



Horticulture Show

Theme: Forever Texas

Open to All Gardeners, Adult and Youth

Registration:

By September 13, 2019

Register online at www.etstatefair.com, click the Competition button, and then choose Horticulture. The Register link is near the bottom of the page in Items.

Check-in of Entries:

Friday, September 27, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Judging of Entries:

Friday, September 27, 2:00 p.m. – Only Judges, Chairman, and Clerks may be present for judging.

Release of Entries:

Monday, September 30, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Committee

Rachel Taylor, Chair

Katherine Adams

Cati Heikkinen

Delaney Davidson

Volunteers:

Contact Tina to volunteer: trosenbalm@etstatefair.com 903-597-2501

Divisions

Potted Plants

Dish Gardens

Repurposed Containers

Functional Tables

Cut Specimens

Fruits, Nuts, Vegetables

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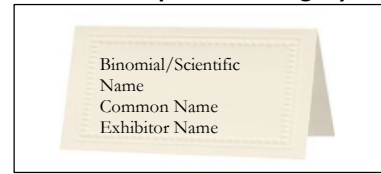
General Rules

- See each division for specific rules for that division and rules related to ownership.
- Check-in and set-up of plants and tables will occur during the designated time.
- Entries are released on Monday after the Fair closes (9/30) between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Any entry not claimed by 12:00 p.m. will become the property of ETSF.
- All entries must remain on display throughout the show.

- All plant material must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor.
- Entry cards will be printed this year through ShoWorks by the fair office for any exhibitor that preregisters. These will be ready the day of check-in. We will also except the white and green horticulture entry tags. These are available from the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

- Exhibitors must bring a folded index card with the following information printed largely in black ink to be displayed with the entry after judging:

Plant binomial name or scientific identification
 Common name
 Exhibitor Name



- Classes may be divided, combined, determined or cancelled at the discretion of the committee and judges if the number of entries warrant.
- Clean and groom all plants and containers. Be sure that they are free from diseases, insects, and spray residue. Be sure that leaves and trash have been removed from surface of soil.
- All horticulture must be of excellent quality. The Committee may refuse to display below standard specimens or material that has been oiled or dressed.
- In Potted Plants, Cut Specimens and Fruits, Nuts, & Vegetables divisions, individuals may enter only one item of a single variety. Multiple entries may be submitted in each category as long as they are not the same type.
- Entries representing a group of 2 or more are accepted in Functional Tables and Container Plants for all age groups and Potted Plants and Fruits, Nuts & Vegetables for youth.
- During the show, exhibitors may enter the grounds between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. by prior scheduling with Fair Staff to water and groom plants. This must be scheduled at check-in of entries.
- Every precaution will be taken in the handling and exhibiting of work; however, the East Texas State Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage, which may occur from any cause. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all conditions stated in these rules.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- There are no entry fees in any division.

Division Rules

DIVISION: POTTED PLANTS

Provide a card with plant giving botanical and common names for the plant Containers should be no larger than 12" wide or tall. (See #7 in General Rules)

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each class – Ribbons
 Best of Category in each section - Rosette
 Best of Division in each section - Rosette

Sections:

Section A – Adult entries – Open to All Adult Gardeners
 Section B – Youth entries (individual) (ages 18 and under)
 Section C – Youth Group or 2 or more students

Potted Plant Rules

- All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.

- No combination of plantings allowed in this Division, except in Category 12.
- All plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days for adult exhibitors and 35 days for youth exhibitors prior to the show.
- Containers should not exceed 12" wide or tall (inside measurement).
- Plant must have clear, plastic saucer underneath container to prevent leakage, and saucer must be wide enough and deep enough to hold any water overflow.
- Each entry is to be labeled by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific identification. Common name may also be given. Solicit Committee help if needed.
- In no instance should the container detract from the plant being displayed. Double pot if desired, being sure that the inner pot is not visible.
- Hanging and draping plants may be displayed on hanging racks provided by the show, or draped on table.
- No accessories are permitted in potted plants. Unobtrusive staking is permitted where needed, but training mechanics must be removed.
- No group entries are accepted in this Division, except in instances where a school class has grown the plant as a class project.

POTTED PLANTS – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Plant Identification (labeling, conformance)	10
Peak of Perfection	
Form	20
Color	20
Maturity/Size	20
Condition/Blemishes	15
Grooming	10
Staging	5
TOTAL	100

Classes in each category will be determined based on the entries received in the show. Exhibitors may enter as many entries as desired in each category, but may not enter more than one of a specific variety of plant in each category.

