain more than one bloom. Entries may also specify a specific number of blooms or stems. Be sure to carefully read the Section introductions. A spray is a group of blooms on a branched stem.

Section 3 - Specimen Flowers, Senior

Premiums \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Class		Class		Class	
1	Ageratum, 3 stems	6	Butterfly Weed (Asclepias), 1 stem	11	Coreopsis, 3 blooms or stems
2	Amaranthus, 3 stems	7	Calendula, 3 blooms	12	Cosmos, White, 3 blooms
3	Asters, 3 blooms	8	Celosia, cockscomb, Crested, 1 stem	13	Cosmos, Lavender, 3 blooms
4	Bells of Ireland, 3 stems	9	Celosia, cockscomb, Plume, 3 stems	14	Cosmos, Bi-color, 3 blooms
5	Bachelor's Buttons, 3 blooms	10	Celosia, Cockscomb, spike 1 stem	15	Cosmos, Other, 3 blooms

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Section 3 - Specimen Flowers, Senior

Premiums \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Dahlias, debudded, with 2 sets of leaves
Dahlia entries limited to one entry per class,
regardless of species

Class		Class	
16	Dahlias, 1 bloom 8" or more	22	Daisy, 3 blooms
17	Dahlias, 1 bloom 6-8"	23	Dianthus, 3 blooms
18	Dahlias, 1 bloom 4-6"	24	Gaillardia, 3 blooms
19	Dahlias, Pompom 2", 3 blooms, same color	25	Gladiolus, Large, 1 spike
20	Dahlias, Novelty, bicolor, 3 blooms, same color	26	Gladiolus, Miniature, Bloom less than 2 1/2 inches, 1 spike
21	Dahlias, Collection of 5 varieties	27	Hostas, 1 flower and leaf
		28	Hydrangea, 1 floral stem

Lilies, no day lilies, no "surprise" lilies (Lycoris)

30	Lilies, Oriental, 1 scape		
31	Lilies, Asiatic, 1 scape		
32	Marigold, yellow, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	37	Nasturtiums, 3 blooms, same color
33	Marigold, orange, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	38	Pansy, 3 stems
34	Marigold, white, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single/double	39	Petunias, Single, 3 stems, same color
35	Marigold, dwarf, single, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color	40	Petunias, Double, 3 stems, same color
36	Marigold, dwarf, double, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color		

Roses, must have foliage and be named

41	Roses, Hybrid Tea, single bloom, must be named	44	Roses, Grandiflora, 1 stem, must be named
42	Roses, Floribunda, single bloom, must be named	45	Roses, Any other, 1 stem or spray, and must be named
43	Roses, Miniature, 1 spray, must be named		
46	Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susans) 3 blooms	50	Snapdragon, Single or standard, 3 stems
47	Salvia, 3 stems	51	Snapdragon, Double, 3 stems
48	Strawflower, 3 stems	52	Statice, 3 spikes, same color
49	Sedum, 1 floral stem		

Class		Class	
53	Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, yellow, 10" or less height	58	Violas, 3 blooms
54	Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, orange, 10" or less height	59	Zinnias, Giant, globular, size 4" or greater, 3 blooms, same color
55	Sunflower, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds, any other color, 10" or less height	60	Zinnias, cactus, pointed petals, 3 blooms, same color
56	Verbena, 1 stem	61	Zinnias, double/semi, less than 4", 6 blooms, same color
57	Vinca, 1 stem	62	Zinnias, Dwarf Ball, up to 2", 6 blooms, same color
		63	Zinnia, Single, 6 blooms, same color
		64	Zinnias, collection 5 variety, 1 stem each
		65	Coneflower (Echinacea) 3 blooms
		66	Coleus, 1 stem
		67	Any other flower, 1 stem

Section 4 - Arboreal Plants, Senior

Premiums \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Cut single stem, 12" minimum height, 24" maximum height, no overly bushy stems and no Nandina.

Class		Class		Class	
1	Berried Branches	3	Needled Evergreens	5	Holly
2	Broadleaf Evergreens	4	Flowering branch	6	Any other

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Section 5 – Herbs, Senior

Premiums \$3.00 2.00 1.00

Cut, 1 single stem, no bushes, 12” minimum height

Class		Class		Class	
1	Lavender	5	Rosemary	9	Dill
2	Basil	6	Mint	10	Hyssop
3	Sage (not Russian sage)	7	Oregano, minimum size 6 inches	11	Other
4	Tansy	8	Lemon Balm		

Potted herbs, container not to exceed 8” in diameter and must have been grown in exhibitor’s possession in the container a minimum of six (6) weeks.

Class		Class	
12	Lavender, potted, 8” or under	20	Oregano, potted, 8” or under
13	Basil, potted, 8” or under	21	Other, potted, 8” or under
14	Sage, potted, 8” or under	22	Potted collection 3-5 herbs
15	Chives, potted, 8” or under	23	Arrangement of cut herbs not to exceed 12” in diameter
16	Garlic, potted, 8” or under	24	A living herb wreath not to exceed 18”, equipped for hanging
17	Parsley, potted, 8” or under		
18	Rosemary, potted, 8” or under		
19	Mint, potted, 8” or under		

Section 6 - Planter Container, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Single container featuring 3 or more plants chosen for similar cultural requirements. Container diameter minimum 8” not to exceed 18”. All plants should have been growing in container for at least two (2) months.

Class		Class	
1	Cacti	4	Annuals
2	Succulents (other than cactus)	5	Perennials
3	Ferns		

Section 7 - Sunflower seed heads, (no attached stems) Senior

Premiums \$3.00 2.00 1.00

1	Sunflower-Yellow- 1 seed head	4	Sunflower-Variogated-1 seed head
2	Sunflower-White-1 seed head	5	Sunflower-Largest head \$5.00
3	Sunflower-Black-1 seed head		

Section 8 - Fresh Plant Materials, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

General Rules:

All classes have size limitations. Please adhere to the dimensions. Space is limited and oversized entries will be disqualified. Accessories are permitted but plant material must be dominate.

