2019 Garden Department
Adult and Youth

SUPERINTENDENT: Elsie Dunn

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 10, 2019
On-line entry is available through our website *www.ozarkempirefair.com*.
Registration forms to mail in are available at *www.ozarkempirefair.com* or at the Ozark Empire Fair Office.
Exhibitor tags will be mailed in July to the name and address on the online entry or registration form.

NO ENTRY FEE for Garden Department

There are no entry fees for garden entries and monetary awards will not be given for ribbons earned. Monetary awards in each division will be given to champions and special ribbons based upon sponsorships.
If you're submitting a paper Registration Form, please use the form at the end of this Department.

CHECK-IN: Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Exhibits will be checked in between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Procedure will be sent with exhibitor tags in July. **IMPORTANT:** write variety name on top corner of tag where judge can see it!

CHECK-OUT: Sunday, August 4, 2019.
Garden produce that deteriorates during the Fair will be disposed of. Any remaining exhibits will be checked out after the Fair on Sunday, August 4, 2019, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. **No exhibit will be released at any other time.** Any exhibit not picked up by 5 p.m. will be disposed of.

REGULATIONS:
1. All entries are governed by the Life & Arts Rules and the rules for this department.
2. **Exhibitor is limited to one (1) exhibit in a class.** Only one entry will be permitted in any class from the same orchard, farm or garden. Specimens may be exhibited only by grower.
3. During the Fair, exhibitors are requested to replace any produce that shows decay. (Contact Exhibits Office for tickets to bring in fresh produce.) The superintendent shall have the right to remove from display, at any time, any exhibit which is unsightly.
4. All exhibits should be correctly labeled with variety name.
5. The number of specimens required in a class is listed with that class. Example: cucumbers (5 per class) requires 5 cucumbers for an exhibit. Any other number of specimens will disqualify the exhibit.
6. The following conditions will automatically disqualify exhibit:
    a. Incorrect number of specimens for class.
    b. Mixture of types or varieties in a class except for collections.
    c. Improper preparation of vegetables, such as excessive peeling of onions or greening of potatoes.
    d. Any exhibit that does not meet class specifications listed.
7. Exhibitor must provide container for Display Contests and Herb classes.
8. **Youth exhibitors** (through 18 years) will enter in youth classes provided in this handbook.

9. The Exhibits Director reserves the right to divide classes based on number of entries of a specific variety or age group (i.e. If there are 10 youth entries in cherry tomatoes, the class may be divided into 10 and under and 11-18.).
10. Prize money will be paid to champions in each division in each age group. Other prize money may be awarded to special ribbon recipients if a sponsor has donated specific prize money.
11. In order to have this exhibit of as high quality as possible, the right is reserved to reject all unsuitable exhibits, to determine that all rules and regulations have been followed, and that no identification of the exhibitor in any form is displayed during judging.
12. Exhibit building will not be open to the public during judging. The exhibitor and the public are prohibited from handling exhibits in any manner or from helping remove exhibits on check-out day.
13. **Judging Guidelines:** see Judging Guidelines link.

DIVISION 1001 - DISPLAY CONTESTS

Ribbons Only

"STEW'S ON!"

Class 01 – Adult Class 11 – Youth

Collection of home-grown vegetables for stew. Must include at least five (5) and no more than ten (10) named varieties of vegetables for homemade stew. The numbers of each kind of garden produce are: large item such as a cabbage, 1; medium item such as slicing tomato, 3; small item such as cherry tomatoes, 10. VARIETIES MUST BE NAMED on a 3 X 5 card to be displayed with entry.

Herbs may be included but must be cut and in water. Collection may include vegetables not listed in this department such as turnips. Collection is to be exhibited in a **stew pot**. Maximum size is 300 square inches (width x length). Display may be decorated. (Judging will include attractiveness of display.)

"GIFT FROM MY GARDEN"

Class 02 – Adult Class 12 – Youth

Collection of vegetables, fruits, and/or melons grown by exhibitor. Collection must include five (5) or more kinds of fruits or vegetables suitable for a gift basket. The numbers of each kind of garden produce are: large item such as a cantaloupe, 1; medium item such as slicing tomato, 3; small item such as cherry tomatoes, 10. VARIETIES MUST BE NAMED on a 3 X 5 card to be displayed with entry.

