



Horticulture Show Functional Tables

Open to All Gardeners, Adult and Youth

Registration:

Deadline: August 30 for Landscape Design; September 15 for all other Divisions

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 28, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Judging of Other Entries:

Friday, September 28, 2:00 p.m. – Only Judges, Chairman, and Clerks may be present for judging.

Release of Entries:

Monday, October 1, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Committee

Anne Brown, Chair

Katherine Adams

Greg Grant

Megan Brundett

Cati Heikkinen

Rachel Taylor

Tina Rosenbalm

Volunteers:

Contact Emily to volunteer: eingram@etstatefair.com or 903-597-2501

Other Horticulture Opportunities

Potted Plants

Dish Gardens

Repurposed Containers

Functional Tables

Cut Specimens

Fruits, Nuts, Vegetables

Floral Cup Competition

Landscape Design Competition

Revised August 16, 2017

General Rules

- Check-in and set-up of plants and tables will occur on Friday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- All plant material must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor.

- Exhibitor must bring flower show entry card, neatly printed in pencil, for each entry.
- Individuals and groups who do not have access to these through a garden club or other horticulture organization, may pick-up from the East Texas State Fair prior to September 20, or should bring information printed to transfer to an official entry card at check-in. See information below.

- Please 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
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- 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 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: FUNCTIONAL TABLE DESIGNS

Table settings for two created for a theme with fresh floral arrangements

Awards:

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

Additional Rules:

- Tables (card table size to be provided by exhibitor) are to be set with service for two.
- Each table setting will use a themed name as outlined below to be considered in the design.
- Floral arrangements contain fresh flowers.
- ETSF is not responsible for items used in display. Valuable items should not be used.
- Table Appointments:
 - Dishes – china, porcelain, stoneware, paper, glass, plastic, metal, wood, etc.
 - Beverage service – glass, china, paper, aluminum, etc. - Coordinated with other appointments.
 - Flatware – plastic, wood, inexpensive metal, etc. – Expensive flatware is not permitted.
 - Covering – tablecloth (neatly pressed) with no folds. Place mats, runners, underlays are permitted.
 - Napkins – required for all Functional Tables. May be cloth or paper depending on table formality. One or more napkins may be used together placed where best suited for the table design.
- Candles are not allowed unless battery powered.

FUNCTIONAL TABLES – SCORECARD FOR JUDGING

Tables will be judged using the following guidelines:

Conformance to Type & Schedule Requirements	14
Design Principles	48
Selection of Components	8
Organization of Components	8
Expression	8
Distinction	14
TOTAL	100

Categories:

401 – Garden Clubs – Theme: *Romantic Dinner*

402 – Adult Group (other than Garden Clubs) – Theme: *Romantic Dinner*

403 – Youth Group – Schools, Organizations – Theme: *Fiesta*

404 – Individual Adults – Theme: *Romantic Dinner*

405 – Youth – Individual Entries – Theme: *Fiesta*

406 – Professional Entries – Theme: *Outdoor Dinner Party*

(Professional entries will be voted on by Fair Attendees and awarded People's Choice Awards based on results of voting at the display. Results of the voting will be announced on the last Sunday of the Fair.)