Hints for successful arrangements:

1. Use foliage with different colors, shapes and textures for greater interest. Strip off all leaves that will be under water.
2. Do not scatter colors, keep them grouped. Do not use colors in equal amounts.
3. Do not put largest flowers at the top, even though they are the prettiest and have the longest stems. Keep buds and small blooms at the top and sides, the largest and brightest should be at the center of interest.
4. Fresh flowers and fresh materials should be in the very best condition.
5. Avoid having more than one focal point on the same side. Do not push your focal point in, or let it hide under taller material above it.

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Section 8 - Fresh Plant Materials, Senior

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Class

- 1 Fresh arrangement using flowers **and** fruit or vegetables.
- 2 Fresh arrangement using all foliage not to exceed 15" in height or width.
- 3 Fresh arrangement in a teacup or coffee cup, not to exceed 10" in height.
- 4 Fresh miniature arrangement, not to exceed 5" in diameter, including container.
- 5 Fresh arrangement using multiple flower species of the same color, not to exceed 18" in width or depth.
- 6 Dried arrangement not to exceed 15" in height and width.
- 7 Fresh arrangement utilizing Adams County apples, not to exceed 18" in depth or width.

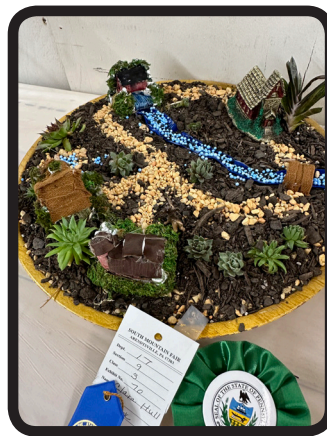
Section 9 - Fairy Gardens, Senior and youth

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

(Fairy Garden - Miniature landscape in a low-sided open container. Miniature accessories such as stones or figurines enhance plantings. No artificial plants allowed.)

Class

- 1 Fairy Garden, Senior, maximum size 12"x18" or 18" in diameter. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.
- 2 Fairy Garden, Youth, ages 10 and under years of age, maximum size 12"x18" or 18" in diameter. Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.
- 3 Fairy Garden, Youth, 11-17 years of age, maximum size 12"x18" or 18" in diameter, Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.



Section 10 - Terrariums, Senior and youth

Premiums: \$4.00 3.00 2.00

Terrarium - Miniature landscape using naturalistic accessories (rocks, sticks, stones, etc) in a transparent container such as a fish bowl. Cover is optional. (No artificial plants, figurines or toy-like accessories. See Fairy Gardens, Section 9.) Plants should be of compatible growing conditions.

Class

- 1 Terrarium, Senior, maximum size 14". Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.
- 2 Terrarium, Youth, under 10 yrs of age, maximum size 14". Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.
- 3 Terrarium, Youth, 10-17 years of age, maximum size 14". Any plant or accessory height limited to 6" maximum.

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YOUTH

General Rules:

1. There are 2 sections, youth ages 10 and under, youth ages 11 through 17.
2. **The age must be clearly displayed on the entry tag or the entry will be disqualified.**
3. It is expected that the youth will create and enter their own exhibits, with little or no parental help.
4. All of the following classes are open to both age groups.
5. There will be Best of Show awards in this division, if there is sufficient merit.
6. Adults should not enter horticulture as youth grown. When possible youth should be present at registration.

Section 11 – Specimen Flowers, youth, 10 and under	Premiums:	\$3.00	2.00	1.00
Section 12 – Specimen Flowers, youth 11-17 years				

Class

- 1 Marigold, yellow, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 2 Marigold, orange, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 3 Marigold, white, 3 blooms greater than 2 inches, single or double.
- 4 Marigold, Dwarf, single, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color.
- 5 Marigold, Dwarf, double, 3 blooms less than 2 inches, any color.
- 6 Sunflowers, yellow, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
- 7 Sunflowers, orange, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
- 8 Sunflowers, any other color, 3 stems with branched multiple blooms each stem, no seeds
- 9 Zinnias, Giant, gobular, 4” or larger, 3 blooms, same color.
- 10 Zinnias, Cactus pointed petals, 3 blooms or stems, same color.
- 11 Zinnias, Double/semi, less than 4”, 6 blooms, same color.
- 12 Zinnias, Dwarf ball, 2” size or less, 6 blooms or stems, same color.
- 13 Zinnias, Single, 4” size or less, 6 blooms or stems, same color.
- 14 Zinnias, Collection of 5 different varieties, 1 stem of each, do not need to be same color.
- 15 Other specimen flower, limit 2.

Section 13 - Best of Show Awards	Premiums:	\$5.00
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1 Best Flowering Houseplant, Senior	9 Best Fairy Garden, Youth under 10 years of age
2 Best Foliage Plant, Potted, Senior	10 Best Fairy Garden, Youth 10-17 years of age
3 Best Specimen Flower, Senior	11 Best Terrarium, Senior
4 Best Arboreal Plant, Senior	12 Best Terrarium, Youth under 10 years of age
5 Best Herb, Senior	13 Best Terrarium, Youth 10-17 years of age
6 Best Planter Container, Senior	14 Best Specimen Flower, Youth under 10 years of age
7 Best Fresh Materials Arrangement, Senior	15 Best Specimen Flower, Youth 10-17 years of age
8 Best Fairy Garden, Senior	

Class 16	Thomas Piper Award presented to the Best of the Best in all Sections, Adult or Youth.	\$10.00
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