01 – CATEGORY: POTTED UPRIGHT FOLIAGE PLANTS

Examples: Maranta (prayer plant), Philodendrons, Chinese Evergreen, Dracaena, Fiddleleaf Fig, Dieffenbachia, Zeezee Plant, etc.

02 – CATEGORY: FERNS

Examples: Boston, Japanese Painted Fern, Maidenhair, Tassel, Rabbit's Foot

03 – CATEGORY: FLOWERING PLANTS

Examples: Anthurium, Chrysanthemum, Gloxinia, Hibiscus, Impatiens, Pelargonium (geranium), Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)

04 – CATEGORY: BEGONIAS

Examples: Everblooming (fibrous), Rex, Tuberous (example: beef steak)

05 – CATEGORY: CACTI

Examples: Christmas Cactus, Golden Barrel Cactus, Crown of Thorns, Pincushion Cactus

06 – CATEGORY: GENESRIADS

Examples: Single African Violets, Double African Violets, Aeschynanthus (Lipstick Plant), Streptocarpus (Cape Primrose), etc.

07 – CATEGORY: FOLIAGE VINES OR TRAILERS

Examples: Spider or Airplane Plant, English Ivy, Grape Ivy, Swedish Ivy, Wandering Jew, etc.

08 – CATEGORY: ORCHIDS

Examples: Cattleya, Cymbidium, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums

09 – CATEGORY: SUCCULENTS

Examples: Agave, Aloe, Yucca, Jade, Hen and Chicks, Desert Rose, Kalanchoe, Snake Plant

10 – CATEGORY: Herbs

Examples: Basil, Chives, Dill, Mint, Oregano, Sage, Thyme

11 – CATEGORY: Any Other Potted Plant

12 – CATEGORY: Combination Planting – Potted Plant containing at least 3 different plants

DIVISION: DISH/FAIRY GARDENS

A notecard should be provided with a drawing indicating plant names.

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each class – Ribbons

Best of Division in each section - Rosette

Sections:

Section A – Adult entries – Open to All Adult Gardeners

Section B – Youth entries (ages 18 and under)

Section C – Adult Group (Garden Club or other Adult Group)

Section D – Youth Group (school class or club)

Dish/Fairy Garden Rules

- All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
- All plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks if an adult exhibitor or three weeks if a youth exhibitor.
- Containers should not exceed 12" wide or tall (inside measurement)
- Exhibitor must use a saucer underneath to prevent leakage.
- Each plant in the entry is to be labeled by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific identification. Common name may also be given. Solicit help if needed.
- No accessories are permitted in potted plants, unless specifically indicated in the class description. Unobtrusive staking is permitted if needed, but no training mechanics.
- Group entries may be accepted in this Division if all group members have been involved in care of plants and arranging in the container.

DISH/FAIRY GARDEN – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Conformance & Plant Identification, Labeling

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Peak of Perfection	
Form	10
Color	10
Condition	10
Show-Worthy Size	10
Condition, Grooming, Staging	25
Distinction	10
 TOTAL	 100

Categories:

201 – Dish Garden - a collection in a shallow dish, no larger than 6" inches deep and 12" wide, five or more plants, must be compatible, all fresh plant material. No accessories permitted – shells, rocks, figurine, etc.; may include herbs

202 – Fairy Garden - a miniature landscape in a shallow dish, no larger than 6" inches deep and 12" wide, five or more plants, must be compatible, man-made accessories may be used

DIVISION: REPURPOSED CONTAINERS

Plantings are done in household items that would not normally be used for plants.

Planting may include more than one type of plant.

A notecard should be provided with a drawing indicating plant names.

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each class – Ribbons

Best of Division in each section - Rosette

Sections:

Section A – Adult entries - Open to All Adult Gardeners

Section B – Youth entries (ages 18 and under)

Section C – Adult Group (Garden Club or other Adult Group)

Section D – Youth Group (school class or club)

Repurposed Container Rules

- All plant material must be fresh and have been grown by the exhibitor.
- All plants must have been in the exhibitor’s possession for at least six weeks.
- In Small Repurposed Container category, container should not exceed 12" wide or tall (inside measurement).
- In Large Repurposed Container category, container should not exceed 24" wide or tall and must be light enough to be lifted and placed on the table for display.
- Exhibitor must use some type of clear plastic underneath to prevent leakage.
- Each plant in the entry is to be labeled by its binomial name or currently accepted scientific identification. Common name may also be given. Solicit help if needed.
- No accessories are permitted in potted plants, unless specifically indicated in the class description. Unobtrusive staking is permitted, but no training mechanics.
- Group entries may be accepted in this Division if all group members have been involved in care of plants and arranging in the container.