Collection is to be exhibited in a **basket** (any shape but shallow or flat enough that produce is easily seen). Maximum size is 300 square inches (width x length). Display may be decorated. Judging will include attractiveness of display.

"OZARK'S HARVEST"

Class 03 – Adult Class 13 – Youth

Collection of fresh vegetables, fruits and/or melons grown by exhibitor AND food products canned or dehydrated by exhibitor from his or her garden.

Collection must include a minimum of six (6) different food products (maximum 10). There must be at least three (3) different varieties of fresh garden vegetables, fruits and/or melons from this department AND three (3) canned or dehydrated products from the Food Preservation Department. Canning and dehydration requirements in the Food Preservation Department will apply. The numbers of each kind of garden produce are: large item such as a cantaloupe, 1; medium item such as slicing tomato, 3; small item such as cherry tomatoes, 10.

Exhibitor's choice of container. Maximum size is 300 square inches (width x length). Display may be decorated.

DIVISION 1002 – FRUITS AND NUTS
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. For best results, harvest fruit when firm ripe, fully colored, sweet but not soft. (Fall apples will judge as unripe fruit.)
c. Nuts are to be shown in shell and may be last year's crop. Variety should be listed on exhibitor tag or state that tree is wild.

Classes	Adult	Youth
Apples, 5, any variety	01	07
Grapes, 3 bunches	02	08
Pears, peaches, or plums, 5	03	09
Any berry, 10	04	10
Pecans, 10	05	11
Black Walnuts	06	12

DIVISION 1003 – HERBS
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. Must be fresh herbs, cut, in water. (Exhibitor provides container.)
c. Additional herb competitions:
Garden Department: Herb Collections, Division 1009
Flowers Department: Herb Garden (two or more herbs growing in one container), Division
Food Preservation Department: Dehydrated herbs, Division 901

Classes	Adult	Youth
Basil	01	15
Cilantro	02	16
Chives	03	17
Dill	04	18
Fennel	05	19
Mint, Peppermint	06	20
Mint, Spearmint	07	21
Mint, any other mint	08	22
Oregano	09	23
Parsley	10	24
Rosemary	11	25
Sage	12	26
Thyme	13	27
Any other herb	14	28

DIVISION 1004 – PEPPERS
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. Sweet peppers should have exactly five (5) specimens.
c. Hot peppers should have exactly ten (10) specimens.

Classes	Adult	Youth
Sweet Peppers (5):		
Green	01	11
Red	02	12
Any other color	03	13
Banana	04	14
Any other sweet pepper	05	15
Hot Peppers (10):		
Jalapeno	06	16
Habanero	07	17
Long variety	08	18
Globe variety	09	19
Any other hot pepper	10	20

DIVISION 1005 – SQUASH
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. Squash should have exactly three (3) specimens.

Classes	Adult	Youth
Yellow Summer	01	09
Scalloped, patty pan	02	10
Sunburst	03	11
Zucchini, under 12”	04	12
Zucchini, over 12”	05	13
Any other summer squash	06	14
Acorn	07	15
Any other winter squash	08	16

DIVISION 1006 – TOMATOES
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. Large tomato varieties should have exactly five (5) specimens. Red slicing tomatoes should be placed in classes for variety designed to weigh ½ pound or less and designed to weigh more than ½ pound.
c. Small tomato varieties should have exactly ten (10) specimens. Cherry tomatoes should be 1-1½" in diameter.

Classes	Adult	Youth
Large Tomatoes (5):		
Red Slicing, ½ lb or less	01	10
Red Slicing, ½ lb or more	02	11
Other color slicing tomatoes	03	12
Italian	04	13
Small Tomatoes (10):		
Small Red pear	05	14
Small Yellow pear	06	15
Red Cherry	07	16
Other color cherry tomatoes	08	17
Roma	09	18

DIVISION 1007 – ROOT CROPS
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:
a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. All varieties should have five (5) specimens with the exception of the potato classes which should have ten (10) specimens.

Classes	Adult	Youth
Beets, 5 with 3" tops	01	11
Carrots, 5 with 3" tops	02	12
Onions, white, 5	03	13
Onions, red, 5	04	14
Onions, yellow, 5	05	15
Potatoes, white named variety	06	16
Potatoes, red named variety	07	17
Potatoes, any other color	08	18
Sweet Potatoes	09	19
Any other root crop	10	20

DIVISION 1008 – OTHER GARDEN PRODUCE

Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:

a. **Variety name should be written on top corner of exhibitor tag.**
b. Number of required specimens is listed following the class name (i.e. Eggplant, 3)
c. The exhibits director reserves the right to split a class when several items of the same variety are entered in a single class.

