



## **Horticulture Show Floral Cup**

Open to All Gardeners, Adult and Youth

### **Registration:**

Deadline: September 13

Register online at [www.etstatefair.com](http://www.etstatefair.com) by September 13

*\*New\** Due to the overwhelming success of this competition – to insure the proper flowers, greenery, and supplies are available there will now be a \$15 entry fee per contestant.

### **Floral Cup Competition:**

Check-in and Orientation – Thursday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. – Harvey Convention Center  
Competition begins at **9:45 a.m.**

### **Release of Entries:**

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

### **Committee**

Rachel Taylor, Chair  
Katherine Adams  
Cati Flory  
Delaney Davidson

### **Volunteers:**

Contact Tina to volunteer or to donate flowers or vases: [trosenbalm@etstatefair.com](mailto:trosenbalm@etstatefair.com)  
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## **General Rules**

- Entries are released on Monday after the Fair closes 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.
- 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: FLORAL CUP**

## **Awards:**

1st Place in each Section (Youth and Adult) – Floral Cup Trophy

2nd and 3rd Place in each Section (Youth and Adult) – Rosette

Finalists who do not place – Finalist Ribbon

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)

## **Interpreted Design Challenge: *Tropical Paradise***

Your challenge (the first challenge in the contest), is to create a design based on a Tropical Paradise.

The container you bring for your design will complement the theme. You *MAY* bring accessory items for this design that are pre-assembled.

## **Procedures**

### **General Procedures**

- Participants must attend the Orientation at 9:00 am before competition begins.
- The first Design Challenge for all participants is announced in advance in the rules. For this Challenge, participants must bring a container for the floral design and may bring floral accessories to be included in the design.
- Floral accessories brought for the first Design Challenge must be pre-assembled and ready for inserting into the design. The use of hot glue, electrical tools or other floral machinery is NOT allowed during the competition.
- 6 to 10 contestants may compete at one time.
- Participants will remain in a holding area while others are competing. They will relinquish all access to technology while in the Holding Area and may not have contact with anyone outside the group until after they have competed. Any violation of this will be grounds for disqualification.
- Competition will be open for viewing by the public attending the East Texas State Fair.

### **Sub-Sections**

- When the number of Participants in a Section exceeds the number that can be comfortably accommodated on the competition stage, the Section will be divided into Sub-Sections as needed.
- When sub-Sections are needed, all will have the same Design Challenge.
- A random draw will determine competition sub-section and order of participation.
- When sub-sections are held, the top two contestants from each sub-section will advance to a Section Finals. Finalists will be given a Surprise Design Challenge at the beginning of the Final Round of Competition.
- When Sub-Sections are held, Youth and Adult Sections will have different Surprise Design Challenges.

### **When Sub-Sections are not needed**

- When the number of participants does not exceed the number that can compete at the same time, the entire group will complete the Planned Design Challenge.
- At the conclusion of the 45 minute period for creating the design, the participants will be given the second challenge, a Surprise Design Challenge.

## **Floral Cup Rules**

- Each contestant in the competition will compete individually with no assistance of any kind from others. No talking will be allowed during the specified design times.
- A mandatory meeting of all participants will occur 45 minutes before the competition begins. At that time, the rules will be read and each participant will sign an agreement to those rules. If the participant is unable to attend, he/she will be disqualified.
- 45-minute design time will be strictly adhered to for each portion of the competition. All flower placements must be done within the 45-minute time limit.
- Contestants in any round of competition will be furnished identical boxes of materials, including fresh flowers, foliage, and supplies. Any containers or props needed will also be included for the Surprise Challenge.
- Each contestant should bring his/her own tools: knife, scissors, wire(s), tape(s), and wire cutters, etc.
- Failure to follow the rules will result in participant being disqualified.
- A size restriction of 30" x 30" square area, flower to flower, with height being unlimited will be strictly enforced. The participant must also be able to carry the arrangement without assistance.
- The goal will be one appointed monitor for every six designers to enforce the rules.

### **For the Interpreted Design Challenge:**

- Flowers and foliage only will be provided for the Theme.
- The contestant is required to bring a container for this category and may bring pre-assembled accessories to add to the design.
- No basing, wiring, taping or gluing of floral product or foam will be allowed until the time for the Theme Interpreted Design segment begins.
- The container will be subject to preapproval at the mandatory meeting.

### **For the Surprise Design Challenge:**

- No paints, ribbons, or accessories of any kind may be brought by the contestant.
- The contestant may use only the materials provided in the design box.

## **Judging and Scoring**

- Judging will be based on 10 criteria.
- A score will be given by each judge for each of the criteria using a 1 to 5 scoring system with 1 equal to "poor" and 5 equal to "excellent". Each judge's score will be totaled and then averaged with the total scores given by other judges to determine placings.
- In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the Interpretative Design piece of the tied contestants for the consideration in artistic execution.
- Score sheets will be mailed to each contestant following the competition.

## **Judging Criteria:**

Category Interpretation

Creativity

Scale: (Proportional)

Unity: (Harmony & Texture)

Balance: (Physical & Visual)

Focal Emphasis

Line (Movement, Rhythm)

Depth

Color: (Balance, Harmony & Rhythm)

Mechanics: (Professional Application)