REPURPOSED CONTAINER GARDEN – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Plant Identification	5
Peak of Perfection	
Form	10
Color	10
Condition	10
Show-Worthy Size	5
Overall Effect	30
Creative/Distinction	5
Grooming	10
Staging	5
TOTAL	100

Categories:

301 – Repurposed Planter, small – 12 in. or less in height or width

302 – Repurposed Planter, large – larger than 12 in. BUT smaller than 24 in. in height or width

DIVISION: CUT SPECIMENS

Provide a card with specimen giving botanical and common names

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each class – Ribbons

Best of Category in each section - Rosette

Best of Division in each section - Rosette

Sections:

Section A – Adult entries – open to All Adult Gardeners

Section B – Youth entries (ages 18 and under)

Section C – Youth Group of 2 or more individuals

Cut Specimen Rules

- Specimen must be grown by the exhibitor and must have been cared for by and in the possession of the exhibitor for 90 days prior to the show if an adult exhibitor or 35 days if a youth exhibitor.
- Blooms must be of show quality and typical of the variety.
- Cut specimens (except Gladiolus) should not have any foliage below water line.
- A single branch, flower, spike, stem, or stalk should be submitted as appropriate for the cut specimen entered.
- For Aboreal, tall trees, the cut specimen is one stem or one branch having several nodes, not to exceed 30 inches from apical tip of specimen to the cut end.
- Containers will be provided. If an exhibitor brings his or her own container, it must be clear glass with no writing or etchings.
- Stage specimen by using clear plastic wrap around neck of container. Wedging may be visible, but must not detract from exhibit.

CUT SPECIMENS – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Plant Identification	5
Cultural Perfection	60
Condition, grooming, staging	25
Distinction of Species or Variety	10
TOTAL	100

Classes in each category will be determined based on the entries received in the show. Exhibitors may enter as many entries as desired in each category, but may not enter more than one of a specific variety of plant in each category.

401 – CATEGORY: Arboreal, Berries

402 – CATEGORY: Arboreal, Flowers

403 – CATEGORY: Arboreal, Foliage

404 – CATEGORY: Arboreal, Fruit/Seed

405 – CATEGORY: Annuals, Flowering

406 – CATEGORY: Annuals, Foliage

407 – CATEGORY: Annuals, Fruit/Seed

408 – CATEGORY: Bulbs, Tubers, and Rhizomes

Examples: Dahlias, Calla, Bulbine, Crocosmia, Four O’Clock (Mirabilis), Oxalis, etc.

409 – CATEGORY: Perennials, Berries

410 – CATEGORY: Perennials, Flowering

411 – CATEGORY: Perennials, Foliage

412 – CATEGORY: Perennials, Fruit/Seed

413 – CATEGORY: Roses

414 – CATEGORY: Other

DIVISION: FRUITS, NUTS & VEGETABLES

Provide a card with specimen giving botanical and common names

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in each class – Ribbons

Best of Category in each section - Rosette

Best of Division in each section - Rosette

Sections:

Section A – Adult entries – open to All Adult Gardeners

Section B – Youth entries (ages 18 and under)

Section C – Adult Group

Section D – Youth Group

Fruit, Nuts and Vegetables Rules

- Entry must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Entries must be clean and free from blemishes, insect damage, dust, spray residue.
- 1 each of pumpkins, gourds, cabbages, etc. should be displayed. 3 to 5 of other vegetables or fruits should be displayed
- Items should be uniform in size, shape, and texture.
- Items (except in Garden Harvest) should be displayed on a plate provided.
- Ripe fruit should be covered with plastic wrap to minimize attraction of insects.
- Entries in Garden Harvest should be attractively arranged in a basket, open box or container of exhibitor’s choice, but no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

FRUITS, NUTS, VEGETABLES – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Plant Identification	5
Cultural Perfection	60
Condition, grooming, staging	25
Distinction of Species or Variety	10
TOTAL	100

Classes in each category will be determined based on the entries received in the show. Exhibitors may enter as many entries as desired in each category, but no more than one of a specific variety in category.

501 – CATEGORY: Fruits

502 – CATEGORY: Gourds

503 – CATEGORY: Nuts

504 – CATEGORY: Ornamental

505 – CATEGORY: Pumpkins

506 – CATEGORY: Vegetables

507 – CATEGORY: Garden Harvest

A combination of 5 or more different varieties of fruits, nuts and/or vegetables grown in the exhibitor’s garden to represent the garden displayed in basket or on tray – Example: one pumpkin, a dozen beans, four pears, a handful of nuts, etc. – your choice to represent your garden in the best possible way.