Classes	**Adult**	**Youth**
Beans, pole, 15	01	19
Beans, bush, 15	02	20
Beans, any other, 15	03	21
Cabbage, 1	04	22
Cucumber, slicing (under 10"),5	05	23
Cucumber, Burpless, 5	06	24
Cucumber, pickling, 5	07	25
Cucumbers, novelty variety, 5	08	26
Eggplant, 3	09	27
Garlic, dry (may be last year's Crop) 1" top, 3	10	28
Corn, with husks, 5	11	29
Okra, 12 pods	12	30
Rhubarb, 3 stalks with 1" leaf	13	31
Cantaloupe, 2	14	32
Watermelon, 1	15	33
Pumpkin, miniature, 3	16	34
Pumpkin, other, 1	17	35
Any other produce not listed in this or any other division	18	36

DIVISION 1009 – COLLECTIONS
Champion: Ribbon

Additional information:

a. Varieties must be named on a 3 X 5 card to be displayed with entry.
b. Collections of peppers, tomatoes, and gourds may be displayed plate or container of exhibitor's choice provided that all specimens are given equal exposure to viewing, flat plates or trays are preferred.
c. Collections of herbs must be fresh herbs, cut, in water. (Exhibitor provides containers.)
d. Vegetable collections: See Garden Department: Division 1001, Display Contests

Classes	**Adult**	**Youth**
Sweet peppers: 4 named varieties, 2 each	01	10
Hot peppers: 4 named varieties, 5 each	02	11
Mixed peppers: 2 named varieties of sweet, 2 each 2 named varieties of hot, 5 each	03	12
Slicing tomatoes: 4 named varieties, 2 each	04	13
Cherry, pear, and/or plum tomatoes: 4 named varieties, 5 each	05	14
Garlic braid: 8 or more dried bulbs together	06	15
Onion braid: 5 or more dried bulbs together	07	16
Gourds, ornamental: 5 or more varieties	08	17
Collection of herbs: cut specimens only, at least 5 varieties but not more than 15 varieties, in separate and labeled containers of water and attached to or contained in a base which is no more than 12" front to back and 20" long. (Base and containers provided by exhibitor).	09	18

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GARDEN

2019 Registration Form

Life & Arts Exhibits

— One exhibitor per form, please. —

___ Please check here if new address (Please print in INK or type)

___ Check here if new exhibitor (have not exhibited in the past 3 years)

Name ___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___|___

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e-mail address ____

I have read the Exhibitor Handbook, available at *www.ozarkempirefair.com*, and agree to abide by those rules and classifications. I hereby release the Ozark Empire Fair from any liabilities for loss, damages or injury to persons, exhibits or any other property while said property is on the Fairgrounds.

Exhibitor's Signature: ____

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since prize money will only be paid to champions and sponsors' choices.

TICKETS: ***SAVE!!*** Life & Arts Exhibitors may purchase discount advance tickets.

Number of ADULT (13 years and over) admission tickets ____________________ X $6.00 each = $____
(Adults – $9 regular admission)

Number of YOUTH (6-12 years) admission tickets ____________________ X $2.00 each = $__________
(Youth 6-12 – $4 regular admission. Kids under 6 years: FREE)

Number of PARKING PASSES __________ X $4.00 each ($5 regular parking at the gate) =
$________________________

TOTAL = $____________________

Office Use Only	
Exh No. ____________ Posted by __________ Date ______________ Group Date:__________	**Payment method**: **Check** __________ **(check #)** __________ **Visa** __________ **MasterCard** ______ **Discover** ______ Credit card number ________________________________ Expiration date ____________________ 3-number Security code on back ____________________ Amount to be charged to card $ ____________________ ____________________ *I agree to pay the total amount according to card issuer agreement.* Authorized signature: ________________________________ (Must be signed to process credit card payment.)

— One person per form, please — *Form may be photocopied.*

	Department	Division Number	Class Number	Title of Class (Exact Wording of Exhibitor Handbook)
SAMPLE	Garden	1004	2	Adult Peppers, Red SAMPLE
	Garden	1006	7	Adult Tomatoes, Red Cherry SAMPLE
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Registration Deadline — July 10